

SCOUTS

1st Wychwood Scouts Helping young people make the most of life

WANTED: LEADERS

We are looking for new cub and scout leaders to help continue the good work of the Scout Association in promoting the development of young people.

We are particularly proud of our own local group, 1st Wychwood Scouts. Having been in existence for 23 years, we currently have 24 Cubs, with a long waiting list, and 12 scouts. Our leaders have always been enthusiastic and committed to providing a wide range of training and activities, fully supported by an active committee of parents. Meetings for both cubs and scouts are held on Thursday nights during term time at Tiddy Hall in Ascott under Wychwood with great facilities both in the hall and locally.

But we now need new leaders for both Cubs and Scouts. Yes, it does take commitment in both time and effort but helping local children to develop their individuality and community spirit is so rewarding. And you're not alone. Apart from the other leaders to share the load, we have the very active support of the Association, particularly "District", with full training, support and, for some time, help at the Thursday meetings.

If you feel interested in this challenge or know of someone who might be, please, **don't just let the opportunity pass**, find out more by contacting me right now.

Roger Hollingdale (Chairman) (01993 830743)

Lights of Love

On Saturday 12 December a tall Christmas Tree will stand outside Sir Michael Sobell House Hospice, in the grounds of the Churchill Hospital. The tree will be dressed with hundreds of sparkling lights, each one carrying a loving message for someone who has died.

Donations are invited for the Lights. The money raised will go to Sobell House, which needs over £700,000 a year from charitable contributions to maintain its excellent care of those with terminal illnesses. Everyone is invited to dedicate a light – whether their loved one died at Sobell House or elsewhere. They are also invited to complete a personal 'In Memory' page which will be bound into one of the special Lights of Love Books of Remembrance.

The Lights will be turned on for the first time by the Lord Mayor of Oxford, Councillor Carole Roberts, at 4.30pm on Saturday 12 December. A band will lead the short service and afterwards refreshments will be served in a marquee.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to dedicate a Light this Christmas, please call Sobell House Hospice Charity on 01865 883339 for further information.