

## The Wychwood Big Society Shipton's Jubilee Seat

How do you mark something as rare as a Diamond Jubilee with a lasting tribute? Some form of fundraising would seem to be an obvious choice, using the proceeds to plant a tree, or buy something with a memorial inscription that could be placed in a prominent location.



Finally, our band of volunteers finished work in late October.

In building our own memorial to the Diamond Jubilee, we have had lots of fun and

honed our wall-building skills yet more.

### Those Amazing Volunteers

In Shipton, our recently opened new play area at the recreation field seemed a logical place and our band of Shipton Volunteers was already planning to build a stone wall alongside one of the access paths. After a bit of discussion, our plans changed and we decided to build a dry-stone seating area.

As work progressed, slowly at times due to the vagaries of the British summer, ideas on the design evolved to include a memorial plaque and a solid oak topping.

### Special Thanks

Our thanks go out to all, too numerous to mention, who helped in the completion of this little project. Special thanks must go to Terry Wigley without whose guidance in dry-stone walling the project would literally not have got off the ground, to Fergus Wessel who generously donated the engraved memorial stone that is the centrepiece of our seating area and to Jon Hitchcock whose woodworking skills were vital in shaping the oak seating to fit the (deliberate) curve of the stone foundations.

**Neil Jagger**

## Milton's Jubilee Oak Tree

As the final part of Milton's Jubilee Celebrations, an Oak Tree has been planted on the Village Green. There was money left from all the fundraising done to organise the June celebrations and it was decided to leave the village a legacy of the event. The tree has been dedicated to Queen Elizabeth II's Jubilee and is commemorated



with a brass plaque. It has been positioned on the Green where another oak grew, sadly no longer with us but remembered by many.

Our new oak tree has been registered in the commemorative document 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee' which will be presented to the Queen at the end of the year.

**Chris Trotman**