



Agenda item: 5

Committee	Assets & Services
Month	April 2022
Report Title	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend Update
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Attachments	None

Summary

The plans for the Platinum Jubilee weekend are gaining momentum! Officers are excited to announce an exciting programme of events, from Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June.

Thursday 2nd June

Jubilee Beacons and Associated Activities Day

The Jubilee Beacon day will take the following format;

14.00 TOWN CRIER - THE 'PROCLAMATION'

Our Town Crier will undertake the 'Proclamation' from The Market Place, Saffron Walden.

15.30 From mid-afternoon on The Common; Local Food stalls and bar by Ginporium and Market House

16.00 'Warm up' Music and dance entertainment on The Common

19.00 Dance on The Common with The Miss Jones Jazz band - sounds of jazz and swing will get you to your feet. Young and old are all welcome – and 1950's or Jubilee related fancy dress is optional. There will also be a Children's Fancy Dress Competition!

21.35 PIPERS - 'DIU REGNARE'

Traditional Piper will undertake 'Diu Regnare' from the Beacon Site, at The Common (near to Turf Maze), Saffron.

21.40 BUGLE CALL - 'MAJESTY'

Local Saffron Walden County High student will undertake this Bugle Call at the Beacon site.

21.45 Announcing the lighting of the Beacon

21.45 LIGHTING OF THE BEACON & SONG FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

As Beacons are lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and within each of the Commonwealth Countries, Military Wives Choir Wimbish will sing 'A Life Lived with Grace' at the Beacon site as a 'unique' musical tribute to Her Majesty The Queen.

Dignitaries have been invited to the Lighting of the Beacon.

Friday 3rd June

Full Peal

The bells of St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, will be rung for a full Peal. This is a continuous bell ringing for three-and-one-quarter hours and will be audible all over town. This is a traditional way of marking this special event – particularly civic and royal ones!.

Activity & 'Community Together' Day

This will be a cross generational community fun day on The Common, Saffron Walden. The emphasis will be on families and young people having fun and will also offer community groups, including charities e.g. Mencap and Accuro, Fire Service, and children's sports clubs a chance to host a stall; to both inform and promote interest in their organisation - many of whom are suited and aimed towards involving and benefitting young people. Each stall will also have the option to provide a fun activity or give away. The following fun activities will also be available;

- Beach on The Common, with deck chairs
- Bouncy Castles (6, for various age groups)
- Side stalls (Tin can alley, Hoopla, Hook a duck and Coconut Shy)
- Lazer Tag
- Gaming Van (allows 12 at a time)
- Bungee Trampoline
- Arts & Crafts drop in workshop (Jubilee themed)
- Face Painting (Jubilee themed)
- Food and drink Stalls

The gaming Van has been chosen specifically, as gaming as an activity, has already been highlighted in the current Youth Consultation, as an activity they would enjoy.

The event will act as a shop window for groups, to educate, promote interest and generate future funds for their organisations / charities. The additional free activities are aimed at young people (10 - 19 years old), having fun post pandemic - with some also suited to families with younger children and for young people up to the age of 25 with disabilities / additional needs.

Volunteer groups, will also help with litter picking, assisting with the arts and crafts workshop. This free event will be open to all of the community to attend.

It's not too late; if you are a community group and interested in running a stall on Friday 3rd please email Colette on events@saffronwalden.gov.uk

Saturday 4th June

Commonwealth Market

To be held on The Common, the Commonwealth Market will host a wide and varied selection of stalls; all with a link to the Commonwealth and its 54 countries, across all inhabited continents. There will be food, drinks, crafts, home wear and much more.

If you are a business who would like to run a market stall on Saturday 4th please email Claire on bookings@saffronwalden.gov.uk

Screening of Live Platinum Party at The Palace

Broadcast live on BBC One, BBC iPlayer and supported across the entire BBC network, the Platinum Party at the Palace on Saturday, 4th June, will bring together the world's biggest entertainers, to include Sir Elton John, Ed Sheeran and Stevie Wonder, to perform in front of Her Majesty The Queen at Buckingham Palace.

Held within the grounds of Saffron Walden Museum, SWTC are partnering with Saffron Screen to bring this live celebration concert to the community of Saffron Walden.

Sunday 5th June

The Big Jubilee Picnic

SWTC have partnered with Saffron Walden Initiative for The Big Jubilee Picnic on The Common. This will be a relaxed occasion; from 12.00 – 16.00, bring your own picnic and blanket or alternatively there will be a selection of food and drink options available, with musical entertainment during the afternoon.

Running alongside and throughout the weekend are;

- A manmade beach with deck chairs on The Common
- Circus performances from Santos Circus; two performances each day - 2pm and 5pm. Tickets are to be purchased directly from Santos Circus.
- Photographic and archive display – images and memorabilia from the Queen's Coronation and through each of the Jubilee celebrations.

SWTC are collating Saffron Walden related images and memorabilia to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which will be displayed from Thursday 2nd June and throughout the weekend.

It's not too late to submit images of street parties or celebrations **in Saffron Walden** for the Coronation (1952), Silver Jubilee (1977), Golden Jubilee (2002) or the Diamond Jubilee (2012) or even when the Queen visited Saffron Walden for the wedding of her Godson in July 1988.

We ask that images are emailed to tourism@saffronwalden.gov.uk with the subject line "FAO JT – Platinum Jubilee" or if you prefer, please pop into the Tourist Information Centre where your item will be photocopied and the copy retained.

Local press, social media, posters and flyers are being used to reach all members of our community, along with contacts in all schools, youth and community groups. As a matter of practice, following any community event, feedback will be gathered. An on-line survey will

be used, also with a QR code, along with the availability of a paper version. This promotes and allows for learning and shaping future projects.

Financial Implications

The Events & Activities Officer has approached regular suppliers and local businesses. Presently, SWTC have the support of the following businesses;

- Holroyd's
- Kenzie's Contracts
- Shire Trees
- Videcom
- Intercounty
- Force36
- Ikem
- Walden Local
- VIP Security
- Waitrose