

Community, Leisure & Recreation

Title:	Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
Date:	5 April 2022
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Purpose of this Report

1. To provide an update on the event plans and arrangements in Thame to Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee over the Bank Holiday Weekend from Thursday 2 June 2022 to Sunday 5 June 2022.

Update

2. To assist the residents of Thame to enjoy and take part in celebrations, the Town Council has created a dedicated [webpage](#) which can be continually updated with events to be held within the community, projects and funding. There has also been a Street Party Toolkit guide which has been adapted for Thame from Aylesbury Town Council. This provides information on planning, ideas, national events, and additional information on how to apply for a South Oxfordshire District Council Road Closure, how to hire open space owned by Thame Town Council (attached as Appendix 1 of this report), Government Guidance on holding a street party and how to participate in “The Big Lunch Pack”.
3. Working in partnership, Thame Town Council and C21 Thame are producing a promotional Jubilee booklet to be delivered to every home in Thame and Moreton during late April/early May. This will outline details of events taking place known at the time of publishing (now) for the week of 28 May to the 5 June 2022.
4. The Town Council will be enabling residents to take part in the High Street Safari – The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon Trail commencing on the 30 April until 12 June 2022. Seven unique characters that have come to life from Buckingham Palace will be depicted on vinyl decals in window locations placed around the town centre businesses. These characters are to be collected with a digital prize badge ‘pinned’ to them to share with friends.
5. In celebration, the Town Hall will be adorned with red, white, and blue bunting in time for the 2 June 2022.
6. On Thursday 2 June 2022, Thame Town Council will take part with “The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting. With an event held in the High Street Car Park, from 8.30pm until 10pm. Thame Concert Band, Thame Choral Society who will be accompanied by the Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir will assist with entertaining the residents until the beacon is lit at 9.45pm. Operationally the road closure requirements will be requested shortly, and further event preparation will be taking place. It is hoped the event will fall within the allocated budget provision of £1,500.
7. Friday 3 June 2022, Sports in the Streets will be taking place in the High Street from 6pm until 9pm and organised by MP Sports Development Trust and NP Sports Cricket Academy.
8. Saturday 4 June 2022, The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee will be the theme of Thame Carnival with the parade through the High Street finishing at Southern Road Recreational Ground for a Town celebration. Thame Town Council will be taking part in the procession, please can Councillors let it be known if they are able to join in and assist with float preparations?

9. Sunday 5 June 2022, Residents will be encouraged to participate with street parties and picnics in the open spaces to celebrate this massive achievement.
10. Flower Bedding has been ordered for the Memorial Gardens which is expected for delivery just after the 5 June, as a summer reminder of the Platinum Jubilee. However, a Jubilee Flag will be purchased to be flown at the Memorial gardens.

Action required

- i) Councillors to confirm who will be participating in the Town Council Carnival Float and who is able to assist with float preparations?*
- ii) To note this report.*