

Martin Slatford has had to retire as co-editor of the Wolverton Echo owing to his very many business commitments and we know that this village would wish to thank him for all his hard work and help in the past. The Echo has filled a great need in this scattered village and done much to unite its corners. We hope that it will continue to do so for many more years. However, for various reasons, it has been found necessary to change its format. It will still be delivered free to every home in the parish and neighbourhood of Wolverton but in future it will be duplicated in this manner. It will be produced every two months starting with this mid February issue and at the end of each issue there will be a deadline giving the last date by which material must reach us at the Rectory. We hope that the date of issue will be not more than seven days later but may well be less. We do not envisage that there will be room within our limit of one page of foolscap for any professional advertisements and we would take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported us by their advertisements in the past. If space permits we are willing to include any requests of "for sale" or "wanted" but this will primarily be a newsletter telling of events in the village and of items we think will be of interest. We still rely upon you, the people of Wolverton, to supply us with the copy and we are simply producing your newsletter.

From time to time we expect to include as an insert news items from other sources. In our last issue there was one from the Liberals in Tadley. With this issue there will be another and also one from the Parish Council. If they are sent to us, ready printed and folded we are willing to deliver any suitable inserts within the "Echo" but not as part of it.

WOMENS INSTITUTE on March 10th in Ashford Hill Village Hall at 7.15pm. Mrs Wells will demonstrate how to prepare and cook economical meals. Talks and demonstrations commence at 8pm approx. If you require transport or information please phone: Mrs Stephenson Kingsclere 298418.

JUMBLE SALE

There will be a Jumble Sale in Wolverton Village Hall in aid of St Catherines Church on Saturday 27th March at 2pm. Clean jumble only please. It may be left at the Rectory during the previous week or taken to the Hall on the morning of the sale. If you would like it to be collected please ring 298008.

VILLAGE MARKET

The success of the first village market which took place on December 5th exceeded all expectations and the Village Hall was thronged with people all eager to purchase goods from a very wide selection on offer. Over £300 worth of goods were sold and the vendors went home very satisfied, but perhaps the most uplifting aspect of the enterprise was that it did what it set out to do and made a meeting place for friends and neighbours.

We received a message from one villager telling us that she had met an old friend at the market she hadn't seen for twenty years.

The Village Market is here to stay so please bring your goods to the hall on the first Saturday in every month, making sure that they are securely labelled with your name and the price you are asking, and even if you have nothing to sell come and support the stallholders and enjoy a chat with your friends over your morning

We would welcome any offers of help as stallholders, coffeemakers etc.... Ring 297328 or 298342 if you would like to assist or if you have any queries or ideas concerning the market.

FROM PETER SHAW

I would like to thank the people who made us so welcome when we sang carols to them on Christmas Eve. The warmth of their welcome to us was only exceeded by their generosity, and the sum of £52 was collected for Riding for the Disabled.

APPRECIATION-MR AND MRS IRELAND

At the end of January we had to change our shopping habits when Mr and Mrs Ireland retired from business. After eleven years of friendly service providing fresh fruit, vegetables and other goodies they will be taking a well earned rest. Oh how they will be missed! It seems they were always there when we needed them, no matter how unsociable the weather or the hour one could be sure of a smile and a friendly chat. Have a happy retirement Mr and Mrs Ireland but do let us all see you from time to time for one of those friendly chats. R.S.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY MARCH 13th 7pm in the Village Hall.

There will be a Slide Show and Exhibition entitled "Journey Round Britain" showing some of our beautiful countryside and ways and means of getting around and enjoying it. I would especially welcome souvenirs which you may have brought back from holiday to display at the exhibition, also mounted photographs, brochures, maps of special interest, guide books, Forest Trail leaflets, in fact anything to help make the exhibition more interesting. I know its a long way off but it takes a great deal of time to organise so please contact me soon (Betty Shaw 297328) if you have anything to offer or any ideas. Proceeds from the evening will go to Hall maintenance funds.

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

9th May	Mini Fun Marathon
20th June	Cricket hatch
17th July	Garden Fete
8th August	Mad Hatters Tea Party
11th September	Pets Show

NATURE NOTES

When the wind blows shrill and the rain drifts like a veil across the hills and fields one is not easily tempted out of doors in the pursuit of Nature Study but it is a wonderful time to sit by the fire and read some of the many thousands of books now available on the subject, and much is learnt that way.

Nevertheless there is still much activity going on outside in the world of Nature. The hazel catkins and the snowdrops are already out. Winter brings the birds much nearer to our homes and a regularly supplied birdtable will bring its rewards not only to the birds but to those of us who watch them from the warmth of our homes. Bird and animal tracks in the snow show just what a great deal of activity is going on at night as well as by day. Fox and rat tracks lead to our refuse bins and deer, rabbit and hare cross the snow covered lawn to the vegetable patch in the garden. All are hungry and all are in search of food. But the days are already lengthening and although old Winter may yet do his worst-Spring is on the way!

Any items for inclusion in the next edition must be at the Rectory by Saturday

VILLAGE MARKET

Have you visited the Village Market yet? We are only too pleased that the warmer days are on the way so that some of the stalls can be out in the open. There were so many stallholders at the March market there was hardly room for the customers, It really has become quite an exciting monthly event. Beautiful engraved glass and silver and gold jewellery rub shoulders with nearly new clothes and general bric-a-brac. The cake and bread stall is very popular and garden plants and freshly killed rabbits, and jars of marmalade and bags of seed potatoes all help to give the market a really countrified air.

Do come and join in the fray. Bring just anything you wish to sell, well labelled with your name and the price you want for it, or just come and buy some of the many things on offer. NEXT MARKET SATURDAY MAY 1st.

NATURE NOTES

What an exciting time of year it is. Every new day full of hope and promise. The hedgerows greening; the cherry plum tree in blossom; birds busy at their nesting; celandines gilding the lane sides where the rapid growth of the cow parsley will soon hide the flowering violets.

And we await the cuckoo and the first swallows and all the other gentle warblers who come from far off lands to spend the summer in our fields and woodlands. The first warm days will bring forth the yellow Brimstone butterflies and rouse the slumbering hedgehog and sleepy dormouse from their winter hibernation, and many a man or woman exiled from this isle will in his heart be saying "Oh to be in England now that Aprils here".

