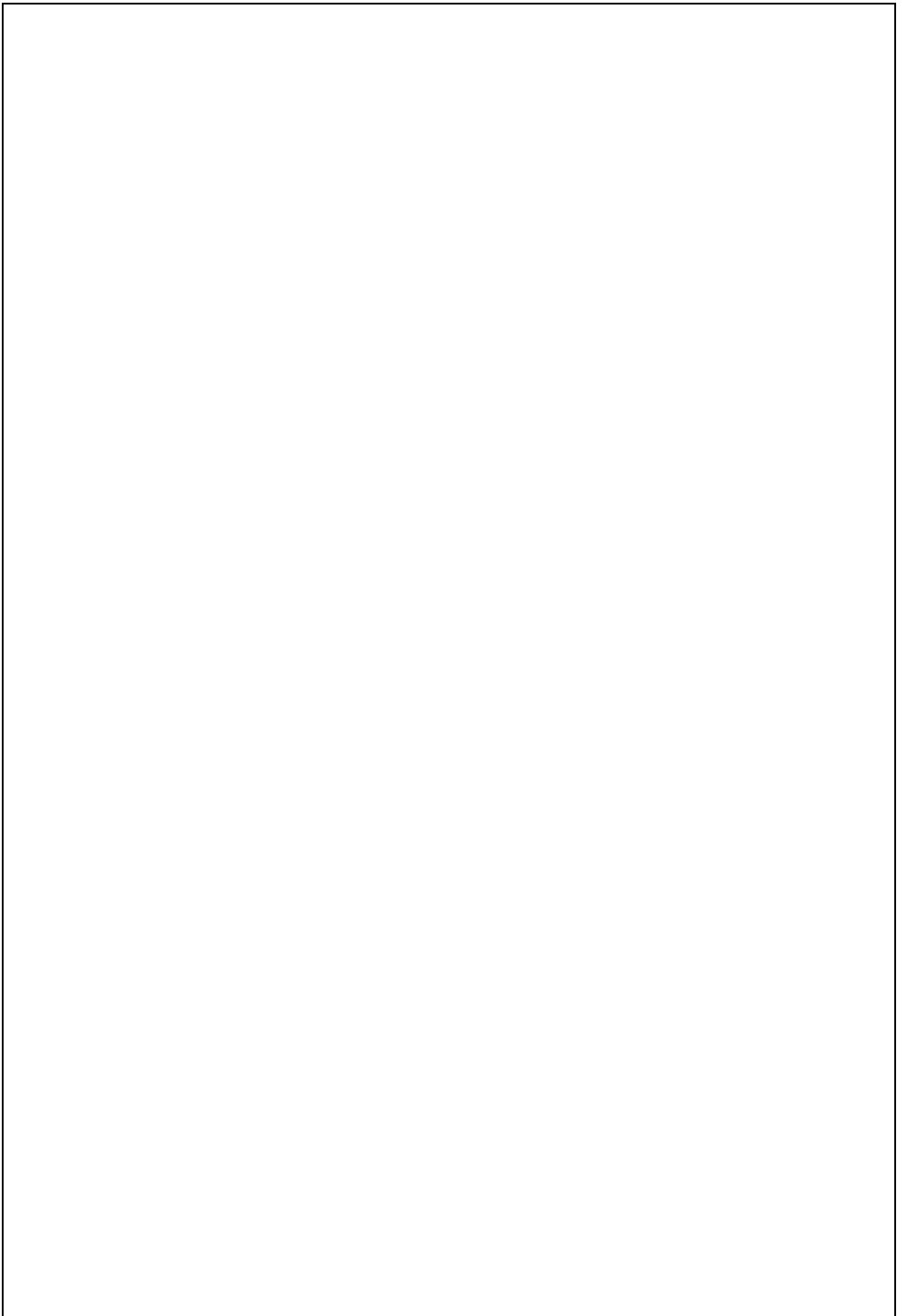


Shipton under Wychwood



Welcome Pack



Welcome

Dear Fellow Resident,

Welcome to Shipton Under Wychwood.

