

## Kingham and the Wychwoods Rotary Club Carving a Niche

Join us on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June** at The Mill House Kingham, 6pm for 6.30pm when Abbie Cooke, artist and social entrepreneur talks about her extraordinary life as she carved out a career from a Territorial Army



Captain to Britain's only female ships' figurehead carver. Learn about the secrets of this ancient maritime craft and how the wood is carved, painted and decorated with gold leaf. Glimpse a world of Viking ships, galleons and mega yachts and discover the role of figureheads today. You will also be inspired by Abbie's passion for the Arts as a catalyst for social change and her roller-coaster ride to co-

founder of the pioneering Oxfordshire based charity, Gig-Arts. This is a dynamic, free, one-day creative enterprise event held at schools, art colleges and universities. It is designed to help students of the

visual arts, music and drama to develop business and communication skills and 'give back' to their local community. See [www.gig-arts.org](http://www.gig-arts.org) or [www.abbiecooke.com](http://www.abbiecooke.com).

The public are welcome to attend and particularly if you wish to stay for dinner (£12.50) please call Kay Shortland on: 01993 832 927.

**Paul Jackson**

### The 2014 Shipton Charity Ball

This Year's Charity Ball will take place in the New Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton on **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

The charity we shall be supporting this year is the Lawrence Home Nursing Team which cares for terminally ill patients in their homes and is available to those living in Chipping Norton and the surrounding villages including the Wychwoods. An article about the LHNT is included in this edition of the magazine (see page 53).

After last year's very successful Ball which raised £7,500 for our Air Ambulance, we are hoping that this year's event will prove equally popular.

The format remains as always: a bubbly reception, three-course meal, live music, and attractive raffle and auction prizes - all for £40 per head.

Please contact Sue Fitzpatrick: email: [sueislost@aol.com](mailto:sueislost@aol.com), phone: 01993 830530 to reserve your places.

Please do not delay as places always go quickly! We are keen to generate some interesting auction prizes for this very worthy and very local charity. Please contact me: [peterhilling@fsmail.net](mailto:peterhilling@fsmail.net), phone: 01993 830656 or Chris Fitzpatrick [fitzp999@aol.com](mailto:fitzp999@aol.com), phone: 01993 830530 if you can help.

**Peter Hilling**  
**Chairman Charity Ball Committee**