

Parwich Prepares for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations

Notes of Meeting held **at 7.30pm on 15th February** in Parwich Memorial Hall

Present

Jill Love
Caroline Healy (Chair)
Sue Purvis
Sue Hughes
Val Kirkham
Nia Linnell
Matthew Harrison
Robert Bunting
Janet Gosling

Apologies

Pauline and Dennis Laycock
Tracey Marshall
Alan Purvis
Caroline Rogers
Peter Trehwitt

1. Caroline outlined the proposals suggested at the initial meeting held on 3rd January:
Tea party from the pub to Blanche Meadow, Beacon lighting, fireworks, mugs and a torch lit parade.
2. A letter had gone to groups asking for financial support as the events of the day would need financing. The tennis club had kindly donated £100
3. Robert Bunting agreed to be the lead for the *Lighting of the beacon*. This was set for the Monday evening and would be at the top of Parwich Hill. Robert will contact Mr Gosling who owns this piece of land, to ask his permission.
4. A link with information about the beacons had been forwarded by Richard Tresidder:
http://www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk/Diamond_Jubilee_Beacons/ABOUT.html
5. The beacon needs to be registered, to be part of the national lighting. Caroline has done this and the final timing for the lighting of the Parwich beacon will be sent to us in May.
6. There was some discussion about whether to have *fireworks* given how expensive they are and how briefly they last, it was agreed that unless there was sufficient funding for a decent display, there would not be any fireworks.
7. Denis Laycock was nominated to co-ordinate the *torch lit parade*. Sue Hughes to ask Lewis Noble to lead off the parade playing the accordion
8. Matt Harrison volunteered to co ordinate *the tables and chairs* for the afternoon. These were mostly for the elderly with everyone else being encouraged to bring picnic rugs for the grass beside the Millennium pond and on Nether Green
9. It was felt to be very important that a *tea* was provided. Val Kirkham will produce an estimate for the next PC meeting for providing sandwiches and cake for around 200 people. A letter drop would be done asking households to respond re attendance so that catering numbers could be estimated
10. Other ideas were suggested regarding food. Both the Royal British Legion and the Sycamore would be invited to have their own BBQs but no outside caterers would be invited in. Nia Linnell would ask Blaze Farm Ice Cream makers if they wished to have a stall on the day.
11. Everyone agreed there should be a *celebration cake* with enough for the whole village to enjoy. It was agreed that the Parwich resident with the birthday nearest to the coronation date (6th February 1952) would be invited to cut the cake.
12. After discussions it was felt that a *village photo* would be taken on the green. It was hoped that John Fuller Sessions may be happy to do the photography and it was

agreed he would need to raised up high to fit the whole village in. Robert Bunting to ask Earl Yeomans to bring his cherry picker to raise JFS up into the air (if JFS agrees)

13. Sue Purvis volunteered to organise *fun and games* on Nether Green after tea.
14. It was agreed that the school children and anyone else would be encouraged to make *small boats to float on the stream to Millennium pond*.
15. Caroline will discuss with Tracey Marshall and Caroline Rogers how the School may like to participate as there was no school representative available for the meeting.
16. The *mugs* would be put on the tables around the celebration cake for the children over 16 to collect. Any spare would be sold. Val Kirkham pointed out that Alsop PC had paid for theirs and that all the mugs had arrived.
17. Robert Bunting suggested he would donate his *collection of mugs* to the village Memorial hall to be on permanent display.
18. Caroline will put together a programme of the events with timings. Essentially: *Tea, Cake, Mugs, Photo, games, torch lit procession*

19. Caroline provided details about the Church plans for the celebration:

Sunday AM - Open Air Celebration Service at THORPE, as part of their village celebrations.

Sunday PM (Evening) - Traditional Book of Common Prayer service of Holy Communion at PARWICH

Both services are an open invitation to all across the five parishes

The church will host the pages of the Greetings Book for signing by parishioners. This will then be collated and bound by the Diocese and presented, in a national binder of signatures, to the Queen

Meeting ended at 8.40pm

Proposed programme for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations

DAY	TIME	EVENT	Location	Co ordinated by:
Monday 3rd June	10- 10.30pm tbc	Lighting of the Beacon	Parwich Hill	Robert Bunting
Tuesday 4th June	4.30	Tea	On road in front of Nether Green	Val Kirkham
	5.00	Cutting of the celebration cake and collection of mugs	On road in front of Nether Green	Val Kirkham
	5.30	Paper Boat race	Millenium stream and pond	tbc
	6.00	Village photograph	Beside Millenium stream	Robert Bunting
	7.00	Field games for adults and children	Nether Green	Sue Purvis
	9.30	Torchlit procession	Around village	Denis Laycock