Your Parish Council would like to welcome you to the village and has put together this guide to the various services and opportunities the village provides. We hope it will help you find your way around if you are new to the area. The guide is necessarily brief, but you will find more details on our website and from the various organisations and societies listed below. We very much hope you enjoy living here.

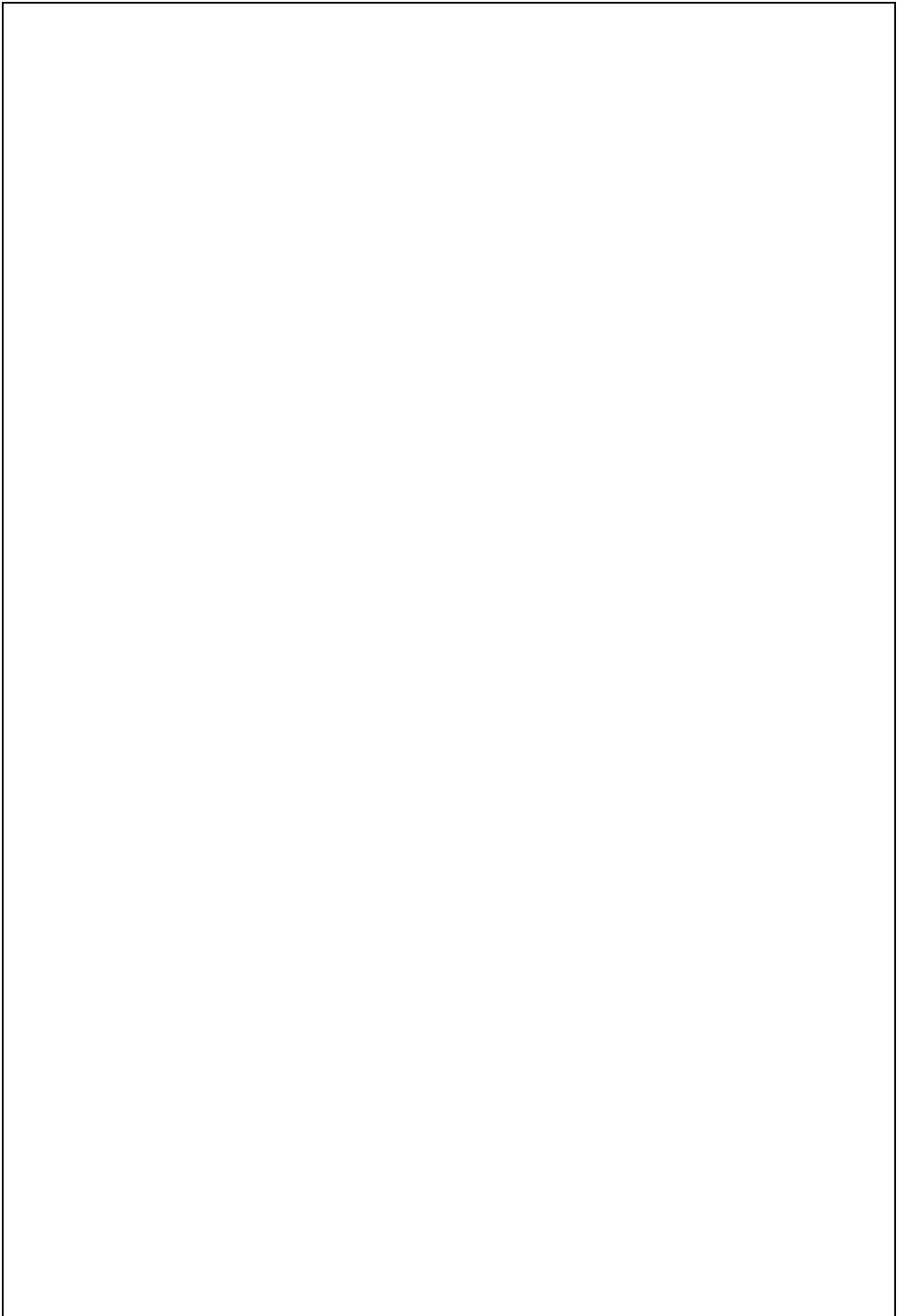
With good wishes,

Brian Rigby CBE
Chairman, Shipton Under Wychwood Parish Council

Shipton Under Wychwood Parish Council

Your local Parish Council is made up of seven Councillors plus the Clerk. They meet the third Thursday of every month at 19.30 in the New Beaconsfield Hall and members of the public are welcome to attend. Their aim is to look after and maintain Shipton as a thriving village and a great place to live. Contact details for the current council can be found at the following web address -

www.shiptonunderwychwood.org/council-members



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Shipton Under Wychwood – Village Map



Sports Clubs

Bowls

Wychwood Bowls Club is a small friendly club of ladies and gents who meet on Thursday evenings from 6pm between April and September. We play friendly matches over the summer against local clubs, followed by afternoon tea. Anyone can come along and have a try. Our members will make you most welcome and show you how to play.

You will find Wychwood Bowls Club off the drive to the Shaven Crown car park.

Phone 07788 526119 – Karen Brunsdon (Secretary)

Email wychwoodbowlsclub@gmail.com

Web www.hugofox.com/community/wychwood-bowls-club-10129/home

Cricket

Shipton Under Wychwood Cricket Club welcomes you to the village. We would also like to invite you to join one of our senior, boys or girls teams; bring your 5-8 year olds to ECB All Stars Cricket on a Friday night; or simply come and watch some cricket and enjoy a drink from the bar.

Email fixtures@shiptoncc.co.uk

Web www.shiptoncc.co.uk

Football

