

## Wychwood Branch Library



Following a year of uncertainty it is a great pleasure to announce that the Wychwood Library will not close this year. A decision has been made to reduce the opening hours of all libraries in Oxfordshire and the Wychwood Branch will lose two hours a week. I intend to reduce the opening hours in each session rather than lose a complete session. A large cut in funds for the book fund will mean a reduction in new books purchased. We shall continue to circulate books between libraries and together with the Special Circulating Collection the branch will be able to meet most of its readers' needs. Other important changes are an increase in charges for 'Requested Books' now £1 and an increase in overdue fines.

The Children's Circulating Collection will continue and a new Homework Collection has been installed in the branch. This collection which covers all the subjects and topics in the school curriculum is for 'Library Use Only'. The children will be asked to fill in a questionnaire when they use this collection so that we can monitor which books are proving useful.

We make every effort to change book stocks regularly as we do for books on cassette and videos. Videos can be hired for a week for only £2.

The branch is proud of its links with the local junior members through 'The Wychwood Primary School' 'The Nursery Class' and 'The Wychwood Playgroup' who visit the branch for story times.

Membership numbers are important as are the number of books borrowed and we keep records so that we have statistical evidence to press our case for retaining this branch in the Wychwoods.

I would like to thank everyone who signed the petition, wrote letters of support and completed the questionnaires which really helped to press home the message that the Branch Library is important to us in the Wychwoods.

Mr Douglas Cunningham is planning to form a 'Friends of the Library Group' and a meeting will be held in March. I know I can count on your support to keep your library open. There is a new sign pointing the way to the library on the corner by the Milton Post Office Stores.

Beryl Brown - Library Manager

### LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

Monday	2pm to 5pm	6pm to 7.30pm
Wednesday	10am to 12 noon	2pm to 5pm
Friday	2pm to 5pm	6pm to 7.30pm

## WYCHWOOD PLAYGROUP

Milton-under-Wychwood Village Hall

Vacancies 2½ - 5 yr. olds. Monday - Tuesday - Thursday, 9.30 - 11.45.

PPA Registered, Qualified Supervisor. Tel 01451 810042. Call in and see us any time.

Friday Mornings are a Family Session, 10 - 11.30. Drop in for a coffee and a chat.

Babes, Toddlers, up to 5 yrs, all enjoy Friday Sessions.