

The Wychwood

IT IS OFTEN SAID after a sudden fatal accident to adventurous people, that they died doing what they most enjoyed. That may be true, but the dreadful feeling of loss by family and friends cannot be eased by the thought. The recent loss of Bob Bradley has shocked and saddened not only his family, but his very many friends, to all of whom we offer our sincere condolences.

The Wychwoods are very fortunate in having a variety of good local shops offering excellent service, often 'beyond the call of duty'. The Oxfordshire Village Shops Association is running a competition aimed at rewarding good service by rural retailers. This is an opportunity to thank all our shopkeepers for the services they provide – remember, "If you don't use them, you lose them". If you wish to nominate one for the competition see p. 21 for details.

Most of us agree that the dropping of litter is pointless (see apt definition of SLOB on p.46). Over the past few weeks we have come across several people picking up litter, an act very much appreciated. A particularly difficult decision for many is what to do with the can or container that they have just emptied when walking from the place of purchase. May we make yet another appeal to everyone to take their litter home, or find a litter bin.

We have received important information about bogus telephone calls which could prove expensive. Please see p.6 for details.

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