

The Wychwood

Something about the Wychwoods



As our Chairman demonstrates on page 5, there is something about the Wychwoods: so many talents generously shared; time, energy and skills volunteered.

So many of the things we value are here not because we pay our taxes, but because people in Milton, Ascott, Fifield and Shipton just get up and do things! Theatre? Well we know how many local stars we have and now welcome the arrival of the Wychwoods own Shakespeare Company for the young. Music? The

Wychwood Folk Club opens its doors in Ascott on page 31. What about a Wychwoods Music Festival, can you help? See page 15.

The Wychwood is no exception, completely run by volunteers. For example in this issue we owe thanks to ace photographers David Trollope and Chris Fitzpatrick and to Arthur Hunt who as well as his Christmas reporting is not going to let his old football mate, Fred Russell get away with monkey business! See page 9.

On pages 39 to 43 we say a sad goodbye to some old friends but also celebrate the rich experiences of their lives. Do take a look at the photograph of Shipton Home Guard, taken around April 1945, Alan Vickers and Gordon Duester have pieced together the stories of the men shown but are sure you will have more to add! We will look at a similar photograph of the Milton Home Guard in a later issue.

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