YEAR OF THE DISABLED

We have received appreciative letters from Basingstoke and District Sports Association for the Disabled and also from Batricars for the Disabled to each of whom donations of £50 were sent from the Village Hall Committee as a result of the proceeds from the Harvest Supper and a Coffee Morning.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

Have you ever thought of joining the Womens Institute (dreadful name isn't it) and been put off by the thought of all those middle aged and elderly tweedy women, singing Jerusalem, and filling their store cupboards with pots of jam? Well I promise you we are not like that in the Ashford Hill and Wolverton W.I. We only have a small membership and its a real pleasure to meet each other regularly. At our next meeting on Wednesday April 14th one of our members will tell us about Life in the West Indies and there will be a display of decorated eggs in the social half hour after the refreshment break. On April 21st several members will go on the first Mini-outing of the year to explore the delights of Winchester. We are busy preparing for our Spring Fair to be held in Wolverton Village Hall on Saturday April 17th.

We really do welcome new members and if you think you would like to "give it a try" you might like to ring Mrs Stephenson 298418 or Mrs Shaw 297328 for further details. If we dont see you before we hope to see you at the Fair - lots of things there too good to miss - dont forget Saturday April 17th 2pm.

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MR AND MRS IRELAND

I have been asked by Mrs Ireland to express her and her husbands gratitude for the very generous presentation made to them on the recent occasion of their retirement. This took the form of a Teasmade.

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to Mr and Mrs Farry and Mr and Mrs Evans on Wolverton Common and Mr and Mrs Hoare and family at Wolverton Farm.

WOLVERTON MINI FUN RUN SUNDAY 9th May 2pm -6pm

Start: Wolverton Village Hall, finish Wolverton Village Hall. Ages 0-90 years. Entrance free.. Prizes, Refreshments, Raffle, Craft and Produce Stall. For further information please contact Mr and Mrs Reading, Kingsclere 298615. "Lyndale", Wolverton Road. Come on now: have a nice afternoon out and support the Funny Runners - Sorry Fun Runners! All are welcome.

CRICKET MATCH SUNDAY JUNE 20th.

Names - men, ladies and children to the Readings as above.

WOLVERTON YOUTH CLUB

As most people now know the Youth Club has gone into hibernation. There have always been fluctuating fortunes for the village youth club due to the changing age groups and a shortage of leaders and helpers. Many people remember the years of work for the Youth Club by Marjorie Driscoll and Cliff Butler. This present series was started in the autumn of 1976 by June and Les Taylor with Mark and Kate Shaw. Since that time all of the children have become teenagers and adults. Some of them have put a lot of effort back into the youth club and helped to keep it going. Thanks are particularly due to Matthew Tofield, Tracey Nickless, Angela Rolles, Debra Spencer and Bob Langthorne. The Village Hall Committee have also played an important part in maintaining this club by subsidising the hiring costs of the hall.

Youth Club funds currently stand at over £45 which will be gladly passed to anyone wishing to reawaken the club. If no leaders are found then the money will be spent on a summer outing and maintaining the traditional Wolverton village childrens firework parties.

BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Among the responsibilities of the Parish Council are the provision of recreation grounds and allotments. The council has leased land by the Hare and Hounds and at Long Grove in Baughurst and have equipped them with swings and slides. The council has never managed to lease or purchase areas of land large enough for a football pitch. Since the Hurst School acquired its new sports field it was hoped that Hampshire County Council would lease the Parish Council the old Hurst sports field behind the Pineapple pub. The county have decided to sell the land rather than leasing it and so considerable efforts have been made to bring together all interested organisations with a view to creating a purchasing consortium. There was a public meeting at the Hurst on the 5th April to see if the purchase price, in excess of £10,000, can be raised and the field managed. Further details in the next edition of the Wolverton Echo.

The next meetings of the Parish Council at Wolverton Village Hall are April 21st, May 26th and July 21st. Meetings alternate with Heath End Village Hall where the next meetings are May 7th and June 23rd. There is also the Annual Parish Meeting at Heath End on May 7th which reviews the councils achievements of the past year. All meetings are open to local people and start at 7.30pm.

The 'dead-line' for the next issue is June 5th. All copy to the Rectory please. (Letter box on back door)

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

There will be Afternoon Tea in the garden with a Bring and Buy Sale at the Bungalow, Rectory Lane on Sunday June 27th from 3-5pm. Cream Tea 50p. Proceeds to Village Hall funds.

BAR-B-QUE

In aid of Wolverton Village Hall funds at Old House Farm by kind permission of Mr Michael Walford on Saturday June 19th 7-12pm. Country and Western Music by Marston Ferry and James Cooper. Admission by ticket only. £4 each inclusive of steak supper from Peter Shaw. Tel: 297328.

The Village Hall Committee wish to thank all the helpers and supporters on the Fun Run on May 9th. It was a grand day and the weather was very kind. There were 30 keen starters (and finishers). The Time Keeper was Frank Wallwork. The winner in 33 minutes was Simon Waller aged 13. Male winners were N.Reading, J.Wragg, L.Higgins. Female winners K.Pulman, C.Kogler, O.Higgins. Senior citizens B.Wallwork, B.Shaw and P.Shaw. Youngest N.Nickless, C & B Trim. The wooden spoon to Biddy Reading. Raffle L.Higgins.

CRICKET MATCH

There will be a Cricket Match on Sunday June 20th. 25p entrance. Names please to the Readings, "Lyndale", Wolverton Common. Phone 298615. The teams to include men, ladies, girls and boys. The cricket match to be followed by a Bar-b-que with side stalls etc..

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MONTHLY MARKET - 1st SATURDAY IN EACH MONTH

Have you been to Wolverton Market yet? It really is a very pleasant village activity and we look forward so much to seeing our regular stall holders each month and to welcoming the new ones. There are always lots of interesting things offered for sale and the Bakery Stall and Plant Stalls do a roaring trade all the morning. If you have anything to sell just bring it along to the next market.

ADVANCE NOTICEIN AID OF VILLAGE HALL AND WOLVERTON CHURCH FUNDS

There will be a Flower Arranging demonstration in the Village Hall on Tuesday 28th September from 11am - 2pm. We shall start with coffee and there will be a Ploughmans Lunch. Further details later.

NATURE NOTES

I am sitting in the garden writing this. The sun is shining warmly in a clear blue sky. The swallows are dipping in and out of the garage where they have their nest; blackbird is thrusting great beakfuls of worms into the ever open gapes of his two fully

grown offspring; chaffinch is singing in the blossom laden apple tree where a great tit is sitting tight on nine speckled eggs in the bird nest box. All around the fields and trees are at their spring-green best.

In three days time we journey five hundred miles north to the Scottish Highlands, there the scene will be very different. There will still be much snow on the hightops; daffodils will still be in bloom and primroses, wood anemones and the delicate wood sorrel will just be painting the woodland floor; trees will be coming into leaf and the chaffinch will be singing with a Scottish accent- Yes he really does.

Curlews will be making lovely bubbly music all around us and the redstart will be displaying to his mate with quick bright flashes of his fiery tail.

