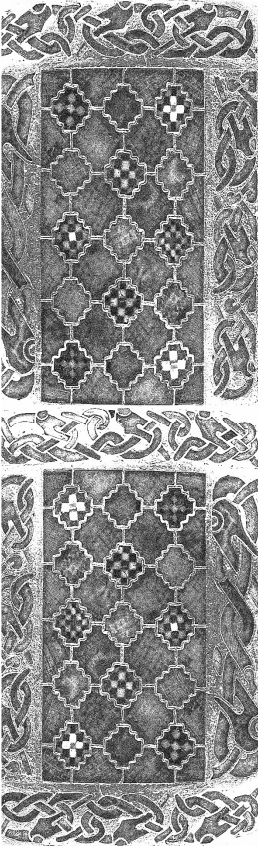


## Hwicce Lands

*The Wychwoods took their name from a Saxon tribe called The Hwicce who lived in the area, many centuries ago*



I was given a gift from a god long dead,  
As sharp as a two edged sword.  
To go to the place where I once lay my head  
To the woods and the sweet green sward.

I could visit again my lands of the Hwicce  
And in meadows and pastures could stay.  
The soil of the Saxons so dark and so rich,  
But all this for only one day.

And when I arrived in the frost and the cold,  
Day was dark but the windows were bright.  
The singing was free and the speech it was bold.  
There was feasting, no fear of the night.

My people were fat, and rich as the kings,  
And true want was as rare as pure gold.  
They lived in peace with their money and rings,  
And they grew so impossibly old.

So the people were rich and the people were strong  
And they lived like the gods did of old.  
But I heard of despair and how things had gone wrong,  
Have they too much for one heart to hold?

**Paul Young**

## Ascott Teas: Follow the Teapot Sign

Ascott-under-Wychwood is holding Afternoon Teas **once a month** on a **Sunday** from **2.00 to 4.30pm**, and to add a bit of variety each afternoon will be themed and organised by different people from our Village. Apart from being tempted with tea and a slice of delicious homemade cake or scone and things to buy, there will be entertainment some months, or you may be asked to join in and enter competitions. Look out for the **Teapot signs** at the entrances to our Village, which will be displayed the week

before, or on our A UW website, plus we now have a facebook page. The Ascott Teas will be served in the Church and all the money raised will go to much needed funds. There is something for all ages and we look forward to seeing you.

The next dates and themes are:

April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Spring
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Plants
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Red, white and blue
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mad Hatter
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Summer fruits

**Debra Cull**