

HEARING DOGS FOR THE DEAF

On behalf of the Oxfordshire branch of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, I would like to say a very big thank you to the ladies who organised a Jumble Sale for us in Milton Village Hall on February 22nd, and many thanks to all those who came along to support it, which made a great total of £110. We were delighted to meet Mrs. Cook with her Hearing Dog puppy Pebbles, who came to give us their support. If you are interested in helping raise funds for this very worthwhile cause, please contact me, Heather Shute, on 831909.

CHIPPING NORTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

The sad death of Tommy Gomm in December is felt by every member of the Choir, both as a friend and a choir colleague. A Founder Member, his unfailing cheerfulness and unceasing hard work contributed greatly to the choir's morale and success.

We were delighted once again to sing in Churchill Village Hall, where we raised £30 for the Village Hall Fund. On Saturday, February 1st, we joined one hundred and fifty singers from The English Association of Male Voice Choirs in Dudley Town Hall, which provided a splendid venue for this concert. Supporting the choirs was a talented and versatile local Brass Ensemble who played music ranging from Handel to traditional jazz. Two new members have joined us. As usual, anyone wishing to come and sing with us will be more than welcome. Meetings are each Thursday from 8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. in the John Buchanan Hall at Penhurst School, Chipping Norton.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD CRICKET CLUB

The Club held its A.G.M. in February and looks forward eagerly to the new season, hoping to do as well, or improve upon, last year's achievements.

On Saturdays the 1st and 2nd XI compete in the Cherwell League against the best club teams in Oxon, Bucks, Glos, Wilts and Beds. On Sundays, two teams play friendly fixtures in a more local radius. Last year our 1st XI finished 5th of the 16 clubs, above the likes of Dunstable, Aylesbury, Swindon and Buckingham, and club skipper Jon Hartley broke the league record number of runs scored including five centuries - you really should come and watch, as when Jon is batting the ball could land in your garden anywhere in the Wychwoods!

We welcome new players of any ability - please come along on Tuesday evening practice nights from mid-April, and be assured of a friendly welcome to enjoy our lovely ground and amenities - talking of which, we are looking for help running the bar at weekends; also someone interested in the ordering and stocking of same. If any of the above interest you, please contact Brian Gorton on 0993 703357.