

OXSHOTT VILLAGE DAY 2010

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As most of you will know, the second Oxshott Village Day, held on 4 May, was a huge success with over 2,000 people enjoying a great family day out – despite the rather dreary weather! Subsequently, the organisers were able to make a generous donation to the PitStop charity in Leatherhead. This was greatly appreciated as their services are much in demand in the current economic climate.

We are now starting to plan the third Oxshott Village Day – to be held on Bank Holiday Monday 3 May 2010 and want it to be even bigger and better than the last two years. Some simple changes are planned to make the day run even more efficiently – for visitors, exhibitors and the organisers. These will include a Central Office and a Public Address system; a dedicated Food Avenue with a greater range of catering available; and more helpers (recognisable by their badges) to assist with parking, rides and moving equipment. We are also working on an OVD website which will provide lots of useful advance information.

We would welcome feedback and suggestions from the community – especially from the exhibitors and sponsors. How can we improve our Village Day? What did you particularly enjoy, and what things could be done better?

As ever, the continued success of this annual event is highly dependent on the support of local businesses, societies and institutions – for which we are hugely grateful. We also rely on volunteers, prepared to roll up their sleeves and help out on the day. So if you enjoyed this year's OVD and you would like to assist next year, we'd love to hear from you.

We will have a sign-up sheet for some paid work which includes helping, for 2 hours on the evening of 2nd May and two hours in the evening 3rd May to help with the erection and dismantling of 6 marquees and carrying tables to the allocated spaces for the stall holders and to the dining area. If you are fit and willing to work put your name down on the sign-up sheet which will be displayed on the OVSC bulletin board or contact Carmen (see below) from the end of January.

If you have any feedback or suggestions, or would be happy to volunteer for OVD 2010, please get in touch with Carmen Robinson on 01372 842128 or email her at Carmen@CarmenRobinson.com. Looking forward to seeing you all on 3 May 2010.

