

Wychwood Library.

For this article we had hoped to be able to give a firm date for the commencement of our library extension. But as so often happens with projects like this it takes longer than expected. Lots of people have been beavering away behind the scenes, planning permission has been passed and a hundred and one other things are falling into place, yet still the start date is not settled, but now early June seems most likely.

Before any building starts we have the big move up the road to the mission room. The room needs to be painted before we move in. We will be looking for helping hands to do this, then all the bookshelves have to be put in place. For this we will have expert help from the library service who have done similar projects before. Then the books are moved. This could be fun! So if you see a chain of books going up the High Street you will know we are on the move. To all of you it may seem to be taking a long time, and it is, but it is a mammoth task and we have come a very long way from three years ago and the serious threat of closing our Wychwood library.

So very soon all our hopes will be fulfilled. Activities and promotions continue to try to expand the use of our library.

Term time visits were made to the nursery class and to classes 1 and 2 of Wychwood primary school where stories and poems were read. The visit to Ascott preschool group took the same form. We were very pleased to welcome the Wychwood play group to the library. Toddlers, mothers and helpers enjoyed the visit and were able to select books to look at after the short introduction and story session.

The Easter colouring competition was won by Olivia Redman, 5 years and Emma Bailey age 7½ years. They will both receive book marks as a small prize.

A Brownie was tested for her "Book Lover" badge and it was so enjoyable to have the stories she had read, retold to me, and with such enthusiasm. Well done.

Fund raising for our Amenities Fund continues with books being sold within the library, and Mrs. Vi Miles and her band of helpers organised a Rummage Sale resulting in £256 being raised. Thank you very much.

Library Times.

Monday	2pm to 5 pm	6pm to 7.30pm
Wednesday	10 am to 12 noon	2 pm to 5 pm
Friday	2pm to 5pm	6pm to 7.30pm

Beryl Brown, Library Manager.