

Adieu to Mr. Padmore.

The whole of the school community were sad to hear that Geoff Padmore, Headmaster, decided to retire from his present post at the end of the summer term.

Many pupils have passed through Wychwood School's doors during the thirteen years of Geoff's tenure. He has seen many changes in the way education is delivered over this time – some innovations being more challenging than others, but under Geoff's leadership Wychwood School has always risen to the task. He will leave a school that now has nursery provision, nearby after-school facilities, a computer suite and an enlarged thriving rural school of which he can be justly proud.

Geoff has always believed that the school should be part of the community (the May Fete always goes ahead come rain or shine!), and in this lies one of its secrets of success in recent times. The school had a very good OFSTED report and has won two consecutive Schools achievement awards. Budgetary restraints over the years may not have been able to provide everything that Geoff may have wanted for the school, but with the generous support of the PTA and community he hopes no-one has been unduly disadvantaged.

Geoff is not entirely "hanging up his school books". He looks forward to being able to do valuable supply work enjoying doing what he was originally trained to do. All of us wish him and Nancy well – I expect some future articles will contain pictures of the end of term celebrations when we say good bye to all leavers young and not quite as young".

Churchill Hospital League of Friends

The League is in need of volunteers to help in the tea-bar/shop at the Churchill Hospital in Oxford, which is open Monday to Friday.

This is a very rewarding and worthwhile cause and however few hours you can spare would be greatly appreciated. We would value any help from people of whatever age, to enable us to continue giving this service which is much appreciated by the patients, staff and visitors.

Assistance is given with travel expenses. Come and have a chat and look around with no obligation. Please contact Miss MA Hughes or Mrs. Webb on 01865 225598.

Local Flower Show

Suddenly there is a newly planted flower bed on the grass verge outside the Post Office at Milton-u-Wychwood!

Please extend a warm "Thank You" to Edna and John Naish for making and planting another improvement to the village. It is greatly appreciated.

Rita Hicks.