

The Future of "The Wychwood" Magazine?

AFTER PUBLICATION for nearly a quarter-century the continued production of the Wychwood magazine is now in jeopardy because the Editor, Rosemary Salter and our producer, Don Salter are shortly moving from the Wychwoods area. This follows on the much regretted retirement of Publisher, George Longhurst.

Rosemary took over as Editor in 1989, before when she was Secretary, and has been responsible since then for attracting and editing contributions appearing in the magazine and herself contributing to the magazine's interesting and attractive presentation. We are fortunate that we think we have found a willing volunteer to take over from her. Don has been the mainstay of production since 1986. He has converted the text of articles and the imagery of advertisements into computer storage on disc, transmitted the data discs to our printers and technically supervised the magazine production.

We're are extremely grateful to Rosemary and Don for their contributions to "The Wychwood" through the past years and we wish them every happiness in their future home.

George has accepted the legal obligations of Publisher and has contributed considerable wisdom to the deliberations of the Editorial Committee through the years, acting as Chairman for part of the time. We thank him for his part in the success of the magazine.

However, we are then left with the task of finding volunteers to take over positions. At a recent emergency Committee meeting, Doreen Barnes kindly volunteered and was elected as Publisher.

It is to the task of finding a new producer that this article is especially directed. From the beginning of "The Wychwood" magazine in the days when it was run off on a Roneo machine and the pages were collated and stapled together by a voluntary team in the old Shipton Village Hall, enthusiasm and finance for the magazine have depended upon voluntary helpers, from its editing through to its distribution to individual subscribers. We could not afford to continue if we have to pay a commercial rate for Don's successor.

We now look for a volunteer, any age, to take over this position. As you will realise, computer knowledge of 'desktop publishing' is essential. But today many retired people have this knowledge - and so do many schoolchildren.

The magazine has a (fairly) modern PC to offer, together with the assurance of full reimbursement of all necessary outgoing expenses - and a totally inadequate payment besides. The practical experience to be gained from an actual running venture is considerable. We need someone willing to learn the details of the present production system for the rest of Volume 23, (until March 2003) and then take over from Volume 24, continuing with the old software, or converting to a more modern program of their choice from then on.

Will anyone willing to consider taking on the job, or requiring more information, please telephone Rosemary or Don on 830559 or myself at 830793. If we cannot find a new producer, the publication of "The Wychwood" will cease.

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Editorial Committee.