

The Secrets of the Web

Have you looked at our web site recently? If so, you are among the 700 or so visitors who look at our site each month. Some visit the site to send us subscription enquiries, others to give us news and memories of the Wychwoods. Page 45 has some marvellous memories of Milton that first came to us from the web.

For many, the attraction is the on-line archive. We now have twelve years of archive on the site, some 730 articles, covering memories, special events and local personalities.

Do you want to know more about the Ascott Martyrs? See the article written in June 1982. For 'living history', see the article in August 1980 with a first hand account of life in the 1920's.

Personalities are what make a community and we have no shortage in the Wychwoods, we have regular contributions featuring individuals from the villages. This month we celebrate Vi Miles' MBE on page 5, for more on Vi's contribution to the community see our article in April 2003.

The memories of past and present residents cover war recollections from the Boer War, through the Falklands to today. We feature the No 6 Platoon of the Home Guard in this issue on page 27. If you are interested, look at the article about No 6 Platoon, Shipton-under-Wychwood in February 1983.

Then of course there is the changing landscape of the Wychwoods.

Redevelopments such as the story of Poplar Farm, now only remembered in the name of a Close. This was featured in June 2003.

If music is your thing, you will know all about our own band *Ragged Edge*, featured in August 2006. I wonder how they compare with the Shipton Drum and Fife band of the early 1900's featured in October 1983.

No web site would be complete without its Blog. Your way of telling us more of what you want. The Wychwood Blog is still in its infancy but do use it to let us know what you like or dislike and to contribute to the discussions.

Mike Watson

Patchworks and Quilts – an Enquiry from the Web Site

My husband and I moved in to Elm Grove, Milton, in November. Are there any patchwork and quilting groups in the immediate area? I have been quilting for

some twelve years and would be interested to meet with like minded ladies or those who would like to learn. Many thanks. Kay Shortland: 01993 832927.

Santa's Little Outing

The PTA at Wychwood School had a busy time before Christmas, firstly with their annual Christmas Bazaar. This ever-popular event raised the magnificent sum of over £1,000.

Santa was busy out and about on his sleigh (trial run for the big night!) touring the streets of Milton and Shipton. His

little helpers were pleased to collect £530 in Milton, which will be a welcome addition to PTA funds.

Sadly, there were not enough helpers available to collect in Shipton but Santa took the sleigh out anyway, so that the children (and adults) would not miss out.