Where we wander we shall see the black cock and his grey hen among the heather, the red squirrel in the pine forests and maybe the great capercaillie almost as big as a turkey. If we see the mountain hare it will still be in its winter white dress. The herds of red deer, separated at this time of year, will be looking a little ragged after the bleak months of winter, but there is still plenty of time for them to get into better condition before the hinds go off alone to drop their fawns in the June bracken and heather. We cannot really expect to see the wild cat though we did once - stalking its way along the edge of a forestry plantation.

How fortunate we are to be able to have such wonderful experiences and to be able to return after our adventuring to the lush beauty of leafy Hampshire.

B. Shaw.

The 'dead-line' for the next issue is August 7th. All copy to the Rectory please. (Letter box on back door.)

VILLAGE HALL NEWS - THE FUTURE OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Like so many other things, Village Halls are suffering as the result of the recession and it becomes more and more difficult to keep them "alive".

The revenue from the lettings no longer covers the overheads. The insurance premium for our hall is nearly £300 and with increased costs for electricity and materials needed for maintenance we must rely more and more on money we can raise by various functions throughout the year. Generally speaking these functions are not well supported. We have two or three people who hire the hall fairly often throughout the year and always express their pleasure for what it offers them.

Recently we received a magnificent cheque for over £450 from Mr and Mrs Ranger of Kingsclere - the profits made at a Country and Western evening held at Old House Farm - in appreciation for the use of the hall and in the hope that the money could be used in its maintenance. The following day we had a fun Cricket Match also at the farm and we are grateful to Michael Walford for making his farm so freely available to us.

Of course we do hear rumblings of complaint from time to time also. The Hall isn't big enough; the kitchen is inadequate; the floor needs repairing; the electricity supply is poor; the roof needs rethatching.

Those of us who administer to the needs of the hall are well aware of its shortcomings. Much voluntary work is done by a small team of enthusiasts to keep the hall decorated and clean but help is needed.

It has been suggested that we should build a new hall and on the other hand the question has been asked "Do we need a hall at all?"

Yet how much we should miss it were it not there. It is a part of our village and a meeting place for our people.

Can you help in any way to make sure that yet another part of our village heritage doesn't disappear for ever?

If you really couldn't care less then you wont respond at all, but offers of help in administration, in practical ways, and of course financially would be most warmly appreciated. The chairman of the hall committee is Mrs Beryl Tofield. Her phone number 298687. Can you keep it ringing (evenings only please) with your offers of help and suggestions.

Betty Shaw.

BAR-B-QUE

On behalf of Wolverton Village may we please thank Fred and Ros Ranger for their generous gift of all the profit raised at the Bar-b-que evening at Old House Farm, helped by the very lively musicians Marston Terry and James Cooper. Thanks also to Mr Walford for the use of his grounds and his very spacious barn, it was a very enjoyable evening (and it didn't rain). Another vote of thanks to behind the scenes workers Betty and Peter Shaw.

Biddy Reading.

CRICKET MATCH - SUNDAY 20th June. TAILS v HEADS

Once again our thanks to Mr Walford for the use of his land to play our Fun Cricket Match on. Also many thanks to all our helpers and supporters. We had a grand umpire (N.Harrison) who kept order throughout the game (I think) and a lovely Score Board lady (M.Hedges) who would not err and kept immaculate scoring, and did you know we had two ladies at the entrance who charged everyone who went IN and OUT of the game. By the way Tails won (and it didn't rain again.)

SATURDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

PET SHOW at the Village Hall. All pets welcome. Watch for posters. Name and pet to Biddy Reading 298615.

SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER - HARVEST SUPPER

Date to be arranged. Watch for posters and Church magazine for date and details.

ADVANCE NOTICE - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20th WOLVERTON CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

From now onwards we would be grateful for any gifts of fancy goods, bottles etc..etc..Phone Biddy Reading 298615 for nearest collector.

SCHOOLBOY SCRAMBLE in aid of Village Funds. Later in September. Watch for posters.

PROPOSED CRAFT AFTERNOON

It is proposed to hold a general craft afternoon in the Village Hall starting on Monday 27th September and then every three weeks following, 2-5pm.

Mrs Brock, who is an expert at many crafts, will be present to give help and advice wherever needed.

She suggests anyone interested should bring along any work they are doing to the first meeting. The more who attend the less the cost to the individual so do come along and join us in what will be not only an instructive but a socially pleasant afternoon. Please ring

Betty Shaw 297328 as soon as possible if interested.

EXHIBITION of the work and interest of the W.I. Movement at THE MEMORIAL HALL, TADLEY, Saturday 18th September 10-30am - 5.00pm.

Come and see some of the beautiful work produced by members and buy original and inexpensive gifts from the trading stalls where cakes, home made bread and all sorts of produce will also be available.

Light refreshments served all day. The Exhibition will be opened at 10-30am by Mrs Kay Young Vice Chairman of the National Federation of W.I.'s.

VILLAGE MARKET Next market 4th September.

Come for gifts. Come for bargains. Come for plants and produce. Come for lovely home made food. Come and bring anything that YOU wish to sell.

Turn out your sheds and lofts. Your unwanted goods may be just what someone else needs. Earn yourself a bit of spending money by baking cakes and pastries - the demand always exceeds the supply - by making soft toys or useful gifts - by selling surplus garden produce. Remember to label your goods with your name and asking price. 10% of sale is retained for market expenses.

NATURE NOTES - BADGER WATCHING

There are many things going on in the fields and woodlands around us that few of us ever see. I have recently had some very exciting evenings watching badgers leave their SETT and go about their nightly foraging.

To have this privilege and pleasure you must be prepared to arrive very silently at a pre-chosen position having made sure that the wind is not behind you and therefore carrying your scent into the badger earths. You must then be prepared to sit as still as the biting midges will allow and wait patiently for the first signs of activity. Woodpigeons will croon and clap their wings in the branches above; rooks and jackdaws clamour their way to roost; an occasional shrew or wood mouse will scamper in and out of the tree roots and as the light begins to fade, and tawny owls hoot, a broad grey face, with white checks and a white blaze, will appear, framed in the dark entrance to the sett and a full grown badger emerge, shake the dust from his thick grey coat; sniff the air; have a good scratch and lumber noiselessly up the bank. He will be quickly followed by other badgers.

There were five in the sett I watched. They stayed close by for a few minutes and all used the specially dug latrine pits before going off along their well defined paths into the deeper wood in search of food.

Many hundreds of these gentle and harmless creatures have been gassed out of existence over the past months because of the altogether unproven theory that they could spread tuberculosis to cattle. The practice has now been halted.

Like all wild creatures they require only to be left alone.

IN AID OF THE VILLAGE HALL AND WOLVERTON CHURCH FUNDS.

