

WYCHWOOD LIBRARY

When we last reported in The Wychwood Magazine last September, we indicated that the Cultural Services in Oxford were pursuing the development of the present library site in preference to moving the library elsewhere. Plans have now been completed and the financial assessments made and these were submitted to the Friends of the Wychwood Library at a recent meeting called by Mr. Tom Forrest, the Director of Cultural Services.

In essence, the plans provide for doubling the internal floor area of the library from 50 square metres to 102 square metres and incorporating an ICT provision and a Local Learning Centre. This will ensure that our library will continue on an extended scale to be the focal point for learning and access to information throughout the entire Wychwood area.

In order to progress their plans, the Library Authorities sought an undertaking from the Friends, together with the support of the Parish Councils of Shipton, Milton, Ascott and Fifield, to raise the sum of £35,000 towards the cost of the venture. It was the unanimous decision of all the parties concerned to support such an undertaking.

Already some £9,000 has been promised by local Parish Councils and a fund-raising committee will shortly be set up to plan our campaign. Our aim will be to approach every family and corporate business within the Wychwood area.

If we can achieve our objective and secure a library and learning service comparable to any throughout the country, we feel that this will be one of the most beneficial and lasting projects our community can have.

The plans are on view in the library and we hope you will share our enthusiasm at what is on offer.

Douglas E Cunningham, Chairman, Friends of the Wychwood Library.

Further Library Information

Autumn story time took place at the Nursery class, at the Wychwood Primary School and the Playgroup. The 'Safari' colouring competition was won by Michael Cradock age 7 and Gordon Coombes age 9. The Internet Project has begun with the installation of the PC and the staff are now being trained. We hope to be on line by March 2000. The system will be coin operated and the public will have e-mail and the world wide net together with free local services.

The library still needs your support and you will always be welcome to use our wide choice of books and videos. We can order any book you want that is not on the shelves.

The Library Opening Times	Monday	2 pm to 5 – 6 pm to 7.30
	Wednesday	10 am to 12 – 2 pm to 5.00
	Friday	2 pm to 5 – 6 pm to 7.30

Library Manager, Beryl Brown.