

## To the Wychwood Magazine,

I wish to say a most sincere "thank you" to all my colleagues, patients and friends in the Wychwoods and surrounding villages. I have been totally overwhelmed by your generosity and expressions of love and good wishes and it seems right that I should publicly acknowledge them.

On January 22nd this year, I attended what I understood to be a small 'farewell' at the Milton Village Hall. There were approximately thirty people there when I arrived and I was totally flabbergasted to be confronted by the Press. (I would certainly have fled if it had not been for the children who were obviously very keen to be photographed!). This mission accomplished I turned round to discover the hall was full of people, Mums, Dads, children and some of my older friends. I was completely stunned! I could not even drink my coffee or eat the delicious chocolate cake handed to me. Within minutes I was being presented with baskets of flowers, with a large bottle of Martini and with special cards from the children of the Toddler and Playgroups of the villages. Sixteen month old Aimée Jones, assisted by her mother Beverley, presented me with a cheque and money totalling £550, donated by the Community — what a wonderful gift, and even more wonderful that it was given to me by Aimée who is a living miracle in our midst. Aimée, Beverley and I had spent many hours together during the preceding year.

I know from the wonderful drawing contribution from the children (some drew pictures of themselves, some of their hands, and some just drew) that a tremendous effort had gone into the preparation and presentation which meant much support from Leaders, Helpers and Parents. I shall keep them always as special mementos — likewise the most moving card of messages from so many people and 'fronted' by a most fantastic picture of ducks dressed in nursing apparel drawn by Sarah Dodds.

I was delighted to have representatives of the Evergreens and others present — in my earlier years in the Wychwoods I worked a great deal with the elderly — a role which Sister Jane Richards has ably taken over since her arrival. I was pleased to say "thank you" on behalf of the Mums and children to Mrs. Honor Wolf and Mrs. Marjory Rathbone for all their many years of service so freely given to the child clinics; to Vi Miles for cheerfully facilitating the use of the Village Hall, and finally, to Sister Grace Rawlins for being such a wonderful colleague, and so loved by us all I would like to say "thank you" to the D'Souza family — to Kenny for his generous words and presentation of Royal Worcester china on behalf of the community on the memorable 'last night' of the pantomime, and to Caroline for her forbearance and kindness.

My special thanks go to the Wychwood Surgery. Dr. Scott, Dr. Beazer and Dr. Keenan have always been most supportive and generous to me and often via me to those who were in particular need.

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To Janet, Annaleise and latterly Beryl, without whose co-operation I certainly could not have functioned, and to Jill, Pat, Dianne, Morag and Christine whose communication skills are unparalleled.

My final "thank you" is to you ALL for granting me the privilege of sharing in your lives, and to my husband for being so understanding about time spent away from home.

I wish my successor Mrs. Liz Bunney every happiness working in the Wychwoods. I know that you will find her responsive to the needs of the Community, a ready listener and most helpful and supportive.

Elizabeth Mitchell.

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## **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ASCOTT-U-WYCHWOOD**

Work on the re-roofing of the Church is planned to start at the end of May. An appeal to raise £20,000 to pay for this is in progress, and leaflets are being distributed throughout Ascott. If you can help, please contact the Treasurer, Mrs. Anne Braithwaite, The Old Mill, Ascott-u-Wychwood. Tel. 831282.

Holy Trinity Vestry and Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Church at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29th. All are welcome.

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## **WYCHWOOD SCHOOL P.T.A.**

### **NEARLY NEW ADULTS & CHILDRENS CLOTHES SALE**

Saturday April 4th 1992

In the School Hall

Good quality nearly new clothes at bargain prices

Come and look, home made cakes also on sale

### **ANNUAL MAY FÊTE**

Saturday May 16th at 2.00 p.m.

Many attractions including Bouncy Castle, Toy Stall, Plant Stall, Cake Stall and many more.

Lots of fun for the kids and the adults too!

**It's your village school, please come and support us!**