

The Wychwood

Jubilation!



Our theme for 2012 is upbeat. Let's kick a hole in the gloom! Congratulations to Malcolm Cochrane for his extremely well deserved MBE (page 5) and to Shipton Tennis Club for becoming Oxfordshire Tennis Club of the year! (pages 9 to 10). Would you believe that since our last issue, a staggering £17,929 (page 41) has been raised in our villages for charity?

Great events nationally mirror our local celebrations this year, with the Olympics honouring sporting prowess and of course the Queen's Jubilee in June. Look out later in the year for all manner of local events, festivals, big lunches, beacons and bonhomie. We would love to hear your stories of 1952, the year of Queen Elizabeth II's accession. Fred Russell starts our remembrances off in his own inimitable style on page 13.

Finally we celebrate all the creative brilliance lurking in the Wychwoods, from the new logo for the Youth Club (page 15) to the memorial plaque for the new playground (page 5) and from John Vickers' illustrations to the poem of Jackie Clark (page 17) and the fiction of Catherine Hitchens (page 19). *The Wychwood* is proud to be a showcase for YOUR talent.

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