

Mothers and Toddlers

Over the years we have had a very active Mothers and Toddlers Group and Play Group in Shipton. The latter closed through the lack of help and they kindly gave their chairs, tables and equipment to Mothers and Toddlers. Sadly this also closed later through lack of support, but we are very pleased to hear that a new group will open in September. The Committee has agreed to give all equipment to the New Beaconsfield hall for the use of the younger members. We also have some money to put towards projects for the young, and so we are donating £100 to each of Ascott, Milton and Shipton Toddler Groups. We wish Rosie Benson "Good Luck" as she is working hard this summer with the young. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and the fun we had at the Old Hall. Happy Memories.

Terry Crawley, Mandy Schofield and Jay Wiseman.

'THE WAY OF A CITIZEN ADVOCATE...

There are many people living in West Oxfordshire who have difficulty in expressing themselves effectively. Some live on their own or with a parent: others live in small staff-supported group homes: and others in larger establishments - many of them would benefit from having a citizen advocate of their own, independent of their carers, who would call on them regularly and become prepared to be a voice for them.

Citizen advocates are prepared to give, say one or two hours a fortnight, to work at making a one-to-one relationship with another person who may not be able to talk very well. The BT advert says it is good to talk - and so it is - but if you can't, then life can be very frustrating and disempowering.

Citizen advocates are not expected to counsel or advise - but just offer their experience as ordinary citizens - who know where to go for expert advice should their partner ever need it. The West Oxfordshire Citizen Advocacy supports advocates in their developing relationships with their partners, and is always looking for more citizen advocates to meet the needs of all those on their waiting list. If you could spare the time to become a citizen advocate for another person, then please ring Co-ordinator Anthony Richards on 01993 704826, or write to West Oxfordshire Citizen Advocacy, PO Box 138, Witney OX8 5YJ, for more information.

Someone, somewhere is looking forward very much to meeting you.

CHARLBURY FLOWER CLUB

OPEN MEETING AT CHIPPING NORTON TOWN HALL

THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER AT 7.30 P.M.

CAKE AND CRAFT STALL

TICKETS £5.00 Members £3.00

for The J.R. Special Baby Care Unit