
CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Civic Sub Committee

Date of Meeting:	7 September 2011
Report of:	Performance and Partnerships Manager
Subject/Title:	The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

1.0 Report Summary

To advise the Committee on the work being undertaken in relation to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

2.0 Recommendation

That the Committee consider the information contained in the report.

3.0 Financial Implications

- 3.1 The Officer Working Group and the Council will need to consider the financial implications for the Council and report on these as appropriate.

4.0 Legal Implications

- 4.1 The Government has announced its plans for a special four-day Jubilee weekend in 2012 which is an excellent opportunity for communities to come together to celebrate and commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. This has entailed putting back the late May bank holiday to Monday 4 June and adding an additional Jubilee bank holiday on Tuesday 5 June.
- 4.2 In England, the Department for Education has made regulations to reduce the minimum length of the school year in 2011/2012 by one day: to a minimum of 378 half-day sessions, or 189 days. This will allow children and school staff to benefit from the extra bank holiday.

5.0 Risk Management

- 5.1 No issues can be identified as arising from the proposals contained in this report.

6.0 Background

- 6.1 The Diamond Jubilee celebrations will centre on an extended weekend on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June 2012. Buckingham Palace have issued plans for the celebrations and identified how they would like communities to be involved. **Appendix 1** provides an overview of the plans.

- 6.2 The Department for Culture Media and Sport is responsible for co-ordinating the Government's role for Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.
- 6.4 Local communities are being encouraged to organise and celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in their own way, in particular by organising community parties.
- 6.5 Local authorities in conjunction with their Lord Lieutenant will be expected able to provide details of any planned activities in each area. The Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, David Briggs, is meeting with representatives of Councils across Cheshire.
- 6.6 An officer working group has been established, led by the Performance and Partnerships Team, to co-ordinate and promote activities and ensure that communities have as much information as possible to run events easily and safely. The Council will also be co-ordinating the lighting of Jubilee Beacons in Cheshire East, as well as ensuring a good involvement in all the initiatives identified in Appendix 1.
- 6.6 The Civic Sub-Committee's terms of reference have been extended to include the following function:-

"To make recommendations upon all matters relating to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee"

7.0 Access to Information

- 7.1 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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The Jubilee emblem was chosen after a national competition run by Blue Peter for children aged between 6 and 14.
The winning design is 10-year-old Katherine Dewar, from Chester.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Weekend of Celebrations 2012

Saturday 2nd June 2012

The Queen will attend the Epsom Derby

Sunday 3rd June 2012

The Big Jubilee Lunch

People will be encouraged to share lunch with neighbours and friends, as part of the Jubilee celebrations. This may take the form of a traditional street party or picnic lunch in small or larger groups. Below is an extract from the Big Lunch website:-

'The beauty of The Big Lunch is that people themselves decide everything about their own event. The venue can be wherever you want or have space, the theme whatever you fancy - food and people are the key ingredients. For example, if you want to raise money for charity do it, if you want to play music feel free (just so long as other neighbours are happy!). You can close your road if you fancy a big street party or use a local park for a small community BBQ - it really is up to you.

Quite simply we want to get as many people as possible to sit down and have lunch with their neighbours on the first Sunday in June. The Big Lunch is all about community, friendship and fun!

The event is being organised by the Big Lunch. <http://www.thebiglunch.com/>

The Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant

This event will take place on the Thames. The Queen will lead a flotilla of up to 1,000 boats assembled from across the UK, the Commonwealth and around the world. The flotilla, expected to measure 7.5 miles long from end to end – will be one of the major focal points of the celebrations over the weekend and will integrate music, fireworks and special effects. It aims to capture the diversity of Britain and the Commonwealth's proud maritime history. The event organisers are planning for well over one million people to line the banks of the Thames, to witness the event and join in the festivities. This event is being organised by the Thames Diamond Jubilee Foundation.
www.thamesdiamondjubileepageant.org

Monday 4th June 2012

BBC Concert at Buckingham Palace

There will be a televised Diamond Jubilee Concert at Buckingham Palace with tickets being available to UK residents by public ballot. The musical programme for the concert is still being planned and is expected to feature British and Commonwealth musicians. Details of how to apply for the concert will be available in due course. The event is being organised by the BBC.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons

In 1897 beacons were lit nationally to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. In 1977 and 2002 beacons were lit to celebrate The Queen's Silver and Golden Jubilees. On Monday 4th June 2012, the aim is to light 2,012 (or more) beacons - the length and breadth of the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, the Commonwealth and other countries around the world to mark this important and historic moment in The Queen's Reign. As in 2002, the Queen will light the National Beacon. Local Authorities have been asked to organise the lighting of 1 official beacon in their area, and to work with local groups and town and parish councils to ensure that at least 6 beacons are lit in each local authority area.

The national event is being organised by

http://www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk/Diamond_Jubilee_Beacons/HOME.html

Tuesday 5th June 2012

Service of Thanksgiving and Carriage Procession

The Queen and other members of the Royal Family will attend the service at St Paul's Cathedral and a formal carriage procession by The Queen.

Celebration Projects

Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge

The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge, operated by Fields in Trust, is a fantastic new campaign to protect 2012 outdoor recreational spaces in communities all across the country as a permanent living legacy of this great event. From sports pitches to woodlands, children's play areas to gardens and bicycle trails to parks, the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge will protect a diverse range of outdoor spaces ensuring that there is something to appeal to everyone.

The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge will give communities an opportunity to vote for an outdoor space in their area to become part of the scheme and be permanently protected as a tribute to the Diamond Jubilee.

<http://www.qe2fields.com/>

Woodland Trust – Jubilee Woods Project

The Jubilee Woods Project was launched by The Woodlands Trust in February 2011. It aims to plant six million trees across the UK, creating hundreds of new woodlands. As part of this project, 60 'Diamond Woods' of at least 60 acres each will be planted to mark each year of the Queen's reign. They are also looking to encourage Jubilee Woods which are anything from an acre upwards. The planting will begin in autumn 2011 and run to the end of 2012.

The Trust is making available free Jubilee Tree Packs for community groups to plant, and will provide packs and guidance for schools later on in the year. They will also list all the Jubilee Woods in our special Jubilee Woods commemorative report to The Queen and Government and provide a special certificate of recognition. <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk>

Jubilee Time Capsule

The Royal Commonwealth Society has organised a special Jubilee Time Capsule, a digital archive of the Queen's reign. You can contribute to this by picking a day and adding your memories and stories of that day. You can use photos, words or videos and talk about anything you want. <http://www.jubileetimecapsule.org/>