

Wychwood Noticeboard

Early Warning!

Wanted – a small group of people to follow through the plans laid out over several years of very successful fetes.

The first entry for your new diary must be a meeting to start planning Shipton Fete 2003.

This year the fete raised £1500 for village hall funds and, we estimate, a further £1500 for other local organisations. It would leave a large hole in village activities if we did not have a Fete next year, but to have a successful afternoon it has to be planned well in advance. If you think you could help in any way please join me for a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine on Wednesday, January 15th, 8pm., at 16, Sinnels Field, Shipton for a very informal meeting.

Christine Halliday 01993 831134

The Lady Reade Educational Foundation

A meeting of the Trustees of the above Foundation will be held on January 8th 2003, when applications will be considered from young people resident in the Wychwood parishes of Shipton, Milton, Leafield and Ramsden, who are undergoing further education, for assistance to buy books or other educational aids.

Applications should be made, in writing please, before January 8th 2003 to the secretary:

**Mike Brooks, 18 Jubilee Lane,
Milton-u-Wychwood, Oxford. OX7 6EW**

- Do you have time to spare?
- Are you able to drive?
- Would you like to help the local community?
- Could you be a volunteer driver for the Wychwood Surgery?

Many of our older patients find getting to hospital appointments extremely difficult because they are unable to get to Oxford, Banbury, Witney or Chipping Norton and cannot call on family or friends to help. The Wychwood Surgery tries to provide drivers from a small pool of volunteers who can take them to their appointments; the patients make a payment to cover petrol costs. The scheme is operated from the Surgery and provides a vital link between the Wychwoods and the main hospitals. Sometimes the trips made are between patients' homes and the Surgery, particularly for those patients living in Ascott and Leafield.

Several of our drivers have recently had to 'retire' for a variety of reasons and we are now heavily dependent on a very small handful of volunteers. With a few more volunteers we could reduce the burden on each driver.

Would you be able to join our list of volunteers? If you are interested or would like to know more please ring Vanessa Newman Practice Manager on 01993 831061