There will be a Flower Arranging demonstration in the Village Hall on Tuesday 28th September from 11am - 2pm. We shall start with coffee, then have a demonstration of flower arranging with plenty of time for asking questions, a Ploughmans Lunch and afterwards a stall where we can purchase various "aids" to help us in our own flower arranging. The cost will be £1.50 to include lunch and a glass of wine. Details and tickets from Joyce Franks at the Rectory 298008. It would be a help if tickets could be purchased by the 25th so we know how many people to cater for.

WANTED a chair that needs re-upholstering. Preferably not very large or too expensive. Needed as an excuse to attend the Craft classes in the Village Hall!! Joyce Franks 298008.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND are having a Dog Show on the 5th September on Silchester Common. This is a fun afternoon. Show opens at 12 noon. Judging commences at 1pm. Further details and entry forms from Rosemary Coe 298038.

DEAD LINE for the next issue is Saturday 9th October. Copy to the Rectory please.

VILLAGE HALL NFWS

WOLVERTON PET SHOW September 11th.

First of all a very big "thank you" to Dr P. Croft who with a lot of patience judged all our pets. We had 38 entrants. Top dog "Lucy", top cat "Sugar", Mrs Kent's pony "Lollipop" and two little mice "Misty and Polly", K. Pulman's rabbit "Lucy" and we had three goats, also a very noisy pet called "Ben". A handsome cat called "Katanga" and a very happy canary called "Mindy" and Dr Croft wanted to take home a rabbit called "Minky".

Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and came up and thanked us. We did make a small unexpected profit of £8 (for the Village Hall funds). We had books, badges and raffle prizes donated. Can I please thank Barbara Wallwork for her help and also my family, and Min Hedges with the raffle, and also the lovely tea ladies. (We did do well with the weather again).

May we thank Joyce Franks for her kind donation to the Village Hall funds from the Flower Arrangement Demonstration held at the Village Hall. It was most enjoyable. I for one went straight home and made a complete hash of a flower arrangement! I think I will leave it to the experts.

May we also thank "The Border Schoolboys Scramble Club" for the sum of £150 donated to the Village Hall funds, held at Kingsclere Estates by kind permission of Mr May and Mr Clinch. Can we offer special thanks to Mr Eckton and Mr Shaw for negotiating the loan of the field for the event and to Mr Butler for arranging the Scrambles Day. I did not attend myself but I do understand it was quite a successful day, look out for another possible venue in November.

May we just say "well done J & J" for the lovely Harvest Supper and Auction and a grand sum of £96.40 raised for "Save the Children Fund".

Wolverton Christmas Bazaar - Saturday November 20th.

We are hopeful that this event can continue. As perhaps a lot of Wolverton residents know we are at present having trouble with the Hall floor and roof and we are trying desperately to raise funds and grants to renew both. With help and support from various resorts we think this can be obtained, but we must still try and keep things going and perhaps raise a little more money to go into the funds so that the Village Community can continue to have enjoyable events, aimed at the involvement of all the Wolverton families, friends and visitors so please, yes we do still want gifts and produce with Christmas in mind for the Bazaar. Phone Biddy Reading Kingsclere 298615 for nearest collector.

With my year in office as Secretary to the Village Hall Committee coming to an end, can I thank my fellow committee members and friends and neighbours for their support and help during the past year with the events etc that I have been a part of, it has been quite enjoyable and as a newcomer I have been made to feel quite welcome. Biddy Reading.

LOST PROPERTY- FOUND

Camera left at Pets Show.

CRAFT AFTERNOON

You would be very welcome to the Craft Afternoon which takes place in the Village Hall every third Monday from 2-5pm.

For the first two hours of each session expert advice and tuition on all manner of crafts is available from Mrs Brock. It is very informal and friendly and you can come and go at any time to suit you. Cost £1 per session. Next meeting October 18th. Enquiries Kingsclere 297323.

VILLAGE MARKET

Come and buy Christmas gifts and home made cakes and pastries at your own market. These are only some of the wide range of goods on sale each month.

Does anyone make sweets, soft toys, table decorations? Have you any pot plants or fresh vegetables you may like to sell? All would find a ready sale. Next Market November 6th.

Incidentally we would very much welcome a strong arm or two to help us get the stalls ready each month - any offers? Enquiries 297.328 or 297.388.

Next month we shall have been operating for a whole year and will publish details of money that has been taken each month and how it has been spent.

W.I. NEWS

Several members of the Ashford Hill and Wolverton W.I. drove, in a little cavalcade of cars, through beautiful lanes to Alresford where, while some of them explored the interesting town, others sought the beauty of the river and the old Fulling Mill and purchased freshly cut watercress. "Help yourself from the box and put the money through a slot in the door", They all converged on the Beresford Museum for tea and a nostalgic look at costumes and relics of times past. This was one of the mini outings which are part of their years activities. They hope to have a drive when the trees are in their autumn glory and a visit to the theatre before the year is out.

If you are not a member why not come to a few meetings to "give it a try".

We only meet once a month on the second Wednesday so it wont really take up much of your time, that is until you get really "hooked" and become aware of how wide and varied the interests of the movement really are, when you can get involved in courses, exhibitions, sport, music and drama and public affairs. But the nicest thing about being a W.I. member is the meeting and making of friends. If you feel you might like to join us ring Myrtle Stephenson 298418 or Betty Shaw 297328.

NATURE NOTES

As a lover of wild things I am often asked how to treat birds and animals found injured, and it must seem that I am very unfeeling when I say the kindest thing to do to badly injured creatures is to put them quickly out of their misery.

It is easier said than done I know and I hate doing it, but wild creatures are first and foremost wild and you only add to their distress by keeping them captive. They cannot understand that you are trying to help them and their natural instinct is to try to get back to their own environment. It is a well known fact that hundreds of sea birds cleansed of oil will still die of shock from the treatment, even though this is given by very skilled people who have all the facilities to create as natural a habitat as they can for their patients.

It is never kind to encourage close relationships between man and wild creatures, unless they can continue to live in perfect freedom and come only to man of their own freewill and without fear.

Betty Shaw.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

British Telecom have proposed the closing and removal of the telephone kiosk by the ^{old} Methodist Chapel at Wolverton Common. This is one of many which are being closed because they are losing over £68 million pounds per year nationally - the equivalent of over £3 on every subscribers telephone bill. The Parish Council looked at the possibility of retaining the box by subsidising it out of the rates. The requirements are that the Council cleans and paints the box and pays for any repairs to it. Pays for the electric lighting and collects and banks the cash collected. It would also have to pay for any calls made illegally. The Council felt that this was an unreasonable cost liability in view of the small numbers of local users. A public call box is available in the Hare and Hounds during opening hours. Plans have been drawn up by the Hampshire County Council for improvements to the hump back bridge by Baughurst House on the Townsend/Baughurst road. This will involve some widening and a little straightening of the road by the bridge. Work is due to start in the near future.

