

## **First Wychwood Guides.**

The response to our appeal for a frame tent was most heartening. We have two offers which we will pursue in the spring. Ian Mearns Holidays of Burford have also given us one of their old tents used for camping holidays in France. This is equipped with a living area and separate bedrooms so will be very useful as storage and kitchen for QM. Our thanks to Mr Mearns for his generosity and to Judith Porter for organising it for us.

As the weather is still not suitable for camping we have arranged a weekend trip to a youth hostel in Kent. This will be a new experience for all of us and we hope that the girls (and Guiders) will all enjoy visiting a different area, travelling by train and trying out youth hostelling. We hope this will, in part, make up for our washed-out summer camp at Wilcote.

During my years of running Wychwood Guides I always found fund-raising to be the one job that was a real chore. We now have thriving Rainbow, Brownie and Guide groups in the village, all run by busy people. Perhaps now is the time to form a group of 'Friends' to support these units and undertake to raise funds for their benefit. If anyone would be prepared to help me form a small support group please ring me on 831134.

Sally Summerhill is due to have her first baby in a couple of weeks so will be taking a period of maternity leave from running Wychwood Guides with Tracy. If anyone could help with running meetings in her absence I know Tracy would love to hear from you - please ring 01451 810478.

Christine Halliday

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## **SCOUTS**

**Helping young people make the most of life.**

**1st Wychwood Scouts.**

First the good news. We have a new Scout Leader. Her name is Sharon Halliday and she is coming from the Barton Group. The bad news is we still need Cub Leaders if the pack is to continue after February half term. We have two parents willing to be Assistant leaders but we either need two more to join them as Assistant Leaders or one Leader to help them run the pack. Can you spare a little of your time to help?

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Toni Simons, Mark Hazel, Simon Towers, Mark Stevens, Sandra Mills and Gary Holton who helped keep our Scout Group going up until Christmas. They gave up their time despite their own personal and scouting commitments.

If you think you would be able to help with our Cub Pack please get in touch with Roger Hollingdale (830743) or Julie Hemming (830076) as soon as possible or we could be closing down.