

And Finally....

Beryl's long service is recognised

Beryl Brown, Librarian at Milton-u-Wychwood Library, recently received an engraved crystal vase to commemorate 25 years of service to Oxfordshire County Council – all spent working at our local library! She started there as a library assistant in 1977, working only three days per week. At that time the library was housed in one room and was extended into the back room when the mobile library was transferred to Witney.

In 1998, the library



Beryl Brown, with the engraved crystal vase which commemorates 25 years of service to our local library!

came under threat of closure and the Friends of Wychwood Library were formed to fight any such closure. £35,000 was raised by grants from the Parish Councils and by donations made by the general public. Since then the library has gone from strength to strength and is as we see it now – recently extended and refurbished, with computer facilities and extra opening hours on Saturday mornings.

Well done Beryl; keep up the good work!

Shipton Fete 2003: A date for your diary

Owing to bookings at New Beaconsfield Hall, and events in surrounding villages, Shipton Fete will be held on **Saturday June 21st. PLEASE PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS NOW!** As well as supporting local charities we will be donating part of the profit to a charity working in a Developing Nation in the Third World.

Following the excitement of Dr. Scott's wingwalk and the Falcons parachute drop this year we plan a typical village fete with plenty of sideshows, games, stalls and children's races. If you have any ideas that would add something new please let me know. Better still, if you think you would like to help by running a stall or game give me a ring on the number below.



Shipton Fete 2002: The RAF Falcons salute Win

There will be Craft Fair again, if you would like to have a stall please contact Alison Townley on 831513. We will also hold an Auction of Promises and Goods; if you would like to 'Pledge a Promise' please contact Martin Gibbs on 832440. During the day we will need car-park attendants, washer-uppers and helpers for teas, bodies to run sideshows and stalls etc. Don't be shy, volunteer – it's a great way to get involved in village life.

Call Christine Halliday 831134