



Wishford Oak Apple Club – The 74 Founding Members

Following a Charter of 1603, Wishford inhabitants had certain rights to collect wood in Grovely Woods, since time immemorial.

Following disputes over the years, The Wishford Oak Apple Club was set up in 1892, to defend the rights in Grovely, of the people of Wishford, to go to Grovely as frequently as they please to collect and take away as much dead or fallen wood as they can carry or haul away in a wood cart. Also, to cut green wood, no larger than the size of a man's arm, on May 29th each year, and similarly, to remove this wood. In order to do this and to maintain their rights, the inhabitants of Wishford had to go to Grovely at dawn on May 29th each year, and cut a green bough and bring it back to the village to stand it outside their house for the remainder of the day. They then had to go "in a dance" to Salisbury Cathedral, and assemble before the main alter, where the Rector of the parish would read the relevant part of the Charter of 1603, after which, the people make their claim by loudly shouting "Grovely, Grovely, Grovely and All Grovely.

The 74 founding members of Wishford Oak Apple Club:

Surname	Given Names
Bacon	Frederick
Bailey	William
Brown	Cornelius
Bryant	Albert
Bryant	George, Jnr.
Bryant	George, Snr.
Budden	George, Jnr.
Bullock	Albert
Churchill	John
Cutler	Edward
Deer	Richard
Diaper	James
Dobell	Tom
Down	George, Jnr.
Down	George, Snr.
Down	Herbert
Everett	Charles
Fewester	A. J.
Francis	William, Jnr.

Francis	William, Snr.
Goulden	George
Gray	George
Gray	Harry
Harrison	Tom
Hunt	George
King	William
Lever	Harry
Liney	James
Maggs	William, Jnr.
Maggs	William, Snr.
Maidment	George
Maidment	John
Main	Albert
Main	James
Matthews	Tom
Mundy	Tom
Musselwhite	Tom
Newton	Frank
Newton	George
Newton	Harry
Petty	Edward
Petty	Frank
Petty	John
Petty	M.
Pile	John
Plowman	George
Plowman	Samuel
Poolman	J.
Scammell	H. G.
Scott	Arthur
Scott	Sidney
Selwood	Albert
Selwood	J.
Shergold	Charley
Shergold	James
Shergold	William
Simper	Frank
Simper	Harry
Smith	Charley
Smith	Fred
Smith	George
Smith	John
Smith	John, Jnr.
Smith	John, Snr.
Smith	Oliver
Smith	William
Snook	George

Sutton	Bertie
Trubridge	Albert
Turner	George
Tutt	Francis
Wootton	Charley
Wright	George
Young	G. M.

The History of Oak Apple Day in Wishford Magna