Wychwood Football club is the local youth football club playing at Shipton and Milton recreation grounds. Teams range in age from U6 to U16. We welcome new players (boys and girls) and are always looking for volunteer coaches to help out.

Phone 07941 503519 – Chris Townsend

Email info@christownsend.co.uk

Web via Facebook - www.facebook.com/wychwoodfc

Tennis

Wychwoods Tennis Club is a thriving and lively club with more than 300 members of all ages – including one of the strongest junior memberships in Oxfordshire. The club has three high-quality, sand-filled artificial grass and we welcome players of all levels, young and old. It was awarded Oxfordshire Tennis Club of the Year in 2017.

Throughout the year there are organised adult club sessions on Sunday and Wednesday mornings and adult club sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during the summer. In addition, Ladies' morning, cardio sessions, mixed singles box leagues, Oxfordshire league matches for adults and juniors, and friendly and competitive tournaments are all part of the Club programme.

A comprehensive year-round coaching programme comprises individual and group lessons for both juniors and adults of all standards.

Phone 01993 830743 – Anita Hollingdale (Chairman)

Email anita@fiddlershill.co.uk

Web www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/wychwoodstennisclub

Social Clubs & Societies

Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

1st Wychwoods Scout Group (part of The Scout Association) meet at Wychwood Primary School as follows:

Beavers	Tues	17.30 to 18.30
Cubs	Tues	18.50 to 20.00
Scouts	Thurs	18.30 to 20.00

Phone 07717 847315 – Jonathan Ayres
Email 1stwychwoods@gmail.com
Web www.thewychwoods.scoutsites.org.uk

BODS

The Wychwood BODS is an exciting and fully inclusive drama group for 11-18 years olds. The aim of the group is to learn performance and theatre skills, script writing, choreography, creative writing, poetry and stand-up comedy. It also offers opportunities to learn about costume design and make-up as well as sound, lighting and set design. BODS helps with confidence and self-esteem and gives young adults a voice. We meet in term time in Milton Village Hall.

