FRIENDS of WYCHWOOD LIBRARY

Since our last report in the June/July issue of the Wychwood Magazine, we have received additional donations of £2,170 and the total which has now been raised by the Friends Group is £9,732.

Oxford County Council have allocated £10,000 towards refurbishment costs and three local parish councils (Milton, Shipton and Fifield) have pledged £9,000 from their precepts over the next two years. This makes a total of £28,732 towards our target of £35,000 leaving a shortfall of £6,268.

Although £6,268 by any standards is a formidable amount which has still to be raised, we hope that you will continue to support our Appeal and ensure that when our new Library has been built it will have been due in the main to the efforts and generosity of the wide range of the members of our community, particularly those who regularly make use of the present Library's facilities.

As evidence of their confidence that we shall indeed reach our target, the Library Authorities have put the project into the hands of W.S. Atkins (County Property Agents) who will now deal with the necessary planning and tendering matters. The work is due to start in the early Spring lasting 12 to 16 weeks.

Douglas E. Cunningham, Chairman, Friends of Wychwood Library

Raise the Roof for Sobell

Imagine a House. A house where there is no discrimination.

Where there is always someone who'll listen – and understand.

Where all your family are welcome – and no one minds if you laugh or cry. A house where there is art, music and dancing – and you are made to look and feel beautiful.

Imagine a house where all this is free. There is a house like this ... and it's your house. Sobell House Hospice provides care and support for those with life limiting illness. Our services are free and available to the whole community of Oxfordshire. Sobell House is your house – it is there for local people and their families.

But now your house needs your help! Built in the 1970s the buildings are old and outdated. These vital services can no longer continue from the current site. We need your help to build a new modern Sobell House for the people of Oxfordshire. Thanks to people like you, we've collected £2 million in donations already. The foundations, as it were, are down. We just need a last push now – to raise the roof!

A new house for just £5. If every family in the local area donated the cost of just one brick at £5, a new Sobell House could be built. Please show us your support, no matter how little you may think it seems.

Call 01865 883339 now with your credit/debit card details. To find out more visit our web site at www.sobellhospice.org