For many years the Parish Council has tried to obtain a playing field for local sports enthusiasts. You may have heard of the purchase of the old Hurst sports field behind the Pineapple pub. The cost of this drained, level field of 3.4 acres was £10,000. The area accommodates about two football pitches. A grant of £5,000 from Basingstoke and Deane District Council immediately halved the cost and a further grant of £2,000 has been received from Hampshire Playing Fields Association. It is hoped that the cost to the Parish precept from your rates will be further reduced by grants from other bodies. The Parish Council has set up a sub-committee to investigate the best way of using and managing the field. Any views which you have on its use would be appreciated.

WOLVERTON CHILDRENS FIREWORK PARTY

The tradition of a village firework party has grown over the past few years. When the Youth Club went into hibernation earlier this year the remaining funds were possibly earmarked for this purpose. If any parents would like to make the arrangements then I still have the funds. Alternatively this money could be used to buy tickets for village children to visit a grand event. One such possibility is the Loddon Valley Lions Firework Fiesta to be held on November 6th at Wellington Country Park. Any offers?

Martin Slatford, Kingsclere 298524

DEADLINE for the next issue is Saturday 11th December. Copy to the Rectory please.

VILLAGE HALL A.G.M.

This was held on 30th November, in the Hall, and despite advertising the date in advance and Mr Nickless delivering notices for the Committee, (for which many thanks, to him), as usual there was lack of village support, and only the stalwarts of the committee turned out yet again. Nothing much has changed in the management of your Village Hall and if anybody wants further details of this meeting please phone Mrs Reading or Mrs Tofield for information.

LETTINGS OF VILLAGE HALL

In future enquiries for hiring the hall should be made through Mr C. Butler. Tel: 298621.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW

Saturday 18th December 1982 .4.00 to 5.00 in the Hall.

WOLVERTON CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Due to lack of interest and other outside commitments we did not hold a Bazaar as previously planned by the committee, a great shame as we could have raised a considerable amount of much needed funds for the Village Hall floor and roof. Also we would have been in keeping with our surrounding villages, which hold regular bazaars and raise quite a lot of money. My thanks for offers of help and donations for the event. Any ideas for further fund raising in the future?

The Christmas Raffle 10p per ticket will be on sale up until 4.30pm on the 18th December and are available from Biddy Reading 298615 and Beryl Tofield 298687.

If you have any gifts to add to the raffle we will collect. All profit made will go towards the Village Hall funds. Tea and coffee will be available.

FOUND AT PET SHOW. Camera still not claimed.

BORDER SCHOOLBOY SCRAMBLE CLUB.

As promised we have received a further sum of £100, a total now of £250 raised by the above "Well done lads" and our grateful thanks from the Village Hall Committee and the Village not forgetting Kingsclere Estates for lending the field for the event to be possible. Since then we have had a further £200 for a final end of season scramble held on November 21st at Kingsclere Estates. Our thanks once more to the club and to Kingsclere Estates for use of the field. Also our thanks to Mr Eckton and Mr Shaw for obtaining permission for the events.

On October 31st Hallowe'en Night a group of Wolverton youngsters went out to trick and treat the locals and raised £10.05. "Well done" K&T Pulman, P&C Butler; M. Taylor, N&K Reading, H. Beale and T&V Slatford, also there was a big LAD called "Martin".

VILLAGE HALL

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Village Hall Committee regret any inconveniences to the hirers of the hall due to the problem of the hall floor, hopefully we will be able to renew the floor and roof and hope you will bear with us until all is put to rights again. We hope you will all support us in the future as we still need funds, and perhaps we will see more village community events taking place, perhaps a social evening here and there and also it would be nice to see the youngsters use the hall more. After all, at the moment our hall is still the cheapest to hire at £2 per hour. Come on now "SUPPORT".

Can I take this opportunity to wish my neighbours, friends and (dare I say enemies) a very "Happy Christmas" and hope we do not suffer such a severe winter as last and please remember our feathered and furry friends. Biddy Reading.

EXTRACT FROM THE CHURCH TIMES

"Decline and Fall".

There has been a bit of a let-down at St Swithin's, Allington, Dorset, according to the Bridport Team Ministry's paper, the Ark. During the first of a series of discos to pay

for the repair of the church hall floor the floor collapsed altogether!

WOLVERTON 150 CLUB

This is being organised to raise money for the Village Hall repair fund and we would like as many people as possible to join. Members pay 50p a month or £6 per year. Monthly prize to be drawn at the Village Market the first Saturday in every month. 1st Prize £10; 2nd Prize £6; 3rd Prize £4.

There will be collectors for each area of the Village who will have the rules and membership applications. Organiser: Mrs D.Hedges. Kingsclere 297388.

VILLAGE MARKET

I think we can say this venture has been a very satisfactory one. So much so that we are entering it for the Village Ventures Competition organised by the Hampshire Council of Community Servis. Judging will not take place until next June or July so there is still plenty of time to make it even better.

As promised here are details of the years accounts.

Our overall takings amounted to £283.46¹/₂p which means that £2834.6 worth of goods have been sold.

Our expenses have been as follows:-	Hire of hall	£94.00
	Advertising	81.24
	2 Cloths rails	
	& shelving	50.00
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		£225.24

This means we hold a balance of £58.22 and our next expense will be to purchase awning and framework to give outside stallholders more protection.

Remember you can sell just anything you want to at the market or just come as a purchaser. There are lots of good bargains every month. NEXT MARKET JANUARY 1st. A GOOD START TO A NEW YEAR.

B.Shaw.

NATURE NOTES

Another year nearly at an end and I look back over the months and wonder what it was that pleased me most in my study of wild life.

Was it the sculptured beauty of sunlit snow; the sight of thousands of Bewick Swans flighting in to the Ouse Washes in the grey of a January evening, or the closeness of the hen Capercaillie, large as a turkey, sitting on a stone wall in the grounds of Balmoral Castle, or the wonderful sight of a herd of red deer fording a river near Braemar, or the ten little faces of great tit nestlings looking up at me when I lifted the lid of the nest box on our garden apple tree?

Was it sitting motionless at dusk watching the emergence of badgers and wondering at their silence as they set off about their nightly foraging?

Was it the discovery of a little wild flower, I had never before seen, by the wayside in the Yorkside Dales or the experience of lying on the edge of a great chalk cliff on the Dorset Coast looking down on the blue, blue sea, while gulls sailed by with effortless flight and cormorants sat on the sea washed rocks and spread their wings to dry?

No one thing can really be the highlight but together the delight they have given has been immeasurable.

