



Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Supplement

Welcome to this special supplementary Platinum Jubilee issue

Her Majesty The Queen is the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. This special colour supplement to the Under The Wrekin is to help you get involved in celebrating Her Majesty's historic reign during the Platinum Jubilee Weekend, which takes place from 2nd to 5th June 2022.

The Queen has ruled for longer than any other Monarch in British history, becoming a much loved and respected figure across the globe. Her extraordinary reign has seen her travel more widely than any other monarch, undertaking many historic overseas visits. Known for her sense of duty and her devotion to a life of service, she has been an important figurehead for the UK and the Commonwealth during times of enormous social change.

In this special booklet you can find memories and photos from local residents of the Queen's Coronation and previous Jubilee celebrations; as well as details of events in our local villages (Buildwas, Leighton and Eaton Constantine).



We also have details of national Jubilee events, many of which will be televised live on the BBC (see the back cover for more information).

So do come along and join in the fun with your local community, and share your talents by entering our Wrekin Platinum Jubilee Competitions! Also, share your Platinum Jubilee story on social media using #HM70 and #PlatinumJubilee.

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Remembering the day King George passed away

At the time, I was living in a place called Lady Halton, Bromfield, near Ludlow (it wasn't until the end of 1962 that I came to live in Buildwas, and have been here ever since).

It was a quite nice morning. Peter, my toddler, was having his morning nap so the radio was on quite quietly. Suddenly, the radio stopped to allow the BBC to make the announcement "This is a bulletin from Buckingham Palace, King George has passed away." I don't remember the actual time of the announcement, though my neighbour came to my door to tell me, but by then, I already knew.

The neighbours had a television, in those days a very small one! Curtains had to be drawn and the picture was really dreadful. You could hardly see it, as it was flickering so badly. Then we saw Princess Elizabeth (as she was then), disembarking from the plane from Kenya with Prince Philip, as she had been holidaying there. He had had to tell her that her father, The King, had died. She came off the steps already in mourning clothes to take the long journey home. She was now the new Queen.



I also remember watching the Coronation on TV with friends and neighbours. It was awesome, and she looked stunning. This gracious lady is just a little bit older than myself (I'm now 93 and a half) and I have followed her success over the years.

Edith Teige, Buildwas



Looking back on a lifetime's service

Who really inspires you? Who do you look at and really admire? Whose life do you look at and really feel a sense of gratitude for their life, the way they live and what they stand for? I have always admired Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa and slightly more left field - the rock singer Bono!

I was brought up in a household which was very much a 'royal' household. I am not sure that it rubbed off completely, but I have to say that I absolutely have the greatest admiration and respect for Her Majesty the Queen. She is the most amazing lady.

I am amazed by three things. Firstly, her longevity, 70 years and still going is quite an achievement. It is only in recent times that she has had to slow down more significantly, and her commitment to her vocation is commendable and impressive.

I am amazed by her life of service. She has remained faithful to her vows through thick and thin. She has remained a true servant of her people, irrespective of the cost. When all around her were in a muddle, she has kept on serving, giving and promise keeping.

The third thing that impresses me is her faithful Christian living and discipleship.

This is what keeps her going in her life of service. Her faith in Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of her life, and the heartbeat of what keeps her focussed on her calling.

So, as we celebrate, as we rejoice, as we sing, dance, eat and party, let us remember that this is only possible because of her amazing longevity, incredible life of service and all built on the person and the teaching of Jesus Christ. At her coronation she prayed: 'O Christ our God, Fill my heart always with the joy of faithful service' – which in the 70 years since has been amazingly fulfilled in her life.

