

Fundraising in the Wychwoods

What a Difference They Make!

Would you have any idea how much money was reported to have been raised locally, just in the last **two** issues of *The Wychwood*?

Unbelievably the total comes to nearly

£28,000!

Congratulations to all involved, we at *The Wychwood* feel proud to be part of such a generous community.

Just look at some of the big numbers achieved and the activities involved in achieving them.

Dancing and Walking

Shipton Charity Ball danced away with £10,700 for *Help the Heroes* and *SSAFA*. Heather Derkacz and Esther Parsons reported raising over £1,358 for the *Mouth Cancer Foundation* and the *Macmillan Trust* through Heather's sponsored walk and coffee mornings at the Surgery.

Fiona Walthall was inspired by Sandy Scott's *Everest Memorial Trust* and completely exhausted herself trekking in Everest to raise over £5,000 for Pheriche. The annual poppy appeals in our villages raised £3,123 for the *Royal British Legion* who do such fantastic work for servicemen and women.

Wychwood School PTA raised a staggering £1,794 through their Ladies Night, Christmas Bazaar and Fireworks Night. And our esteemed Editor, Christine Halliday, after suffering a near panic attack managed to secure the film of *Mamma Mia* and raised £1,335 for the Guiding cause so close to her heart.

KIDS and Carols

But that's only the start! Anne Matthews raised £857 for KIDS through a *Flix in the Stix* evening and Fifield reported their Harvest Supper and *Ride and Stride*, which together raised £655. The Milton Carol Singers raised £214, as reported below and the Shipton singers raised £432 to support the fabric of St Mary's Church.

John and Cicely Miller's Diamond Wedding Anniversary enabled a cheque for £600 to be sent to Cancer Research. Jill Mavin sold more than £700 of her recipe books for *Lawrence Home Nursing Team* and Liz Shannon raised an astonishing £982 through her Christmas Cards Charity Sale. Finally, Martin Prew topped up the *Help the Heroes* fund by £182.

What will the next months bring?

Amazing Grace

Arthur and Agnes complete our tally of money raised over the Christmas period.

Many thanks to all those lovely people who turned out for carol singing around the tree in Milton on Christmas Eve. The generous donation of £214.00 collected has been given to the Day Centre. When I visited them it was heart-warming to see the care and dedication given by the

helpers, who do a wonderful job.

Big thanks to John and Edna Naish for their mulled wine and mince pies and to the accordion player. There were comments that the music was too fast, note has been taken.

Arthur and Agnes Hunt