



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons



2nd June 2022

Further to the announcement from Buckingham Palace on 2nd June last year, regarding the Platinum Jubilee Weekend of 2nd - 5th June this year of which The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons is a major part, I have pleasure in confirming the current Guide To Taking Part in this event is available to view and download from - www.queensjubileebeacons.com and will continue to be updated on this site at the end of each month through to 30th May 2022, as more and more communities, organisations, charities, councils, local authorities, farms, country estates, historic houses, voluntary groups and individuals etc, agree to take part.

Pages **16, 17, 18** and **19** show the various types of beacons being used for this historic tribute to Her Majesty The Queen on 2nd June 2022, that can either be lit in farmers' fields, on country estates, high hill tops, on beaches surrounding our shores, as well as our town and village greens, along with other public spaces etc, with gas-fuelled beacons lit on church towers and castle battlements. Permanent beacon braziers made by local craftsmen/women being lit in the towns and villages also provide a lasting reminder of this historic moment in The Queen's reign.

Many of those receiving this communication will already have permanent beacons in place, so please light them for this occasion, remembering to register your involvement as soon as possible please. From page **23** onwards you will see the many hundreds to date that have already agreed to participate in this event throughout the UK and in the Capital Cities of the Commonwealth countries. These lists will be added to over the next few months as more communities etc, join the project.

From the guide you will see that Town Criers will be undertaking the 'Proclamation' at **2pm** announcing the lighting of the beacons that evening, Pipers playing 'Diu Regnare' at **9.35pm**, with Buglers and Cornet players undertaking the Bugle Call - 'Majesty' at **9.40pm**, before the beacons are lit at **9.45pm**, and to coincide with their lighting, we are encouraging the involvement of choirs of all sizes etc, to sing the 'Song for the Commonwealth,' providing another colourful, community element of this Jubilee celebration, involving people of all ages and walks of life, so we invite you to source these choirs locally from schools, churches, and others, adding to your occasion that evening.

If you are able to obtain one of more of these, please be kind enough to register their involvement in the ways outlined below as soon as possible or by no later than 30th May 2022.

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Those taking part with the lighting a of Beacon, Pipers playing Diu Regnare, with Buglers or Cornet players undertaking "Majesty," should register their involvement by going to [page 15](#), providing the information requested in Step 1 and emailing it to brunopeek@mac.com

Participating Choirs should register their participation DIRECT at www.commonwealthresounds.com please.

May I also draw your attention to potential Lottery Funding:
<https://www.tnicommunityfund.org.uk/news/press-releases/2021-11-17/over-22million-the-queens-platinum-jubilee>

The lighting of the Beacons on 2nd June, will be the **first** international, community event of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend of 2nd - 5th June 2022, providing us all with the unique opportunity of **leading** this special weekend of celebrations. This will also be the last chain of beacons being lit during The Queen's reign, so we all want to make it really special for our Queen Elizabeth, the only monarch in history to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, so we do hope you will help us all to achieve this by taking part on 2nd June this year.

I'd also like to invite you to join in with **The Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5 June 2022**. The Big Jubilee Lunch is an open invitation to get together with your neighbours and community to share friendship, food and fun together as part of the official Platinum Jubilee Weekend celebrations. Share a cuppa and a piece of cake, host a BBQ, set up a traditional street party or get everyone together for a town-wide festival - Big Lunches come in all shapes and sizes and everyone is welcome! Together we can make this a truly special Jubilee celebration - visit www.thebiglunch.com to get your free information pack full of tips, ideas and inspiration to help you get your Big Jubilee Lunch party started.

My warmest regards,

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