Rev. Andy Ackroyd

Memories of a Silver Jubilee



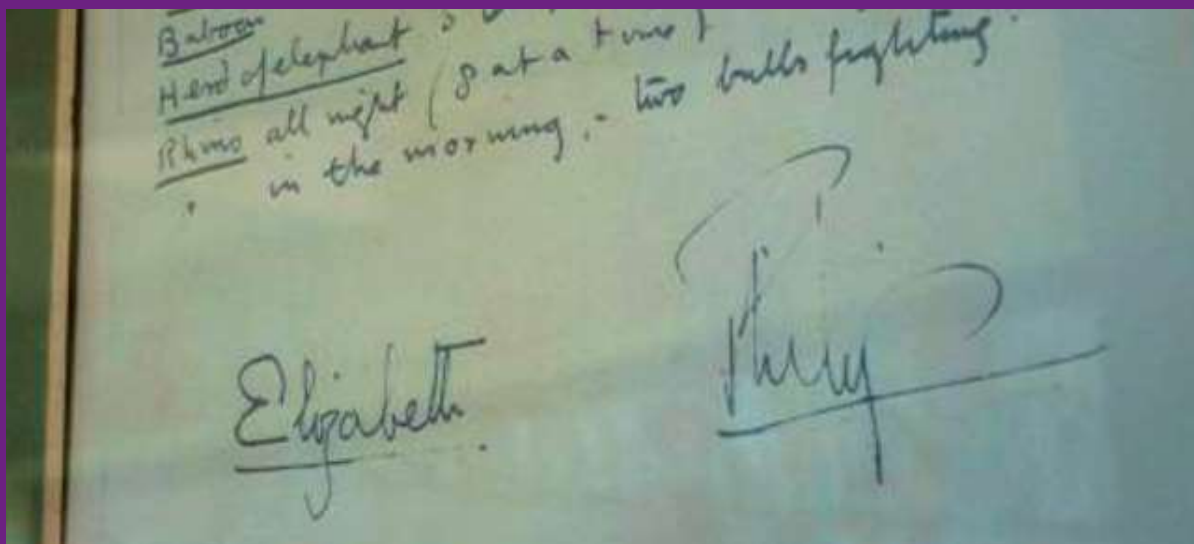
Elizabeth's first signature as Queen

Juliet and I were education volunteers on Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) in Kenya for 2 years in the early 1990's (it was where we first met!). During the school holidays, we would travel around the beautiful country on safari.

During one such trip, we visited the Treetops Hotel - which is where Queen Elizabeth was staying when she learnt the news of her father's death, which occurred on the night of 5-6 February 1952. However, she actually learned of the King's death after having departed that particular hotel, whilst they were at Sagana Lodge.

In the lobby of the hotel (which is separate to the Treetops lodge where you can view the elephants etc.) the hotel owners have framed the visitor book from that time with Elizabeth's first signature as Queen. A fascinating bit of history and amazing to actually see it for real.

Nigel & Juliet Bowen, Buildwas



Message from Councillor Claire Wild

What a fantastic opportunity for us all to come together at the many planned events to celebrate our Queen's seventy years on the throne.

In 1947, at the age of 21 Her Majesty said in a radio broadcast "I declare before you all, that my whole life whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service

Her complete dedication to duty and her devotion to our country is beyond reproach and we should consider ourselves very fortunate that we have a monarch of such standing.

The Jubilee Bank Holiday is a wonderful way of us showing Her Majesty our gratitude and also coming together as a community to enjoy each other's company after what has been such a difficult couple of years .

Is it just me or does the Silver Jubilee only seem a few years ago? I hope to see many of you and join in with the celebrations at what will be such a historic event, one that I doubt will ever be repeated.

Claire Wild, Councillor for the Severn Valley



Jubilee Day	National Event	UTW Event
Thursday 2nd June	The Queen's Birthday Parade	
	Platinum Jubilee Beacons	Beacon Lighting
Friday 3rd June	Service of Thanksgiving	
		<p>Wrekin Summer Festival including Food, Drink and Entertainment (see separate details for more information)</p> <p>Wrekin Jubilee Creation Prize Giving</p> <p>Children's Drawing of our Queen Prize Giving</p> <p>Headline Act 'Alternative Route'</p>
Saturday 4th June	The Derby at Epsom Downs	
	Platinum Party at the Palace	
		Vintage Afternoon Tea including 'Down Memory Lane'
		Tour highlighting 'Royal connections to the building'
		'A Right Royal Banquet' Celebratory Dinner, followed by live music by 'Soul Agenda'
Sunday 5th June	The Big Jubilee Lunch	
		Sunday Lunch Service & Platinum Jubilee Pageant
		The Buildwas Big Jubilee Lunch

Venue	Organisation
The Wrekin	Telford & Wrekin Council
<p>Leighton 12.00noon</p> <p>3.30pm</p> <p>5.00pm</p> <p>7.00pm</p>	Leighton Village Hall
Eaton Constantine Village Hall 3.00pm	Eaton Constantine Village Hall
Wroxeter Church 12.00noon - 3.00pm	Churches Conservation Trust
Seating for dinner at 7.00pm Live music at 9.00pm	The Mill at Leighton
Televised Pageant 2.30pm	The Mill at Leighton
Buildwas Village Hall 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Buildwas Village Hall

Plant a tree for the Jubilee!



