

Being a School Governor

Being a school governor is an important role and not one to be taken lightly. Parents and teachers are influenced by the decisions that governors make on behalf of their school and children's school lives. Many of the important choices children will make about their own futures also depends upon the school making the right judgements on their behalf - educationally, practically, morally and ethically.

A Place of Excellence

The Wychwood School is truly blessed in having a body of teachers, governors and enthusiastic parents who care deeply about making the school a place of excellence in every sense, and through my personal observations, the children reflect that caring and committed attitude.

The role of school governor is a relatively new one for me, in that I wasn't a governor at any of the schools my three daughters attended. I feel strongly about the link between our local school and the Church. The Church, and not just in this United Benefice of Shipton, Milton and Fifield with Idbury, is suffering from declining membership.

The majority of worshippers are middling to elderly in years, except perhaps in some of the very big evangelical churches in our large cities.

Our Precious Children

Church leaders at all levels recognize that our children are the next generation of worshippers and that they are very precious if the Church is to survive through this century. I believe our local churches have a strong bond with the Wychwood School which we can continue to build upon through our on-going links with the school and its staff. Whatever shape our Christian discipleship takes in the years that lie ahead, I really believe that this generation of children will view their local churches and clergy as a welcome, natural and integrated part of their life in the community.

And I can't conclude this article without saying what a constant delight it is for me when travelling around the villages, on foot or in the car, to be waved at by the children and to hear that cheery shout, "Hello, Reverend Wendy!"

Rev'd Wendy

Prevent Identity Theft

Shred-In at Wychwood School

Residents of the Wychwoods have an opportunity to prevent identity theft by getting their old documents containing personal information shredded securely at Wychwood School on **Saturday 8th November**.

Sacks will be available through the school and from Milton Post Office in October. Bring the full sacks to the

Allshred mobile secure shredding truck on the Saturday morning between 9.00-11.00am and your documents will be shredded in minutes while you watch. The charge is £5 per sack of which £2 goes to the school funds.

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