B.Shaw.

FOR SALE FISHING TACKLE

12 $\frac{1}{2}$ foot Fibre Glass Rod	10 foot Keep Net
Closed face reel	Landing Net
Seat and Tackle box	

All in very good condition. £50. Jonathan Franks 298008.

FOR SALE - CHRISTMAS TREES - £1 per foot - In aid of WOLVERTON CHURCH - available mid December - orders taken at the Rectory.

Deadline for the next issue is the 12th February 1983.

Martin Stalford

W O L V E R T O N E C H O

NUMBER 22

FEBRUARY 1983

WOLVERTON MARKET

Owing to the work in progress on our Village Hall floor, the market will be held in Ashford Hill Hall on March 5th. So come along and join us there. Remember we can try to sell anything you wish to sell so when you are spring cleaning think twice before you throw anything away - someone may like to buy it. When you are tidying up your garden and maybe splitting up clumps of flowers the pieces you no longer require are readily saleable on our garden stall. Childrens outgrown equipment and nearly new clothes, their books and toys are always in demand. Earn yourself a bit of pin money making cakes, pastries or sweets. But come and join us even if you have nothing to sell. There are always wonderful bargains to buy and you will enjoy chatting with other villagers over your morning coffee. Dont forget March 5th Ashford Hill 10am - 12.30pm. Enquiries 297.328.

ASHFORD HILL AND WOLVERTON W.I.

I think the image of the Womens Institute as a gathering of fuddy duddy ageing ladies is rather off putting to many younger women. "Oh I couldn't be one of those" you hear them say. And yet we do so need the young and enthusiastic to join our numbers and I can think of no better way to make friends and get involved in the life of the village community than to become a member. Think of it rather as a sort of club for women - a monthly meeting place where there is an unbounded supply of activities and interests. Our own institute has a reputation for being friendly and welcoming so if you want to make new friends come along to a few meetings and give it a try. If you would like to come but dont know a member who would bring you ring Mrs Stephenson 298.418 or Mrs Shaw 297.328 and we will help you.

WOLVERTON 1900

After the "finds" under the floor boards of the Village Hall some of us felt that we should keep a written record of alterations and events in our village that would be of interest to future generations. We propose to start at the beginning of the century and write up a history to the present day and thereafter keep a more detailed scrapbook of village life and activities. We should be grateful for any help and advice in our research into the past and particularly grateful for the loan of any photographs that will help to illustrate the events and changes. We need pictures of houses before and after reconstruction. The old village shop and school. The Hare and Hounds as it was before reconstruction. We need photographs of people at work and play and of the roads before they became motor highways. This could be a very interesting project in which so many people could become involved. Will you help? Please ring Betty Shaw 297.328 if you think you can.

RESULTS OF FEBRUARY 150 CLUB

£10	Rev.J.Franks	(17)
£6	Mr and Mrs Sparks	(1)
£4	Jane Sewell	(43)

FROM TWO OAP's, WOLVERTON

Although Christmas is now a pleasant memory fast receding into the past it is surely not too late to express our deep appreciation to the Administrators of the Sir George Brown Trust and to all those who helped in purchasing and packing the gifts we received. Our gratitude goes to you all, and not least to the Rector who, despite his manifold duties in four parishes, found time to deliver the gifts in person.

NATURE NOTES

I went to get more coal for the fire and there, sitting on the coal pile cleaning his whiskers, was a wood mouse.

The woodmouse must be one of the prettiest of all our resident mice. He has very large dark eyes and large round ears. White belly and feet and a long elegant tail. Of course he scuttled down under the coal when he saw me.

During the week I found the doorway to what must have been his home, a small hole at the base of the door frame.

Each morning there I would find a little pile of wood chippings and small bits of coal too large to pass through the hole.

Each night there I would leave a little pile of cake crumbs or bits of stale cheese and always these were gone by the morning.

Sadly one morning I found his little cold body on the coal shed floor.

He must have been a solitary gentleman for now I have no little telltale heaps of chippings at his doorway and life is made that fraction poorer knowing that he has gone.

SITUATION WANTED

Local lady seeks part-time domestic work. References on request. Kingsclere area. Tel: 298138.

CHURCHYARD MOWER

There will be a Coffee Morning at Mrs Myrtle Stephenson's, 1, Holt End Cottages, Wolverton Common on Saturday, 26th February from 10-30 till noon in aid of the Churchyard Mower Fund. Everything as usual - Bring and Buy, Raffle and anything we are given to sell - but please no jumble. The Brushwood cutter has now been ordered and we hope that this Coffee Morning will raise enough money to finish paying for it.

THE VILLAGE HALL THE TIME CAPSULE

When the Village Hall floor was replaced a time capsule was found. The capsule was made of a 1lb jam jar cemented into the foundations with a smaller jar inside. The small jar has 57 PURE FOOD products printed in red on its lid. Inside the small jar were two 1920 pennies. One 1918 farthing, a silver threepenny piece, a Joey, dated 1920, a 1920 sixpence and a 1915 shilling. With the coins is a piece of vellum saying "These coins were placed here by W.J. Walker of Wolverton Park during the building of the hall in November 1922.

There is also a Time Sheet from G. Hopkins and Son, Builders and Decorators of Kingsclere placed with the coins during rebuilding work in October 1937. The workmen employed on the rebuilding are recorded on the Time Sheet. The role is T. Austin, H & G. Harmsworth, C. Cully, A & H. Baggs together with W. Perrin.

Oldrings who have done the new floor this year have offered to make a display case for these relics for us all to see. If you have ideas for things to enclose in our 1983 time capsule please let Bidy Reading know.

Martin Slatford.

THE VILLAGE HALL

By now, many of you are aware that "things" have been going on in the Village Hall. The old wooden floor has been completely removed, foundations dug out, hard core, damp proofing and concrete laid, and a surface screed put down. We now have to wait a period of not less than four weeks for the whole area to dry out, then we will engage a flooring company to put on the vinyl covering to complete the whole job. We will now have to think about having the roof rethatched.

The total cost for all this is rather horrendous for such a small village, but I am hopeful that we will eventually get financial assistance, but there will be quite a substantial amount outstanding to be found by us.

As soon as we have done our final accounting I will inform you of all costs and the committees plans for a grant fund raising campaign.

Beryl Tofield Chairman.

DEADLINE for the next issue is the 9th April 1983. Items to the Rectory please.

Martin Skelford

NUMBER 23

W O L V E R T O N E C H O

APRIL 1983

WOLVERTON MARKET

We were pleased to be back at Wolverton for the April market which was very well attended and where purchasers found many bargains as usual. There are always first class plants for your gardens on the plant stall and you are advised to come early to market to take advantage of the lovely cakes and pastries that find such a ready sale.

