

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Report to Walberswick APM – May 2022

Following generous donations from both County and East Suffolk Councillors, WCLC and a villager, a working party was set up in March 2022, comprising members of Walberswick Parish Council, the Walberswick Common Lands Charity, the Parochial Church Council and the Village Hall to co-ordinate a series of events throughout Sunday, June 5.

Members are Amanda Erlenbach, Sue Flack, Viv Hunt, Andrew Lewis, Stephanie Renouf, Jane Sutherland-Rogers, Hannah Sutton and Jill Willison.

A packed programme of activities is planned so everyone in the village can be involved. Please do come along and join in; let's celebrate this unique event together and make Sunday a happy and truly memorable day!

There will be two competitions which need some thought in advance:

- **Create A Picture fit for our Queen in any medium.** Finished A4-size artworks should be taken to the Village Hall between 10am and 12 noon on Saturday, 4 June. Artist Wendy Sinclair will judge the pictures, which will be exhibited in the Hall afterwards. There are two age categories: 10-year-old and under and 11 to 16-year-olds. First prizes will be £45 tokens for artists equipment and second prizes will be £15 book tokens.

- **Design A Crown fit for a Queen.** Entrants must be able to wear their crowns in a parade before the judges, fashion designers Thea Bregazzi and Justin Thornton. Gift token prizes will be awarded to the winners in three age categories: 10-year-old and under, 11 to 16-year-olds and over 17 (including adults)

On Sunday, 5 June:

At 10am the events will start with a Jubilee Celebration service to be held in the ruins. This will include readings and some of Her Majesty's favourite hymns, accompanied by John Flack's Brass Group.

At 10.45 There will be glasses of fizz for a toast to Her Majesty and a special cake will be cut.

At midday, it is picnics on the Village Green. Bring your own food, refreshments, gazebos, chairs and rugs.

If you live on and around the Green please help by hanging out some bunting and flags in honour of this Royal event.

At 12.30pm, there will be a welcome address. The Announcer will then take over throughout the rest of the afternoon to keep everything on schedule.

At 1.30pm there will be Maypole dancing for both adults and children to take part in together

At 2pm there will be the parade of the Crowns fit for a Queen accompanied by the Rumpus Ukulele Band.

Judging of the crowns will then take place followed by the prize giving for both the two competitions.

At 3.15pm, games on the Green commence with categories for: 0 to 6-year-olds, 7 to 10-year-olds, 11 to 16-year-olds, and adults. Games include an egg and spoon race, a three-legged sack race, running race, wheelbarrow race (adults to push the wheelbarrow), and tug of war with children and adults. Every child entrant will receive a special jubilee medal.

Events will all be completed by 4.30pm

Posters advertising Sunday's events will be displayed around the village. Grateful thanks to Village News Editor, Sheila Parry, for producing the special commemorative programme which will be available on the day.

It is envisioned that every child attending will leave with a special commemorative gift of a china jubilee mug.

In the case of inclement weather, the Village Hall and Marquee will be available, but space being limited, attendees will also be encouraged to bring their own gazebos, rugs and chairs.

Everyone must take home their own picnic rubbish to recycle it please; there will be no provision for leaving rubbish.

At the end of the day we wish to leave the Village Green as we found it. Anyone who could bring a long-handled litter-grab and a refuse bag to clear any remaining debris would be hugely welcome.

If you are willing to volunteer to help with the setting up and taking down on the day that would also be very much appreciated...just email: walberswickjubilee@gmail.com if you are willing to help.