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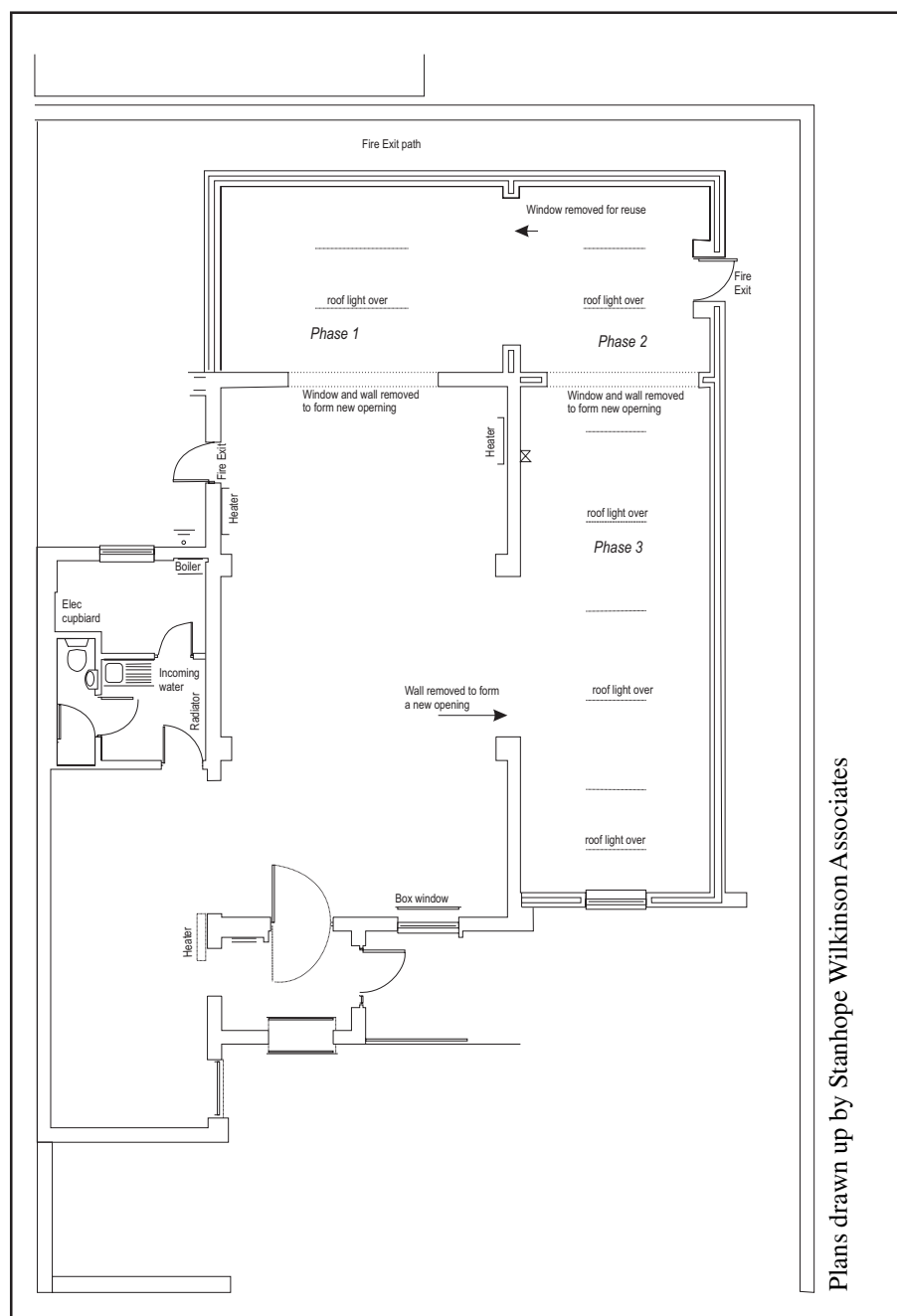
Friends of Eynsham Library



are working with Oxfordshire County Council to raise funds for a three-phase, badly needed extension, also supported by the MP for West Oxfordshire, the local County Councillor, West Oxfordshire district councillors and Eynsham Parish Council



The library, once the old fire station, in Mill Street, Eynsham



Plans drawn up by Stanhope Wilkinson Associates

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I am a great supporter of local libraries and of everything that the Friends of Eynsham library are doing to provide a first class local service. Libraries play an essential role in providing access, not just to books, but to knowledge, to new technology and to information of all kinds. I wish the Friends well with their endeavours. – David Cameron MP for West Oxfordshire



The computerised loan system will speed up the checking-in and checking-out process. Stephanie the library manager checking a local resident's books in.

Eynsham Library

“Although the County Council’s conversion of the former fire station represented a significant investment toward providing an improved service in Eynsham, the library has not kept pace with the population growth in the catchment area”, comments Andrew Coggins, County Librarian. “As a result it is currently only 53% of the size required by the county’s standard. In spite of this the Library Service has continued to improve facilities. In 2002/03 People’s Network terminals were installed, on the County Council broadband network, providing free fast access to the Internet. From December 2003 these terminals were able to access the whole county catalogue of nearly 1 million items. In the summer of 2004, Galaxy, a computerized library management system, will network Eynsham with the other 50 libraries in Oxfordshire. I welcome the Friends initiative to improve the library still further, and the County Council hopes to be able to



The well-used children’s section, showing the limited space available for story times

contribute funds towards the extensions in this very positive partnership”.

With its excellent local history and reference sections, the library is a focal point for many in the community. “The Parish Council”, says Gordon Beach the Chairman, “would fully support any additions that enabled it to enhance and extend its services.”

Mother of four, Margaret Stevens, a West Oxfordshire District Councillor, “...greatly values the children’s section. Expanding this would enable children to have

more freedom to explore books, increase the reference section to complement their school work and enhance the already excellent but limited story times”, she says.

The Friends of Eynsham Library are raising funds to support the library facilities. An enthusiastic group have raised some £7,000, with the money initially going towards enlarging the buildings. They are keen to use the existing site as it is in the centre of the village and is built on land owned by Oxfordshire County Council. The plot has sufficient space for the library to be enlarged, without jeopardising existing, staff and disabled parking spaces.

Plans for the new buildings have been drawn up by Stanhope Wilkinson Associates (see the reverse side of this leaflet).

These ambitious plans have been divided into three phases:

- Phase 1, a 20.81sq m extension to the rear of the building, has an estimated cost of between £31,000 and £41,000.
- Phase 2, a 14.06sq m extension also to the rear of the building, has an estimated cost of between £21,000 and £28,000.
- Phase 3, a 38.25sq m extension on the south side, has an estimated cost of between £57,000 and £76,000.



Many different age groups use the library. Left: Accessing the internet. Centre: Periodicals in use. Right: Checking out a video tape