Phone 01993 830988 – Mandy Rae Jessey
Email wychwoodbods@outlook.com

Community Craft Cafe

The Milton under Wychwood Craft Café offers a place for people of all ages to meet, either over a shared interest in craft activities, or simply to socialise whilst enjoying light refreshments in the company of others. A wide range of arts and crafts techniques for adults are available from week to week including ceramics painting, mosaics, painting, découpage and flower arranging. There is a pre-school activity area to enable young parents/carers and grandparents to meet while children play. Garden produce and home baking is on sale as well as work by local artists and craftspeople. The café is open to all, providing a light lunch menu, hot and cold drinks and cakes. It is open on Thursdays between 10.00 and 15.00 and held in Milton Village Hall. For further details, contact –

Phone 01993 832945 - Anne Shirley
01993 832995 - Sue Mellerick

History Society

The Wychwoods History Society was founded in 1983 and has been in existence ever since producing journals of local events and characters in the Wychwoods and beyond. We have a large archive of the Wychwoods which can be made accessible for research. At present we hold 8 meetings each year starting in September through to April. The meetings are held in Milton Village Hall on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. A full programme can be found on our website. We look forward to welcoming you to our meetings.

Email wychwoodhistory@gmail.com

Web www.wychwoodshistory.org.uk

MUWAGA (Milton Under Wychwood Allotments and Gardens Association)

MUWAGA is a friendly association for people with any interest in gardening and / or allotments. Membership stands at about 150 and costs £6 a year. There are six speaker evenings, two Cheese and Wine evenings and a village produce show held annually. Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month in Milton Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. In addition, members also benefit from discounts from some local garden centre suppliers.

Phone 01993 830653 – Tony Lewis

01993 830255 – Di Fletcher

Rainbows, Guides & Brownies

Wychwood Rainbows, Brownies and Guides for girls at various age group are held at Wychwood Primary School on Wednesday evenings.

Rainbows (Ages 5 to 7) Wed 17.00 - 18.00

Brownies (Ages 7 to 10) Wed 18.00 - 19.30

Guides (Ages 10 to 14) Wed 19.15 - 20.45

Web www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/

The Saplings

We are a professionally run amateur dramatics group for children aged 6 and upwards. We offer opportunities in acting, singing, dancing, costumes, make-up, set design, lighting and sound. The Saplings caters for children of different ages and abilities and are looking for new members to join the group.

Phone 01993 830988 – Mandy Rae Jessey

Email wychwoodsaplings@hotmail.com
doolallybird@btinternet.com

Web via Facebook - www.facebook.com/WychwoodSaplings

Sprouts

Sprouts is a Children's Community Allotment. Starting in Spring 2020 there will be dedicated sessions throughout the year for young people at the Shipton village allotments. We would love families to get involved and help create and build the allotment up. We charge a minimal membership fee each year and all produce and flowers can be shared out for members all year round. A greenhouse is on site and the plot is ready to be created. If you would like to know about how to get involved or any questions, please phone or email or see the Facebook page.

Phone 01993 830988 – Mandy Rae Jessey

Email doolallybird@btinternet.com

Womens Institute (WI)

You may have an image of the WI being elderly ladies in crimplene dresses making jam and singing Jerusalem? Not anymore. The WI is changing and there are groups in both Shipton and Milton. These groups have embraced that change with lots going on throughout the year. We would love to meet you, so why not come along and see what we do. You'll receive a warm welcome and will certainly make new friends.

Shipton Under Wychwood WI – meet second Thursday of every month at the New Beaconsfield Hall.

Phone 01993 832927 - Kay Shortland (Shipton WI, President)

Email kay.shortland@btinternet.com

Milton Under Wychwood WI – meet third Tuesday of the month in Milton Village Hall.

Phone 01993 830411 – Linda Dixon (Milton WI – President)

Email brianandlinda1@btinternet.com

Wychcraft Rock Choir

Meeting every Thursday at the New Beaconsfield Hall at 5.30, the Wychcraft Rock Choir is a group, typically in excess of 40 strong, looking to have fun whilst singing rock and pop songs from the 60s and 70s etc. Accompanied by a guitarist and keyboard it really is a friendly and enjoyable session. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Phone 01993 831134 – Gordon Halliday

Email gordon@sinnelsfield.co.uk

Wychwood Players

The Wychwood Players are a thriving amateur dramatics group based in Shipton and normally perform two main productions every year at the New Beaconsfield Hall. New members are warmly welcomed and are able to take part in many activities. There are numerous opportunities for involvement in stage craft, backstage work, or front of house. The only limits are those of time and energy!

