

## Wychwood Library News

Happy New Year to you all and I do hope that one of your resolutions is to make good use of your local library. We offer free books and reasonably priced DVDs and audio items and it is warm in here!

2012 brings a concerted effort to get many more of you online or to improve your computer skills. As well as our usual 'Introduction to Computers' sessions, we are offering classes consisting of four to five one hour sessions specialising in Word Processing and Desktop Publishing. Ask at the desk for details.

The new Poetry Club is a lovely addition to Wychwood Library's regular events.

This is held on the **third Monday** of each month at 7pm until about 8.30. Look out for the topic for the evening on the notice board or get in touch with Heather Shute.

Wychwood Wordpeckers is to start up again and we are looking for new and old members. Come and see Liz to decide the best time to hold these sessions and possible topics for discussion. Liz works on Monday and Friday afternoons.

You can see what else we have on offer at Wychwood Library by going online to: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries) and following the links to Wychwood Library.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>			<b>Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>			<b>Closed</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>

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**Ruth Gillingham**

## Wychwood Library is NOT Safe!

Thank you all for responding to the Oxfordshire County Council's *sham* **Library Service Consultation**. On your behalf The Friends of Wychwood Library submitted comprehensive evidence as to why the proposal was untenable; met with council officials; requested detailed information and challenged Keith Mitchell's derogatory comments. But did they listen, **NO**.

The 92 page independent report by CIPFA, The Chartered Institute for Public Finance, concluded; "there is little support for using volunteers for roles currently performed by paid library staff". We feel that the consultation was biased against those residing in rural areas and that communities will struggle to recruit and retain the required number of volunteers. Did CIPFA analyse the costs and potential savings? **NO**. Were our suggestions and those of SOL, Save Oxfordshire Libraries,

on how to save money considered? **NO**.

Did the scrutiny committee listen to the many verbal representations? **NO**.

We have concluded that there will be **NO** savings made and OCC have not refuted our figures! We will be expected as a community to fundraise, recruit and manage volunteers and if that wasn't enough, we will be classed as a Non Statutory Library. The only change to the original proposal is that we will be funded for 15 hours rather than 10.

Will we continue to fight? **YES**. We are seeking advice and participating in evidence to the Select Committee and other national initiatives.

Please continue to support Wychwood Library. It is one of the most efficient in the County; if you can help the committee your time would be really appreciated.

**Rosie Young**

**Chairman of Friends of Wychwood Library.**