Don't forget we have entered the market for the Village Ventures Competition. Judging will probably take place in June or July so do give it all the support you can.

Remember you can bring your goods for sale however large or small.
NEXT MARKET SATURDAY MAY 7th.

ASHFORD AND WOLVERTON W.I.

There will be a BRING AND BUY AUCTION SALE at ASHFORD HILL HALL on FRIDAY APRIL 15th at 7.30pm. Admission by gift for auction. Light refreshments will be available and the profits will help our W.I. to entertain about forty handicapped children for a day during August. DO PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THIS EVENT.

You are cordially invited to come as a guest to any W.I. meeting. Two which you may find particularly interesting:-

Wednesday April 13th ASHFORD HILL "Wild Flowers of Crete". A slide show presented by Mr Freeman and
Wednesday June 8th ASHFORD HILL Mrs Pegrums Dolls in Period Costume.

For further information ring 298418 or 297328.

VILLAGE HISTORY

The proposal to compile a record of our village history since the beginning of the century has met with considerable enthusiasm and we are already in possession of many old photographs and all sorts of information which will make interesting reading but we do need your help as we cannot visit everyone in the village. If you have any old photographs - could be a wedding or event at a village Fete or Cricket on the cricket field - or men working in the fields - just anything that will tell us something about our past we should be most grateful to borrow them. If you know anything about the house in which you live, the people who lived there before you do please let us know. A phone call to the Rectory 298008 or to Mrs Shaw 297328 would be a great help.

NATURE NOTES

We had great suspicions that Jackdaws were trying to nest in one of our chimneys and as we lay in bed on Easter morning yet another stick rattled its way down into the fireplace long since boarded up in our bedroom.

We prized away the boarding and found enough sticks to build two or three nests. Seems the birds just drop them down hoping that one or two will get fixed across the chimney and that they will eventually have a strong enough platform on which to build their nest. Seems a terrible waste of effort and we are very tempted to help them by putting wire netting down the chimney but wonder whether we shall live to regret it. We already have blue tits in residence in a hole over the back door and a pair of blackbirds with young in a nest in a holly tree who seem to think that it is my total responsibility to find food for their offspring and follow me around the house from window to window in the belief that a handful of currants will appear on the window sill if they persist long enough.

Just a word of warning about feeding birds at this time of year. Fledgling birds often die because they are fed nuts which they are totally unable to digest and white bread can also prove fatal to them. It is really better to let nature take its course and leave the finding of natural food to the parent birds.

Betty Shaw.

CANADA VISIT OCTOBER 1982

Flying the Atlantic... Westward with the sun. The first view of Canada - sparkling blue waters of the Gulf of St Lawrence before landing in Toronto....in late evening sunshine... in England it would be night!

Toronto (where I was staying with friends for ten days). A fascinating, vibrant high rise city spreading ever upwards and outwards alongside Lake Ontario. The 'high spot' of the stay was the visit to the CN Tower...the highest man made communications tower in the world....a masterpiece of construction....1,815 feet at the top. Construction began in February 1973 and the Public opening on completion in June 1976....It was a fine day when we went....ascending by elevator in 60 seconds to the Observation Deck (1,136 ft) glass in each direction....scudding clouds reflecting on the silver lake. Its a popular and friendly rendezvous....refreshments served. At a higher level there is a restaurant.. revolving. As Londoners go to the parks Toronto people go "up the Tower"!

Another interesting day was a visit to the Metro Toronto Zoo about 20 miles out of the City at West Hill Ontario. Its a large area of parkland countryside. The animals (3,500 and 400 species) are housed in glass-roofed widely spaced pavilions and according to their country of origin in their natural environment...First we went to Africa, where the elephants were outside in a group of five with two young ones wandering round a "water hole" and behind them the rolling countryside could have been the African Bush! The strong enclosure fence is so well constructed that one's view is not obstructed. A great help to the photographer! Inside the Pavilion the temperature is tropical and so are the shrubs, flowers and trees growing naturally in very large enclosures with many varieties of African animals and birds. The other Pavilions include Indo-malaya, Australia, North and South America and the Polar Regions. The friend who took me is a Volunteer Guide with the Metro Zoo Department which made the visit quite fascinating as she told me the family history and names of most of the animals we saw! We walked most of the day. The Maple trees were at their Autumn peak... a blaze of colour ranging from palest gold to crimson against the blue sky.

Leaving Toronto I travelled by train to New York (12 hours) and enjoyed the journey via Niagara Falls, Buffalo then the Peace Bridge between U.S.A. and Canada. So on to Rochester, Syracuse, Rome and Albany on the banks of the Hudson River silhouetted against a fiery sunset.

Three days later I sailed from New York to Southampton in the Q.E.2...the every day friendly greeting "Have a good day" still ringing in my ears!

And all the days were very good indeed.

17th February 1983

Y.H.B.Hartford.

RESULTS OF MARCH '150' CLUB

£10	Mrs Warman
£6	Mrs Andrews
£4	Mr Slatford

VILLAGE FETE

Advance Notice. To be held on SATURDAY JULY 9th. Please book this date in your diaries.

WANTED

Male Kitten. Mrs Driscoll, the Old School House. Tel: 298667.

DEADLINE for the next issue is the 11th June 1983. Items to the Rectory please.

Wolverton Echo

W O L V E R T O N E C H O

NUMBER 24

JUNE 1983

WOLVERTON 150 CLUB

APRIL WINNERS

1st 104 D.Stacey
2nd 16 B.Toffield
3rd 66 E.Hedges

MAY WINNERS

1st 54 D.Hawkins
2nd 96 J.Cripps
3rd 74 B.Oates

The Club now has 107 members.

VILLAGE HALL

At a Committee meeting on Tuesday May 17th Mrs B.Toffield Chairman and Mrs B.Reading Secretary both resigned owing to other commitments, (Grateful thanks to them both for all their hard work - Rector). Mrs J.Andrews is the new Chairman and Mrs D.Hedges the Secretary.

COFFEE MORNING in aid of Village Hall funds on July 9th at Mrs Andrews, Andburgh, Wolverton Common from 10-30 - 12.00.

HEADS v TAILS CRICKET MATCH

This will be held on Sunday June 19th in the field at CENTURY HOUSE, WOLVERTON COMMON by kind permission of Mr Ian Black. Come at 2pm and give your name to the scorer if willing to play. Game to start at 2.30pm. Adults 10p and children 5p. Raffle tickets, squash, sweets and crisps will be on sale.

GARDEN FETE

The Garden Fete for Church and Village Hall funds will be on SATURDAY 23rd JULY. Please note the new date. This is being held in the garden of Wolverton Cottage by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs R.Kent. It will commence at 2.30pm.