Phone 01993 830565 (Chairman)

Web www.wychwoodplayers.com

Wychwood Singers

Starting as a small community choir we now have over 60 members of mixed abilities. No auditions are needed and we welcome both experienced singers as well as those new to singing and choirs. All you need is lots of enthusiasm. We sing a whole range of music from rock to choral and everything in between. We rehearse in the New Beaconsfield Hall on Tuesday lunchtimes and perform several times a year at various events.

Phone 07850 702559 – Duncan Sedgwick (Secretary)

Email duncan_sedgwick@yahoo.co.uk

Web www.thewychwoodsingers.org

Photography Society

The Wychwood Photography Group is very informal and open to all who are interested in improving their photography skills. They meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 19.00 in the Shaven Crown from September to May. There are no membership fees and there is no minimum commitment.

Phone 07802 201100 - Ray Derkacz

Email ray@crazydrake.com

Shops, Pubs & Petrol Stations

We are blessed to have five excellent pubs and hostelrys across the Wychwood villages. The Shaven Crown, The Wychwood Inn and The Lamb Inn are all in Shipton village whilst The Hare and The Swan are in Milton and Ascot respectively.

For current opening hours, food service times etc., please see their respective websites.

Pubs / Hotels

The Hare

Addr. 3 High Street, Milton Under Wychwood.

Phone 01993 835763

Email info@themiltonhare.co.uk

Web www.themiltonhare.co.uk

The Lamb

Addr. High Street, Shipton Under Wychwood.

Phone 01993 830465

Email info@shiptonlamb.co.uk

Web www.shiptonlamb.co.uk

The Shaven Crown

Addr. High Street, Shipton Under Wychwood.

Phone 01993 830500

Email relax@theshavencrown.co.uk

Web www.theshavencrown.co.uk

The Swan

Addr. Shipton Road, Ascott Under Wychwood.

Phone 01993 832332

Web www.countrycreatures.com

The Wychwood Inn

Addr. High Street, Shipton Under Wychwood, OX7 6BA
Phone 01993 831185
Email mail@thewychwoodinn.com
Web www.thewychwoodinn.com

Groceries

Shipton and Milton both have their own grocery stores. The Co-op in Milton has an ATM and St. Michaels Store in Shipton has a Post Office counter.

Co-operative Society (Co-op)

Addr. Shipton Road, Milton Under Wychwood
Phone 01993 830217

St. Michaels Stores (Select & Save)

Addr. 1 Milton Road, Shipton Under Wychwood
Phone 01993 830310

Petrol Stations

Milton Service Station

Addr. Shipton Road, Milton Under Wychwood.
Phone 01993 830335 / 01993 831811
Web www.miltonservicestation.co.uk

Station Road Garage (Johnsons)

Addr. Station Road, Shipton Under Wychwood.
Phone 01993 830249

Village Halls

Each of the Wychwood villages have their own village halls.

New Beaconsfield Hall (Shipton)

The New Beaconsfield Hall was opened in 1998 and was designed as a multi-function hall with associated stage area, 'green rooms', committee room, kitchen, changing rooms and office. The hall supports a wide variety of indoor activities and sports as indicated below -

- Keep Fit and Aerobics
- Bumblefoot Rock Project
- Pilates
- Yoga
- Bridge Club
- Badminton
- Mini Tennis
- Table Tennis
- Coffee Mornings ... and many more

A list of current regular users of the hall can be found at this web page -

www.newbeaconsfieldhall.org/about/community%20programme/weekly%20programme%202015.html

The Hall also includes a small Gym for which membership is available from £25 per month. Note that the hall is available for hire for private functions and parties etc. For further details –

Phone 01993 832216 - Hall Manager

Email newbeaconsfieldhall@gmail.com

Web www.newbeaconsfieldhall.org

Milton Under Wychwood Village Hall

Situated on the Shipton Road, the Milton Village Hall is available for community use. It is registered as a charity and all surpluses are reinvested to improve the facilities. The Hall can accommodate 150 people with seating for 120. A fully equipped kitchen is available and facilities include a stage, projection screen and sound system.

