

Community Spirit Christmas Giving

Poppy Appeal

News of the total collected in Shipton arrived just as we went to print with the last issue, so we were able to tell you that £1,455.09 (excluding the Church collection) was raised. We can now add to that the figures from Ascott, £399.48 (also excluding the Church collection) and the Milton and Lyneham figure of £1,762.26 (see report below).

This makes a wonderful total of £3,616.83.

This year the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal raised an outstanding £1,762.26 from the door to door collections, in Milton by David Wilson, and in Lyneham by Brigadier Shaddock, the Poppy boxes in the shops, businesses and organisations and from the Remembrance Service. Thank you to all those who took part in the Service, helped selling the poppies and of course everyone who bought them.

Chris Seviour

Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser (PAO) for Milton & Lyneham

Christmas Eve Carols Round Milton's Tree

It is time to say *thank you* once again to John and Edna Naish for the mulled wine and mince pies, to Mike Nicol and Brian Staines who supplied the sound equipment, to Gill Collins, the accordionist and Jeff Haines for all the work behind the scenes and his Highway Patrol.

Thank you to all the people and children who sang with voices that reached the heavens, the Reverend Anne, who gave comforting words, the collection raised

£152. June Gorton, from Liquorice, sold some second-hand Christmas decorations raising £40, which she added to the collection, making a total £192.00 which will go to the Day Centre. What a grand job this band of people does for our elderly, the Community spirit in this village certainly enriches one's life.

Once again a big thank you and we wish you all a very happy and healthy new year.

Arthur and Agnes Hunt

Shipton Carols

Despite adverse (but very seasonal) weather conditions a good crowd turned out to sing around the tree on Shipton village green and the sum of £292 was raised for the maintenance of the fabric of St Mary's Church.

Who Needs The Lottery?

The generosity of the people of the Wychwoods seems to know no bounds, as you will see from some of the reports of fundraising efforts in this magazine. From village fetes, charity balls, Christmas bazaars, coffee mornings, firework displays, film nights, organisers can be sure of support from the locals. The amount of money raised in these villages in one year must be phenomenal! I have had a look at reports in the magazine for the last year and the total is **£47,347.42** and that is just the fundraisers that we know about!

We seem to be off to a good start for the coming year too, the thank you articles in this issue total £11,220.

Christine Halliday