

Gill Drew Hangs Up Her Keys!

When John and Gill Drew moved to the Wychwoods it was not long before they became involved in village activities. Gill took on the role of booking clerk for the old Beaconsfield Hall in Shipton, which she did for three years. They both became involved in fund-raising for the new hall and were delighted to see the project through to completion. Gill was more than happy to continue with the bookings for the new hall, but probably had no idea how the job would grow; such was the success of the new building. After helping to run the Hall alongside the Hall Manager (currently Alice), Gill has decided that the time has come to hang up her keys



and pass the job on to someone else. The Hall Committee would all like to thank Gill for 12 years devoted service; she has put at least 110% effort into the job. She has been readily available to show prospective hirers around the building, arranging collection of keys, been on-hand to trouble-shoot problems, from windows left open, alarms ringing and children being locked in the toilets! Sit back and put your feet up Gill, you deserve a rest! The new booking clerk, Christine Halliday, will take over on July 9th and all bookings can be made through the Hall number: 01993 832216.

John Hartley, Committee Chairman

Teatime Memories

Well over half a millennium of Shipton memories reaching back to the 1920s were represented in the New Beaconsfield Hall in April when the **Wychwoods Local History Society** organised a special tea for a group of senior citizens, who all lived in Shipton many years ago. We hoped they would help us identify people on thirty photographs taken from the Society's archives.

An excellent tea was provided by Sue Jourdan and Janet Wallace with their team from the Society. David Trollope looked after the technicalities of projecting the digitalized images. Alan Vickers introduced each photograph and summarised the Society's current

knowledge of each. John Rawlins recorded comments made by the guests. These included Bob and Peggy Coombes, Gordon Carpenter, Dulcie Arundel, Mary Moore, Nancy James, Tom Faulkner, Ron Dale, Jack and Phil Busby, Minnie Pratley and Joan Townsend. Minnie Pratley and Joan Townsend were even to be seen together on one of the photographs, showing the class of 1929 at Shipton School. They have only rarely met since then. We were pleased to be presented with other photographs during the afternoon, not known to the society, for loan and scanning. It was a really enjoyable occasion and a rare chance to meet again with friends of more than seventy or even eighty years ago.

Alan Vickers