

Wychwood Wild Garden Creating a Legacy for the Future



Many local residents will have fond memories of feeding the ducks in the Wild Garden in Shipton or walking in the avenue in spring, when the snowdrops and aconites are out. With your help we are moving towards being able to do this again! We have now been awarded Charitable Status and are confident that we will be able to raise sufficient funds to acquire the Wild Garden.

Our goal is to be able to purchase the garden during 2010 and after essential access work, to open it fully to the public by the end of 2010 or early 2011. So far we have been pledged £30,050 but to achieve our goal we need your continued support to help create a legacy for the future.

The Wild Garden in its present form was laid out in the mid 19th century as a pleasure garden adjoining Shipton Court, although the site was used as a recreation garden dating back to Elizabethan times. An early tithe map shows some of the existing ponds and paths, as well as the original dog kennels in the south-west corner which gives Dog Kennel Lane its name. A number of photographs from the early 1900s give us an impression of what the garden was like at that time. More recently the gardens have

developed as a place of peace and tranquillity with the soft paths threading through the trees and ducks replacing the original swans on the upper ponds. Our intention is to keep the garden in very much the same state, carrying out necessary work needed to maintain safe access and doing a small amount of restoration where this is appropriate. Please visit our web site

www.wychwoodwildgarden.org.uk

or call us on **0845 8056804** for further information and to get a donation pack. We have been encouraged by the recent meetings in Ascott, Milton and Shipton providing strong support for acquiring the Wild Garden by way of a community-owned company, ensuring that the garden is retained in local ownership with open access to all. Please support us to achieve this so that future generations of children can also enjoy feeding the ducks.

Mike Watson

Jazz at the New Beaconsfield Hall

Saturday May 1st

7:00 for 7:30 pm

Debbie Arthur's Sweet Rhythm

**An evening of entertainment with
supper included.**

In aid of

The Wild Garden Appeal

Bar available

**Tickets £15:00 available from
Gordon Halliday 01993 831134 or
Lee (at the Hall) 01993 8322126**

**Further details in the April/May
issue and on notice boards around
the villages**