

# The Wychwood

## Our Green and Pleasant Land



Our green and pleasant land owes an immeasurable debt to those who fought for this country in two world wars. The last of those who fought in WW1 are dead, but their stories still speak to us on page 7. On August 10th, there will be a special tea in the Lime Avenue of the Wychwood Wild Garden, remembering not only those who died but also trying to piece together from you our readers, the family memories of local men who did return from the war, but were never the same again.

We also feature some stirring reminiscences from WW2; of Pegasus Bridge, the Milton Home Guard, and the story of Joyce Tremlett's war work trip to Moscow, page 19.

We celebrate the very heart of our green and pleasant land with perfect traditional Village fetes on pages 33 and 34. Great fun, and all because the Fete Committees worked so hard to make them happen. Do not miss the last fete of the season, Shipton Church Fete, on the Village Green on August Bank Holiday.

Congratulations to all those who organise such wonderful events in the Wychwoods.

*Christine Halliday*

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