

ENFORD DIAMOND JUBILEE FESTIVAL – SUNDAY 3rd JUNE 2012

After a month of glorious weather, the forecast (inevitably!) was for cold, wind and rain over the Jubilee weekend. So there was some real concern as to how many people would actually turn up to consume the mountain of food and drink which had been ordered for the day.

Arriving at the Red Lion for the start of the wheelbarrow race, any such concerns were quickly dispelled – despite the light drizzle, the car park was filled by an Armada



of wheelbarrow-mounted watercraft of all shapes and sizes. Amidst the chaos, some unfortunate customer decided that he needed to drive out of the car park so, with a blast from Mort's horn, the race began. After a bit of jostling for position, there followed the punishing leg round the Priory to the top of Littlecote Hill but, from there on, was a pleasant downhill stretch almost to the spectator-packed finish line at Enford bridge.

From the bridge, the throng gradually dispersed (some via a couple of pints in the Swan) and re-convened a little later for the children's party at the Village Hall. The hall had been beautifully laid out by the youth club team – there was a slide show from the camera club and, at this point the weather was dry and bright, the bunting was fluttering gaily and there was even a bit of sunshine – things were definitely looking up!

When, soon afterwards, the BBQ commenced, the bar opened, the music started up and the raffle tickets started to sell, then the party began to gather momentum. By the time the youngsters eventually flooded outdoors on to the bouncy castle after the magic show, despite the sky being overcast again and the drizzle having returned, the party had built up such a head of steam that the weather no longer seemed to matter.

Soon it was time for the award of prizes. The worthy winners of the wheelbarrow race were: Tom Anglesea and Max Manning (first across the line) and Ollie Stagg with Caroline and Millie (best wheelbarrow). The best front of house was won outright with a fantastic entry by the Southard family at 13 Grants Road. Adrian Orr presented the time capsule to the youth club for them to fill with memorabilia which, in a few months time, would be cemented into the new bridge for posterity to discover.

The announcements and prizes over, the hog roast started serving, the 'Herd of Cats' opened up next in one of the marquees with their nostalgic 60s repertoire, and the party changed up yet another gear!



By the time the band had finished their set, however, it was starting to get distinctly wet and chilly, and the party had noticeably begun to move indoors. A decision was made to setup the next band inside the hall - chairs and tables were quickly re-arranged, and Dave hastily rigged some indoor spotlights. Within 20 minutes, 'Ogri & The Cafe Racers' were belting out non-stop rock and roll, and the party was definitely in top gear for the rest of the evening!!

With grateful thanks to everyone who helped to organise and manage the event, to the Community Fund for paying for the bands, to those who donated raffle prizes and the food for the children's party, for the loan of tents, lighting, BBQ and many other bits and pieces and, of course, to all of you who turned up and made it such a happy and memorable day.

God save Her Majesty the Queen.

Bridget, Jane, Adrian & Steve
Jubilee Committee

FRONT OF HOUSE COMPETITION

Rosemary and I had a delightful wander/drive around the village this morning (2nd June) admiring the wonderful efforts made to the front of houses for the Jubilee Celebrations. We really enjoyed ourselves. Throughout the village houses were adorned with bunting and flags and even jubilee planting was evident.

It was a difficult task narrowing the entries down to one winner as there were a number of houses worthy of a mention - we were very impressed at 1 Enford Hill, Beckenreid House in Long Street and 32 Coombe Lane who should all be highly commended for their decorations. We were also particularly amused by the royal visitor sitting majestically on the front lawn of 539 East Chisenbury. Fantastic!

However after some discussion it was decided that **the Southard family at 13 Grants Road** were the deserved winners - we especially liked the 'union Jack grass' and the paving slab planting display, and it clearly was a family effort.

Well done to all

I have lots of photos of the houses/gardens if anyone is interested in seeing them.

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Parish Vote on 3 June 2012
PLAQUE FOR THE REBUILT ENFORD BRIDGE

A Parish Vote was completed in the Enford Village Hall on 3rd June 2012 to decide on the wording of the Plaque for the Rebuilt Enford Bridge. There was a clear winner polling 53% of the votes and it is set out below.

ENFORD BRIDGE
REBUILT 2012

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR
Of
HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

THANK YOU

What an amazing community event! The Parish Jubilee celebrations were fantastic and so well organised.

Thank you so much for such a memorable occasion - our daughter said it felt like being a part of one large, happy family.

Thanks again,

The Briscoes

THANK YOU

Well... what can I say apart from a huge THANK YOU to each and everyone of you who helped one way and another to make our jubilee Day so fantastic!

I am not going to name anyone as I would be devastated if I missed anyone out.

Speaking for myself, I had a truly brilliant time and I was so proud of the amount of people that came and took part and made the day so very successful.

Many, many thanks

Jane