

# The Wychwood

## Here Today - Gone Tomorrow



Royal Mail was founded in 1516, will it survive in any recognisable form by 2016? Not if the Shipton Post office's experience is anything to go by (see page 5). Perhaps this is the regrettable but unavoidable result of Royal Mail independence? We all value the Post Office, what can we do to support Shana and Jacqui, who run such an important resource for us all?

In this year of commemorating the Great War, we hope to include remembrances from the families of local men. Please send in your stories. On page 7, Milton explain their plans to honour First World War soldiers. On page 27, we hear about the extraordinary experiences of Private Matthews in the early years of the war when Officers' cars were shipped with them! As we look back to commemorate the worst conflict in European history, so too do we look forward and give thanks for life as we know it today.

Do not forget Artweeks in May (see centre-spread) when the work of our local artists will be gloriously on display and the fête season approaches as each village prepares its own special event with plans afoot to entertain us.

And keep your articles coming, they are our life blood!

*Christine Halliday*

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