

News

The fight must go on

As many of you will be aware Langston House, our own residential care home for the elderly in Milton-under-Wychwood is threatened with closure. The running of the home was transferred from Oxfordshire County Council to the Order of St. John earlier this year and it was soon decided that the home was too small to be economically viable.

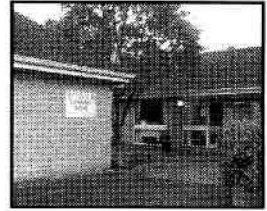
A public meeting was held in Milton Village Hall in October and was attended by 260 people. Similar meetings held in Chipping Norton and Woodstock, to discuss the future of Castle View and Spencer Court homes, were each attended by about 40 people. Subsequently 150 people wrote to express their views during the 'consultation' period.

Investigations are underway to ascertain whether or not it would be feasible to extend Langston House to provide more rooms, some to be used for 'early discharge' patients moved from hospital but unable to return straight home.

If this amenity is lost to the Wychwoods and surrounding villages we will all be the losers. With an ageing population it is vital that folk should be allowed to live out their days in the area where they have lived most of their lives, or where their friends and relatives are on hand. No-one disputes that the care given by the staff of Langston House is second to none.

Despite anything you may be told, this Residential Home is up to Government standards. All 16 beds are full and there is a waiting list of 11 - 8 of whom are local people. If this home closes, the nearest similar provision may be in Bicester, Wallingford or Thame. Would you want your old folk so far away?

A committee of local councillors and interested people are quietly working to keep up the pressure.



Langston House

Why not help by writing to the local press with your views or ring RADIO OXFORD and let BILL HEINE know how you feel. The number to ring to get on to his show is Dionne on 01865 889099 or the ACTION DESK on 08459 311222.

Do it today for everyone's sake.

Dr. Scott on Antarctica!

The February meeting of Shipton WI is to be an open one, when the speaker will be Dr. Sandy Scott on 'Antartica'. If you have heard his previous talks you will know this is an occasion not to be missed!

Thursday February, 13th. at 7:30pm

New Beaconsfield Hall

Visitors £2.00

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