

# CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2015

## JOYCE CADWALLADER

Joyce has lived in the village for over 25 years and has quietly volunteered her time in West End and neighbouring villages over many years.

She has helped for approximately 10 years at Holy Trinity School, predominantly in Year 3, listening to readers, helping with sewing, cooking and arts and crafts. Not only does Joyce go in two mornings a week but it's not unusual for her to take things home to prepare for future activities including binding wool and cutting wood for the Gods Eyes, for which Joyce is known as the resident expert. Joyce is always thinking of the school and how she can help and the staff and pupils at Holy Trinity really couldn't be without her.

She is a founder member of the 'Teas on the Rec' committee and is always the first one to arrive, setting up the tables and just quietly 'getting on with it' together with helping serve coffee at Church.

Joyce has been a member of the Bisley, Knaphill & West End Branch of the Royal British Legion since 2005 and she has been the official Poppy Appeal Organiser since the former Chairman Bernard Wright passed away.

Organising the annual Poppy Appeal for a RBL Branch is an extremely onerous and complicated task which Joyce carries out very efficiently and without fuss. She has to order all the supplies for the Poppy Appeal (poppies, badges, trays etc) months before Remembrance Day and of course she organises the distribution and subsequent retrieval of over 100 collecting tins. All this stock is held, under Joyce's control, at the premises at Knaphill Stores. Joyce arranges with Sainsburys and Waitrose for RBL volunteers to have a stand there and to collect from the public and she sets up the roster of the volunteer collectors. At the end of the Appeal, Joyce organises retrieval of all the tins, carries out counting sessions with RBL helpers at the counting machine at Knaphill. She completes the huge amount of paperwork involved, collates it with the RBL Treasurer and other RBL members and sends the returns etc off to RBL's County HQ. The work as Poppy Appeal Organiser occupies Joyce's time from September until mid-December.

In addition to this, Joyce is also the RBL Branch Social Secretary which entails her organising all RBL social events, particularly the Armistice Day dinner and the Armed Forces Day dinner, as well as arranging the catering for the Branch's quarterly meetings. Joyce also distributes the quarterly RBL Branch Newsletters.

I'm sure you'll agree that Joyce is a deserved winner of the award, giving up her time freely to help the community of West End and other local villages and just quietly getting jobs done. Please join me in congratulation Joyce on receiving the Citizen of the Year award for 2015.