

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Wychwood Mums Share Second Thoughts!**

Four mothers from the Wychwoods have joined forces to save their favourite shop. Carol Ayres, Dee Brooker, Fiona Latter and Liz Williamson were devastated to hear that Second Thoughts, based in the village of Milton-under-Wychwood, was to cease trading at the end of February this year. All four had been frequent visitors to the shop, which accepted and sold good quality second-hand clothing and furnishings on a 50/50 basis. Although Second Thoughts had a constant stream of customers from the Wychwoods and beyond, the previous owner was finding it increasingly difficult to juggle her increasing workload with the demands of a growing family.

The new owners, two of whom are expecting their second babies in April, decided to take the plunge after discussing the pros and cons with regulars at their local toddler group. Said Liz Williamson: "We all felt that Second Thoughts served an important role within the community, but none of us wanted to take on the business single-handedly. We feel that by sharing the workload between four of us, we can provide a service to the village, give ourselves a new interest and perhaps make a small profit at the same time!"

After a short period of re-furbishment, the new-look Second Thoughts will open for business at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday 11th April. However, despite the fact that the name remains the same, regular customers will see a number of changes. Firstly, the shop is now completely child-focused in that the new owners will be taking and selling good-as-new children's clothes (up to aged 11 years), baby equipment, toys, books, videos and maternity wear. In keeping with the new theme, the shop aims to be one of the most child friendly in the area, with a specially designed play area for young children so that parents can shop in relative peace! The last point is especially important as the new owners plan to take their children – Alex, Harry, Felicity and Zara (plus the two latest offspring) – into work with them!

The new opening hours will be: Mondays 13:30 to 16:30 Tuesdays – Fridays 09:30 to 12:30

For more information about depositing clothing/equipment in preparation for the Grand Opening on 11th April, please telephone (01993) 832602.

### **WANTED URGENTLY!**

**Drivers for Milton-u-Wychwood 'Meals on Wheels' round.**

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