Various regular events are held at the hall including, for example the Community Craft Café and Toddler groups. Please contact the Hall for further information.

Email muwhallbooking@yahoo.com

Tiddy Hall, Ascott Under Wychwood

Tiddy Hall in Ascott Under Wychwood, was first established as a village hall in 1912 and subsequently rebuilt in 1994. The new hall can accommodate 120 people, car park for about 30/35 cars and is often used for parties and by clubs and societies, as well as sports such as badminton, fitness training & qigong.

It is used as a permanent venue for the following –

- Ascott Under Wychwood Pre School (www.ascottpreschool.org.uk)
- The Wychwood Folk Club (www.wychwoodfolkclub.com)
- The Roseneath School of Music (www.roseneathmusicschool.com)

Tiddy Hall is available private hire. For availability and prices and for a full list of events, please visit the website.

Web www.tiddyhall.co.uk

Transport

Buses

Local bus services have been provided on a voluntary / community basis, namely –

Villager Service

The Villager Community Bus is an established scheduled service operating in parts of Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire and Warwickshire. Our main routes are through some of the smaller North Cotswolds villages and towns with the primary aim of serving those communities for which other means of transport are either difficult or non-existent.

Web www.villagerbus.com

Timetable www.villagerbus.com/index.php/timetables

WOCT (West Oxfordshire Community Transport)

This is a community run service and links the Wychwood villages with Leafield, Crawley and onto Witney. Currently six return trips daily.

Web www.WOCT.org.uk

Timetable www.woct.org.uk/#xl_xr_page_services

Trains

Shipton and Ascott both have their own rail station and is currently served with three trains in each direction every weekday and five on a Saturday. All trains operating are provided by Great Western. Timetables details can be found at the GWR website.

Web www.gwr.com

More regular services on the same line are available from Kingham and Charlbury.

Miscellaneous Information

Allotments

Allotments in Shipton can be rented at a rate of £20 per annum for a full plot or £10 for a half plot. Entrance to the allotment field is on Swinbrook Road.

Phone 07811 174733 - Lisa Wilkinson (Parish Clerk)

01993 831091 - Jill Mavin (Parish Councillor)

Email clerk@shiptonunderwychwood.org

Churches

There are four churches within the Wychwood villages and are as shown –

Holy Trinity, Church View, Ascott – C of E Episcopal Church

St Mary the Virgin, Church Street, Shipton – part of the Wychwood Benefice (C of E)

St Simon and St Jude, Church Road, Milton – part of the Wychwood Benefice (C of E)

Wychwood Baptist Church, High Street, Milton – Baptist Church

Web www.wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

www.wychwoodbaptist.org.uk

Defibrillators

There are currently two defibrillators publicly available in Shipton, located as shown –

- New Beaconsfield Hall, on outside wall, facing A361
- Fiddlers Hill, located within BT Phone Box

Fix My Street

If you spot any local issues, such as potholes, faulty streetlights, damaged pavements or fly tipping etc. then we would recommend that you raise it via the 'fixmystreet' website. The issues are then picked up by the relevant district / county council department, prioritised and hopefully dealt with. This has previously proved an effective way to resolve problems.

Web www.fixmystreet.com

Wychwood Magazine

The village magazine 'The Wychwood' is published every 2 months and contains local information, stories and events and is a great source of adverts for local services. They can be purchased at local shops (at 50p per copy) or can be subscribed to at a rate of £3 per annum which includes local delivery to your home. Please contact Christine Halliday to subscribe.