The stalls include Tombola, Cakes, White Elephant, Toys, Books, Records, Raffle, Ice Cream and Hot Dogs.

Side shows - Name the Doll, Catch the Rat, Treasure Hunt, Guess the weight of the Cake etc. Gifts for any of these stalls will be most welcome and can be left at the Rectory or with Mrs Kent at Wolverton Cottage.

MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY

The Mad Hatters Tea Party will be held on Sunday August 7th at 3pm in the garden of Vine Cottage by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs F.Wallwork. Come wearing the maddest hat and enjoy a lovely cream tea and all the fun.

PET SHOW

This will be held on Sunday September 4th in the Village Hall. Judging to start at 3pm. More details later.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND RAFFLE

This will be held on Saturday November 19th in the Village Hall.

THE VILLAGE MARKET

This continues to be a great success on the first Saturday in every month from 10.00-12.30. Come early. The Cakes and Plants are quickly sold. Anything you want to sell bring labelled with your name and price and we will try and find a new home for it.

WANTED

Domestic help 1½ days per week. Modern house - Wolverton Common. Phone Kingsclere 298142.

DEADLINE for the next edition 13th August. Items to the Rectory please.

WOLVERTON 150 CLUB

JUNE	96	Mrs Cripps	JULY	64	Mr Langthorne
	78	Mrs Warman		75	Alan Eckton
	20	Mrs Athawes		36	Mrs Driscoll

WOLVERTON VILLAGE HALL

As you may know we are having to raise money for a new thatch roof and repairs and alterations to the toilets and kitchen. We can get a grant to help with this but have to contribute one quarter of the amount needed ourselves. There has been a very good start with a Jumble Sale on May 28th, with stalls full of jumble and many willing helpers and customers. The Nearly New stall at the Donkey Derby was a good idea and was going well but then the rain came and drove everyone home. The Cricket Match on June 19th was enjoyed by players and spectators. Tails batted first and scored 54 for 5 after one hour. Raffle tickets, squash, crisps and choc bars were on sale at the interval. Heads batted and were all out for 25. Top scorer of the day was M. Athawes 23.

The Coffee Morning at Andburgh, Wolverton Common was a very nice morning and helped to swell the funds.

The Garden Fete in Wolverton Cottage garden was a great success and a grand total of £366.76 profit was shared by the Village Hall and the Church. A great big thank-you to all helpers and supporters.

The Mad Hatters Tea Party was great fun for all who came.

CHANGE OF DATE

The Pet Show will now be held on Sunday September 11th at the Village Hall. Please bring all pets to the hall 2.30 onwards. Judging to start at 3pm. Entrance fee 20p per animal. Rosettes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each class.

WOLVERTON VILLAGE FETE - LIST OF TAKINGS

		£31.20
1.	Tombola	52.00
2.	Cakes Stall	48.40
3.	Raffle	35.29
4.	White Elephant Stall	25.87
5.	Teas	16.75
6.	Plants Stall	15.43
7.	Ice-cream Stall	13.665
8.	Fishing boats and lavender sales	9.95
9.	Pony rides	9.83
10.	Book stall	8.835
11.	Dice, guessing dolly's name and cake weight	7.65
12.	Hot dogs and hamburgers	7.60
13.	Golf putting	6.90
14.	Egg guessing	6.18
15.	Jam and sweets stall	4.85
16.	Bowls	4.60
17.	Treasure hunt and quoits	4.04
18.	Shooting gallery	2.45
19.	Electric bell	

Total	371.49
Less advertising expenses	4.73
	<hr/> 366.76

Half share to St Catherine's 183.38

H.S. Harrison
Treasurer
25.7.83

Some news of Mrs Van Clute and Adrian and Mrs Tanner, formerly of Axmansford. They are happily settled in the small Somerset town of Crewkerne living in De Combe House - the grand old ex-grammar school, now converted into residential flats. Artist Mrs Van Clute's studio is next door to Mrs Tanner's, whose flat was the Physics laboratory. They send their greetings to all their Wolverton friends. Following family tradition I spent some 9 years at this school, as a boarder; so their warm welcome in June made for me an enjoyable return to old haunts. Crewkerne School was founded in 1499 by John De Combe and finally closed in the 1970's when a large comprehensive school was built nearby.

An OAP writes:

Neil Harrison.

I trust it is not too late to express the appreciation of all those who took part in the trip to Weymouth on 13 June. At a time of weather uncertainty we enjoyed a fine day, and splendid catering, under the able and kindly supervision of the Rector and Mrs Franks. Our gratitude goes to all the Trustees of the Sir George Brown Fund, and last but by no means least to Cliff, our driver for his skilful and considerate handling of a very large coach.

VILLAGE MARKET

You may be aware that we entered the market for the Hampshire Village Ventures Competition. Although we didn't succeed in winning a prize the judges were very impressed with the success of our market. You may be interested to read their comments.

"Wolverton - Village Market

An unusual Village Ventures entry. The market run on non-profit making lines by the organisers is well patronised and represents a very imaginative way of bringing together members of a small and scattered village by making use of the Village Hall. However, the judges felt that the organisers would benefit from more helpers and general community involvement in the organisational side rather than just the consumer side of the project. None the less the market is very well run. By getting people together in this way the market is having real spin offs in terms of interest in other village projects. Well done."

Incidentally there were sixty entries for the competition from all over the county.. Do continue to use and support the market and of course we would be delighted to have offers of help and any useful suggestions for its betterment. Just contact 297328 or 297388

ASHFORD HILL AND WOLVERTON W.I.

The Institute is just about to hold what it considers to be the most important event of its very varied year by giving all day entertainment to about forty mentally handicapped children and their helpers. This event takes place each year at the home of Mr and Mrs Casson at Frith Farm. The children play in the lovely garden, are given lunch and tea provided by the members, but the highlight of their day is their use of the swimming pool. It is a very wonderful and humbling experience to see their happiness throughout the day. Some of them have come to us for several years and greet us like old friends. How about becoming a member and being here to help us out next year. Our W.I. is very friendly and informal and you would find a real welcome. Ring Mrs Shaw 297328 or Mrs Stephenson 298418.

"Progress" (from the Hants and Berks Gazette, 12 September 1969)

With a depressing inevitability the hydra-headed gorgon of progress has inexorably crushed and destroyed the character of old Basingstoke. Half timbered buildings and curious streets became just so much rubble as bulldozers and demolition mobs knocked down centuries of history in a matter of hours.

WANTED

Some volunteers to help with the Church cleaning. Normally this is done on a Friday morning. Mrs Driscoll organises the rota and would be very pleased to hear of anyone who would like to help. Phone no: Kingsclere 295667.

DEADLINE for the next edition 15th October. Items to the Rectory please.