

## Christmas Cheer in our Local Pubs

**The Swan at Ascott's** fine reputation for food has spread far and wide and been topped off with a four-star accolade from the National Quality Assessment scheme! If you are planning a small or large Christmas party get in touch and we will get a menu to you. Ring: 01993 832332 for full details.

Christmas dinners are being served from 7<sup>th</sup> December until Christmas Eve at the **Red Horse Shipton**, so give Linda a ring on: 01993 830391 to make a booking. A disco is planned to make New Year's Eve celebrations go with a zing!

**The Lamb Inn, Shipton** could be just the place for you to start celebrating. Contact Tracey or Paul on: 01993 830465 to book a table for lunch or dinner or to arrange a private party. Dance the night away on New Year's Eve to Chris King's Mobile Nightclub,

with a hot and cold buffet and champagne at midnight to toast the New Year. Tickets are £27:50 each, available at The Bar.

### **Sloe Gin at the Shaven Crown**

Throughout December there is a Christmas menu available for parties of two to 25 people. A set Christmas lunch is on offer, with two courses for £12 or three courses for £15 and a more elaborate menu available, both at lunch and evenings at £18.50 for two courses and £24 for three courses. Call: 01993 830330 or email

relax@theshavencrown.co.uk for a menu. On Christmas Day there will be a wonderful seven-course lunch, with fantastic food and wine, at £65 per person. Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December sees our Sloe Gin Competition. Mulled wine and carols will accompany what is always one of the best nights of the year.

## SWYCH: Sustainable Wychwoods

We had a fantastic first meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Christine Elliot from Charlbury Area Waste Action Group came to talk to us about their projects and it was inspiring to hear what they have done. In time we hope to set up a wide variety of initiatives. Here are some of them.

The general idea of a **Swap Shop** is to bring along things that you don't want anymore and swap them for something else, there is no money involved. Our first (Christmas) Swap Shop will have happened by now, and hopefully many of you will have come along and be looking forward to the next one in the spring. We want Milton (Shipton and Ascott too if

possible!) to become **plastic bag free!** We are also providing a **battery box** at the Co-op and a **Tetrapak collection point** outside 1, The Sands.

There is a **collection box** just inside the door to Groves' office (opposite the shop). You can take most original and refill cartridges, but NOT toner cartridges, laser cartridges, Epson or WHSmith cartridges. Every cartridge recycled raises money for *Hearing Dogs for the Deaf*. Thank you very much to Groves for supporting this scheme! If you would like to join *SWYCH* or would like to know more please contact Jenna on: 01993 831338 or Heather on: 01993 831909.

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