
Shipton Charity Ball 2007

Since the last issue of *The Wychwood* we have agreed a further £3,300 in grants. These include £453 for a new playhouse for Wychwood Primary School, £380 for the Wildlife and Countryside Club, £358 for Wychwood Rainbows, £500 for Wychwood Guides and £1,000 towards the purchase of new playground equipment for the recreation area at the New Beaconsfield Hall. So far we have allocated a total of £5,718 to the young people of the Wychwoods.

The 2008 Charity Ball is taking place on **1st November**, and tickets are now on sale.

This year all the funds raised will be in aid of a *Help the Heroes* Charity providing support and facilities for wounded servicemen.

If you would like to reserve a table for this year's ball or offer help or raffle prizes, please ring Christine Halliday on: 01993 831134.

Peter Hills

Fifield News

The coffee morning held on Saturday 5th April was a wonderful success, raising a total of £328, which will be added to the fund to secure our historic church's future. Thanks to all for the cakes and raffle prizes.

The celebration lunch was held on 23rd April; Fifield sported the red and white cross of St George in profusion and tables were decorated with red flowers in red and white vases. Over 30 people enjoyed a delicious three-course lunch and joined in the loyal toasts with great enthusiasm. A total of £331.33 was raised, to be shared between Cancer

Research and the British Heart Foundation.

Mo Gay's Art Group put on a display of their marvellous talent, with more than 80 exhibits in the Hall on March 29th. If you are interested in joining the group contact Mo on: 01993 831112 or go along on a Friday morning to the Hall.

Saturday June 21st - The Hall Barbecue at Nicki Sissons lovely garden.

Sunday July 6th - Pot Luck Lunch

Sunday August 9th - Cream Teas

Both in aid of St John's Church, look out for details and venues

Catherine Hitchens

DNA Marking System

A DNA marking system that helps to deter burglars is being offered to residents of West Oxfordshire by the Community Safety Partnership. The Selecta DNA kits can be used to mark items from war medals, jewellery and pictures to passports and birth certificates. Unique microdot codes, which can only be viewed with an ultra-violet lamp once dry, are pasted onto the items. The code numbers and letters can

then be detected and cross-checked on a database held by the police if the items are found after being stolen. Bill Butcher, Crime Reduction Adviser says; "*The Community Safety Partnership is now making them available to anyone. They come with full instructions and are very easy to use; each kit will mark up to 100 items. They usually sell at £49 but are available from **Bill Butcher: 01993 861638** for just £15.*"