

Our Christmas Story

A selection of Christmas News from around the villages

Shipton church choir raised £250 for the Lawrence Home Nursing Team by carol-singing round Shipton village, we are very grateful to everyone who supported us.

Bernard West

Editor's note

Anyone who heard the St. Mary's

Church choir singing

over the Christmas period will surely agree that they are truly heavenly!



Pastor John filled the air with his trumpet and the singers sang out loud and clear. Not forgetting Jeff and Dominic for their highway patrol and the collectors for the charity fund and your generosity to The Day Centre to the tune of £285.50.

God Bless.

Arthur G Hunt

Shipton Carols Round the Tree

Despite the worst the weather could throw at us a good crowd turned out to sing carols round the tree on Shipton Green.

This year's collection was in aid of the Air Ambulance, which has been called to the Wychwoods on several occasions during recent years. A record-breaking sum of £502 was raised.

Milton Christmas Tree Carols

Thanks to John and Edna Naish and family who served mince pies and mulled wine to probably the biggest turn-out yet! The Rev Kate gave an opening and closing prayer, we were accompanied by the nimble fingers of Jill on the accordion.

Sheep Trail: All Safely Gathered In

The idea of the Sheep Trail was to introduce the Christmas Story to children.

Lambs were hidden in shops and Churches throughout Milton and Shipton.

Those who 'hid' the sheep were subsequently invited to name them!

Noel, Dissim, Alfie, Baabarella, Sheepton, Squeaky, Violet, Percy, Cornelius, Cinnamon, Jacob, Blodwyn, Angus and Bertie were all tracked down to their various hideouts! Thanks to all who participated.

The 'flock' have all been returned to the Sheep Fold (well baaah one that has found a new home!) We anticipate that



they will be out and about in the Wychwoods during 2013. Keep watch! Congratulations to the two winners, Max Biles of Milton and Harry Rich of Shipton. They both received

a Family Cinema Voucher.

Lorna Raye

Wychwood Baptist Church