

Wychwood Noticeboard

Fancy a cuppa?



The Members of Milton and Shipton-under-Wychwood, Fifield with Idbury Mothers' Union would like to invite you to AFTERNOON TEA

Tuesday 4th March 2003 at 2:30pm

**Milton Church Room,
next to the Church.**

The Mothers' Union is a Christian organisation with more than 1 million members in more than 70 countries across the world. Although the lives and experiences of the Mothers' Union members may differ widely, all share a belief in the value of family life and commitment to care for families worldwide. In the UK some members have been working in prisons, in remand centres, hospitals and child contact centres. Others have been helping parents to meet together, to talk about the joys and challenges of being a parent and to develop mutually supportive networks. The Mothers' Union provides resources and support for many of the issues that threaten family life, such as drug awareness, domestic violence and the impact of the media on children. Locally, there are projects which help families in their own community. We meet, work and share with others in order to demonstrate a commitment to Christian family life. Anyone can join, men, women, single or married; all are welcome.

If you need transport this can be arranged by telephoning Hilary Soden on 01993 831 226

- 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