

WYCHWOOD LIBRARY

It has been clear for a long time that we have a very good library in the Wychwoods; many people have privately thought that it must be one of Oxfordshire's best! It is hardly surprising therefore, that, in an assessment of the quality of libraries carried out on each library by fellow librarians in the service – a programme set up by Oxfordshire County Council Department of Leisure and Arts – sponsored by Unipart and appropriately named the "High Regard" programme, our library in the Wychwoods should have been acknowledged as the best!

The programme was set up to enable the library service to judge from within how well libraries were doing in serving their public; it was not seen primarily as a competition among libraries. Points were awarded for a wide range of features and it is to be hoped that there were special points for the librarian's smile of welcome which greets us – after all, a library is not an inanimate object, but reflects the skill and approach of the librarian!

It is a source of pleasure that she has been recognised in this way and surely, the award will lead to even more extensive use of this very special library resource which we have in the Wychwoods.

Arthur Ashton, Fifield.



The presentation to Mrs. Beryl Brown, Library Manager, being made by Frank Nigriello, Director of Group Communications at Unipart.