

## SHIPTON UNDER WYCHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

The old Parish Council had its last meeting in the New Beaconsfield Hall on Thursday, 18 April 2002. Three members have retired and are not seeking re-election; Rosemary Salter, Elwyn Lewis and Jonathon Willson.

On behalf of the parish I would like to thank them all for their service to this community in attending Parish Council meetings, their contribution to these meetings and other duties they performed on behalf of the Parish Council. Elwyn Lewis and Jonathon Willson joined the council four years ago but have had to retire for business reasons. Rosemary Salter was elected to the Parish Council twenty years ago. Since then she has hardly missed a meeting. Her wide knowledge of village affairs and the parishioners will be greatly missed.

The new Parish Councillors are: Mr Malcolm Cochrane, Miss Joanna Cook, Mr Philip Croxson, Mr John Hartley, Mrs Hilary Biles, Mrs Anita Hollingdale.

There were six applications for seven seats so no election was required.

The first meeting of the new council was on 16 May 2002.

John Hartley, Chairman of the Parish Council, May 2002

At the end of the annual parish meeting held in the New Beaconsfield Hall on 11 April 2002, the Chairman announced the resignation of Mrs Winifred White from the position of Clerk to the Parish Council. She has held this position for forty seven years. She will leave office on 30 June 2002. He then read the following letter that he sent to her on receiving her resignation.

Dear Win

Thank you for your letter of resignation from the position of Clerk to the Shipton under Wychwood Parish Council. I must say it came as a bit of a surprise but thank you for giving us time to find a successor.

I think it is inevitable that the Parish Council will need a clerk with computer skills in the near future and I don't blame you for not wanting to tackle this so I understand your reasoning in resigning.

Shipton under Wychwood Parish Council without Win White as Clerk is not only unheard of but beyond the memory of all but a handful of parishioners. Your name is synonymous with Shipton under Wychwood Parish Council, with all parishioners and all the officers of WODC, OCC, ORCC and many other organisations.

On behalf of them all but especially all parishioners of Shipton under Wychwood and the members of the Parish Council past and present, may I thank you most sincerely for all the hard work and dedication you have shown on all of our behalves over the last forty-seven years.

During my short term as chairman I have really appreciated the knowledge, expertise and reliability that you have shown in your position as clerk. I am sure that all previous chairmen will have experienced the same.

I think I can truly say that Shipton under Wychwood will not be the same after 30 June 2002.

Yours sincerely,