

## **Volunteer Reading Help**

### **COULD YOU HELP A CHILD TO READ?**

All education stems from literacy so any child struggling with the basics, inevitably faces multiple hardships. Not only are they disadvantaged in reading and writing but their progress in other areas is jeopardised.

Not all children with reading difficulties fall into the "Special Educational Needs" category, they simply require some help to get them up to speed with their peers.

In West Oxfordshire a group of dedicated individuals, part of a nationwide Volunteer Reading Help organisation, are helping youngsters fulfil their potential. Volunteers work with 6-11 year olds on a one-to-one basis giving half an hour each to the same three children twice a week. All Volunteers are interviewed and attend a short training course before going into schools.

The next training session will be held in Witney in September so if you have a few hours to spare and would like to work in a local primary school, please contact Helen Webb for further information at the following address:

Volunteer Reading Help, Behind the Old Police Station, Church Green,  
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## **SENIOR CITIZENS' CONSOLATION**

As we grow older, we are worth more:

We have SILVER in our hair, GOLD in our teeth, STONES in our kidneys, LEAD in our feet.

Each day we have two visitors, the first one is WILL POWER to get us going; the second is ARTHUR ITUS, he moves around from joint to joint.

The Vicar called and said, "As I was getting older, I should think about the hereafter."

I assured him that I did, all the time! In the kitchen, in the lounge, in the bedroom and in the bathroom.

Wherever I go I say "What did I come here after?"

Anon.