



## ROYAL COMMUNICATIONS

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend 2022

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 when Her Majesty was 25 years old.

There will be year-long Platinum Jubilee celebrations throughout the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and around the world as communities and people come together to celebrate The Queen's historic reign. Throughout the year, Her Majesty and members of the Royal Family will travel around the country to undertake a variety of engagements to mark this historic occasion culminating with the focal point of the Platinum Jubilee Weekend in June - one year from today.

An extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone. Across the four days the celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflections on The Queen's 70 years of service.

#### **Thursday 2nd June**

***The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour):*** Over 1,400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians will come together in the traditional Parade to mark The Queen's official birthday, usually held on the second Saturday in June.

Beginning at Buckingham Palace, the Parade will move down The Mall to Horse Guard's Parade, joined by Members of the Royal Family on horseback and in carriages. The Parade will close with the traditional RAF fly-past, watched by The Queen and Members of the Royal Family from the Buckingham Palace balcony.

***Platinum Jubilee Beacons:*** The United Kingdom's long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations with the lighting of beacons will be continued to mark

the Platinum Jubilee. Beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

For the first time, beacons will also be lit in each of the capital cities of the Commonwealth countries to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

***Service of Thanksgiving:*** A Service of Thanksgiving for The Queen's reign will be held at St Paul's Cathedral. Further events will be announced in due course.

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

***The Derby at Epsom Downs:*** Her Majesty The Queen, accompanied by Members of the Royal Family, will attend the Derby at Epsom Downs.

***Platinum Party at the Palace:*** The BBC will stage and broadcast a special live concert from Buckingham Palace that will bring together some of the world's biggest entertainment stars to celebrate the most significant and joyous moments from The Queen's seven decade reign. Members of the public will be invited to apply to attend this special event and details of the ballot for UK residents to secure audience tickets will be released in due course.

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

***The Big Jubilee Lunch:*** Every year since the idea began in 2009 The Big Lunch has encouraged communities to celebrate their connections and get to know each other a little bit better, coming together in a spirit of fun and friendship. In 2022 The Big Lunch will bring the Jubilee celebrations into the heart of every community.

People are invited to share friendship, food and fun with neighbours as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. A Big Jubilee Lunch can be big or small - street party or picnic, tea and cake or a garden barbeque. The Big Lunch provides tips and ideas for hosting an event.

***The Platinum Jubilee Pageant:*** A pageant featuring over 5,000 people from across the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth will take place against the backdrop of Buckingham Palace and the surrounding streets. It will combine street arts, theatre, music, circus, carnival and costume and celebrate the service of Her Majesty's reign, as well as honouring the collective service of people and communities across the country.

Further announcements:

Later this month details of a special Jubilee emblem competition, in conjunction with the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Design Museum and the Royal College of Arts, will be released. The winning entry will become the official emblem for the celebrations next year.

More information on the details of the central weekend and other celebratory events across the UK and around the Commonwealth will be made in the months to come.

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# The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons



2nd June 2022

Further to the announcement from Buckingham Palace on 2nd June 2021, regarding the Platinum Jubilee Weekend of 2nd - 5th June next year, of which The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons is part, I have pleasure in sending you the first edition of the Guide To Taking Part. The beacon lighting event will take place throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and for the first time, in each of the capital cities of the Commonwealth countries on the 2nd June next year.

Pages 11, 12, 13 and 14 show the various types of beacons to be used for this historic occasion that can be lit in farmers fields, on country estates, on the top of high hills, around our shorelines on cliff tops and on beaches, with gas fuelled beacons on church towers and castle battlements and permanent beacon braziers made and lit by craftsmen and women in the centre of town and village greens, providing a lasting reminder of this historic moment in the history of The Queen's reign.

Those wanting to take part are being asked to go to page 10, and provide us with the information requested in Step 1, enabling us to include them in the monthly guide updates over the next eleven months, as well as entering them in the special leather-bound book being presented to The Queen after the Jubilee Weekend, along with being able to send them further information in due course. The guide can also be viewed and downloaded from [www.queensjubileebeacons.com](http://www.queensjubileebeacons.com).

Many of those receiving this communication will already have permanent beacons in place, so please light them for this occasion.

From pages 16 - 27 you will see those, to date, that have already agreed to take part around the UK and the Commonwealth. These lists and pages in the guide will be added to over the next eleven months as more communities etc, join the project.

From the guide, you will see that we are involving town criers undertaking the Proclamation at **1pm** announcing the lighting of the beacons that evening and pipers playing *Diu Regnare* at **9.09pm**, before the beacons are lit at **9.15pm**.

With this in mind, you may wish to consider sourcing a local piper to play this tune at your beacon location before you light your beacon at **9.15pm**. If this is the case, please register your piper in a similar way to your beacon by no later than **1st June** next year.

This could well be the last chain of beacons lit during The Queen's reign, so we want to make it the largest and most dramatic the world has ever seen. We do hope therefore, that you will help us achieve this by taking part in lighting a beacon at **9.15pm** on 2nd June next year.

My warmest regards,

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