Phone 01993 831134

Email christine@sinnelsfield.co.uk

Parish Council Alerts

The Parish Council run an alerts system such that once registered with an email address you can be alerted to important information relating to the village. It will also allow for an online Parish Council newsletter to be sent to you which is produced two or three times annually. To register, contact the Clerk of the Council (Lisa Wilkinson) -

Email clerk@shiptonunderwychwood.org

Playground

Shipton boasts an excellent Playground for use by our smaller residents. It sits just behind the New Beaconsfield Hall and Tennis Courts and is one of the largest playgrounds in the area. There are many different types of equipment, most of which are timber based and includes climbing frames and zip wires. A skateboard ramp has also been provided in the playground.

Village Website

The village website is a great source of local information and is maintained by the Parish Council clerk.

Email clerk@shiptonunderwychwood.org

Web www.shiptonunderwychwood.org

West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC)

Our village is part of the West Oxfordshire District whose offices are based in Witney. They provide services on, amongst other things, planning and building, housing, leisure, environment and bins and recycling. Details on your refuse collection days, our district councillor and other information on services they provide can be found at their website.

Phone 01993 861000

Web www.westoxon.gov.uk

The WODC website also allows you to register so that you receive alerts from the district council for matters relating to planning applications local to where you live, bin collection reminders and date changes etc.

Web www.westoxon.gov.uk/registering-on-our-website

Wychwood Surgery

We are very fortunate to have an excellent Surgery serving the Wychwood villages and is based here in Shipton. It provides a variety of services and clinics and contains a pharmacy. Details on all they have to offer is on the website.

Phone 01993 831061

Web www.wychwoodsurgery.co.uk

Wychwood Wild Garden

Wychwood Wild Garden is a beautiful woodland and garden of 12.5 acres of avenues, woods and ponds much of which was laid out in the 1860's. It is home to wildlife and many breeds of ducks and birds. It was acquired by the community in 2010 and is now maintained by a volunteer group of local residents together with funds from subscription and donations. For more information, see their website –

Web www.wychwoodwildgarden.org.uk

Volunteer Groups

Day Centre

The Wychwood Day Centre is a registered charity providing day care facilities for housebound elderly people in our community. It meets once a week at the New Beaconsfield Hall and gives our members a chance to socialise in a warm and loving group. For many, it is their only opportunity to leave their homes for a day and enjoy the company of other people. The Day Centre relies entirely on volunteers to keep going and includes cooks, drivers and other helpers. If you would like to help the Day Centre spread a bit of happiness please contact us at the New Beaconsfield Hall on a Thursday lunchtime.

Diggers Wood Volunteers

Diggers Wood (off Dog Kennel Lane) was planted as part of the Millennium celebrations. Although owned by the Woodland Trust it has fallen to a group of volunteer villagers to manage the wood to allow it to grow and flourish. Volunteers meet once or twice a month, usually on Friday mornings. For details contact Terry Wilson.

Email terryandjuliawilson@btinternet.com

Shipton Volunteers

This is a group of friendly like-minded villagers who aim to maintain and enhance the village by undertaking a number of tasks such as maintenance of the Churchyard, Litter Picks, keeping paths clear of leaves and weeds etc. There are two morning sessions each month and participation is welcomed for all or part of a session.

Phone 07545 475560 - Carole Arnold (Parish Councillor)

Email carolearnold@shiptonunderwychwood.org

Villager Bus Service

The Villager Community Bus is managed and run entirely by volunteers. We are always looking for new volunteer drivers, male or female, who can spare and commit to one morning or afternoon every fortnight. For more information on volunteering and current contact points, please see the website –

Web www.villagerbus.com

Wild Garden Volunteers

We need a regular group of volunteers to help with the routine management and maintenance of the Garden. Nothing over strenuous or arduous, but if you like a bit of fresh air and are prepared to get involved please contact us for details of planned working days. We generally meet up each Tuesday morning from around 9.00am to Noon, so do email us to get notifications. We also have major working parties three or four times a year as well as specific restoration projects during the summer.

Phone 0845 8056804

Email info@wychwoodwildgarden.org.uk

