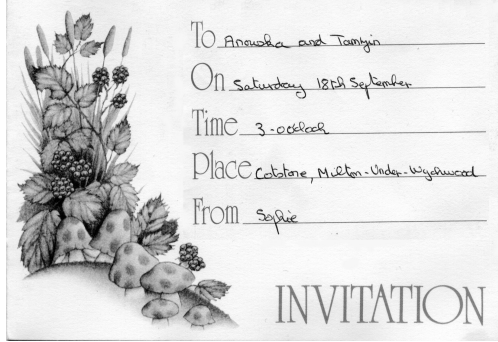


## Postal Disorder!

Ros Shepherd was very surprised recently when two letters dropped through her Ascott farmhouse letterbox. The letters had been posted in 1982 and arrived, with covering letters from the Royal Mail Delivery Office Manager, apologising for the delay in delivery.



at *Cotstone*, The Terrace, Milton-under-Wychwood and the other was a postcard from Poole. Both were addressed to: *The Misses Anouska and Tamzin Reynolds of Ascott House,*

Ascott-under-Wychwood and were sent by a little girl called Sophie.

### Just 26 Years Late!

A chance encounter with our local postman, in the Milton Post Office, shed a little light on this mystery. Apparently several years ago a postman in Charlbury was prosecuted for withholding the Royal Mail; when he had enough of delivering letters each day he just stored the remainder in his house. That house has recently changed hands and the new owner was surprised to find stacks of post bags in the roof space! So back to those two letters, which have taken more than 26 years to reach their destination and one was only posted in Milton! One was an invitation to a party

### Did they get to Sophie's Party?

So are any of our readers able to throw some light on the identity of the Misses Reynolds, Sophie and the whereabouts of Ascott House?

Maybe Sophie, now grown up, is still living in the area and can tell us if her two friends made it to her party or if she was left wondering why they had not replied to her invitation.

If you have any information please contact me on; 01993 831134 or email [editor@thewychwood.co.uk](mailto:editor@thewychwood.co.uk) and we will update our readers through our *Feedback* page in the February/March issue.

**Christine Halliday**

## A Diamond 'Thank You'

May we thank all our friends and relatives for the very generous donations made on the occasion of our Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

We were able to send a cheque for £600 to Cancer Research UK, which really helped make our special day memorable.

**John and Cicely Miller**

## Whist Drive

Whist Drives are held in Spelsbury Village Hall on alternate Mondays, at 7:30pm, next meeting on **December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Just turn up or ring: 01608 810918 for details.