

## Sobell House Hospice

Is currently seeking new volunteers to join its 200-strong team, providing help for people with terminal illness. I am writing to ask if you would please publicise our need for volunteers in your newsletter. We particularly need people to work on the reception desk, hairdressers, qualified complementary therapists and retail assistants for the shops. We are also recruiting volunteers to join the bereavement support service, which will begin a training course in May.

Volunteers are an essential part of the hospice team, and offer help in all areas of the House: the ward; day centre; reception desk and as drivers. Most volunteers offer three to four hours a week, and some weekend work is also available. The volunteers spend a good part of their time in direct contact with patients, either by listening to them, helping with artistic or creative activities, or driving them to and from the hospice from their homes.

There are also practical tasks such as serving drinks and meals, baking cakes, or shopping for essential supplies. Sobell House offers support and training for all new volunteers, and on-going training throughout the time they are here. Initially, volunteers work alongside an experienced volunteer as they learn about the particular area they are working in.

More information is available from Hilary Lloyd, Voluntary Services Manager, on Oxford 225868.

Anyone interested in training for the bereavement support service should contact Di Rivers on 225878. Thanking you for your kind support.

Hilary Lloyd, Volunteer Services Manager.

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## POPPY APPEAL 2001

**Milton, Lyneham and Bruern** collected a grand total of £1,112.87.

I would like to thank all who helped in any way to raise this total.

Special thanks to Mrs. A. Hewett, Lyneham, who collected £106.35. The Golf Club £57 and Mrs. P. Flatman, Bruern, £93.54. Also Sh???, the Quart Pot, Wychwood Surgery, Groves and Prews for having boxes on their premises.

As 2001 will be my last year, very many thanks to those who have done so much to help me in the past 10 - 12 years. By the time this is printed Paul and I will have left the district to live in Brackley near my daughter.

I'm sure there will be those not sorry to see me go, but I hope many more who will miss me. It is going to be a big change for both of us, but hope to make regular visits to Milton.

Again many thanks and goodbye.

Eunice Austin, late P.A.O., Milton.

Other results: - **Ascott** £459.98, **Shipton** £1,509.39.