

The Wychwood

Christmas Cheer



In the run up to the festive season we are featuring two lovely stories of Christmas, US style, on pages 5 and 47. Then there is the tongue-in-cheek poem written by Geoff Stringer on page 9 about Christmas Eve at the Surgery back in 1992. Although the Surgery has moved since then, little else has changed and the cast of characters seems much the same!

There is so much to do in the Wychwoods at this time of year so see our round-up of Christmas and New Year festivities on page 13 and our Christmas tips to tempt on page 23.

Volunteering is one of our key themes, featured both on page 21 and in the Primary School report on page 51. We would like to propose a New Year toast to those wonderful people who do so much to make the 'Big Society' a reality in the Wychwoods. Our school children add a special touch with their poems on volunteering.

Finally if you are longing to get outside to enjoy our lovely countryside, the Wild Garden is now open for residents, guests and visitors, page 7, and we recommend a 37 mile circular walk in the heart of the Wychwoods, pages 34 and 35, but you don't need to do it in one go! A very Happy Christmas and New Year to all our readers.

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