The Shropshire Lieutenancy, along with Shropshire Council and Telford and Wrekin Council are supporting a national project to plant as many trees as possible to help celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The project, known as the Queen's Green Canopy, is a tree planting initiative to create a legacy of individual trees, avenues, copses and whole



woodlands in honour of the Queen's 70 years of service. Each tree planted will be commemorated by marking it on a map on the Queen' Green Canopy website.

Leighton and Eaton Constantine Parish Council was delighted to take part in this initiative. On Sunday 6th February, 70 years to the day the Queen ascended to the throne, the Council planted a Liquid Amber tree in Leighton to celebrate the event. We hope its' beautiful autumn colours will give pleasure to many. Thanks go to Shropshire Council for supplying the tree.

The tree planting was aided by special guest, John MacLean BEM from Leighton, who was awarded a British Empire Medal last year for his services to the community in Shrewsbury. John has been instrumental in the restoration of the Coleham Pumping station.

All are welcome to take part in the Green Canopy Initiative. Anyone can plant a tree in their garden and mark the position on the QGC map. It is a lovely thing to do and has a really sustainable benefit for the environment.

To find out more, visit www.queensgreencanopy.org



70 years ago...



Memories of Coronation day June 2nd 1953.

I was 22 years old. My Boyfriend had a friend who invited us to spend the day with Him, his Wife and small child. They owned a television set(Black and White of course),very much a minority group at that time. My Mother agreed I could go(unbelievable now , the need to get permission) My boyfriend(now my Husband of 67+ years)owned a motor cycle, so picked me up early that morning and we drove the 29 miles from my home to Watford. Had a wonderful day sitting in front of a tiny TV screen, eating and playing with the little boy. About 7pm I said we best be leaving Both Husband and Wife said "Oh no" thought you were staying over. My needing to be home by 10pm they both thought hilarious. Little did they realise how my small Mother(4ft.11inches) could put the fear of death into me, so home we went. I just made it by 9.45 so no trouble. It was a wonderful day to be actually watching the ceremony as it was happening. Nowadays we take all this so much for granted and expect full colour as well.

Sue's mum



Wrekin Platinum Jubilee Competitions

Friday, 3rd June 2022

at Wrekin Summer Festival, Leighton Village Hall

CALLING ON ALL YOUR CREATIVE SKILLS!

1. Wrekin 'Jubilee Creation' Competition

Let your imagination run free and produce a 'Jubilee Creation'.

It can be any creative skill e.g. wreath, pottery, yarn bombs, tapestry, flower arrangement. Please bring along your creations to the Wrekin Festival by 1pm.

Judging will take place and a prize given for the best creation at the Wrekin Festival at 3.30pm.

2. Wrekin 'Jubilee Drawing' Competition (children only)

Are you a budding artist? Join us at the Wrekin Summer Festival and draw a picture of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Paper and pens will be provided.

Judging will take place and a prize given for the best drawing at 5.00pm.

We would like to display all creations entered in the competition over the jubilee weekend.

PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES to be won!



THE WREKIN SUMMER FESTIVAL

**Join us from 12.00noon to 10.00pm to
celebrate the
Queen's Platinum Jubilee
on Friday 3rd June,
at Leighton Village Hall**

**Free entry - Hog roast - Vegetarian options - Full bar
service - Entertainment throughout the day -
Headline band 'Alternative Route' live at 7.00pm -
Complementary minibus service - Raffle - Table top
displays by local talent - Bring a business card**

**For further details email LVH55@outlook.com or via the
Wrekin Summer Festival Facebook page
www.facebook.com/thewrekinsummerfestival**

**Remember to bring portable chairs and cash for
purchases (other than from the bar)**



Eaton Constantine Village Hall Queen's Jubilee - Vintage Tea



Saturday 4th June 3pm

Come along for afternoon tea and a chat
Book a table - no charge for this event

Geoff 01952 510309, Sheila 01952 510566



'A Right Royal Banquet'

Three course celebratory dinner on Saturday 4th June, followed by live music from 'Soul Agenda'.

Drinks reception at 6.30pm, dinner at 7.00pm followed by live music from 9.00pm, carriages at midnight.

£55.00 per head

Band only tickets £10.00 per person

For more information or to make a reservation call 01952 443559 or email bookings@themillatleighton.com

The Mill
AT LEIGHTON

The Buildwas



**1 - 4 pm Sunday 5th June
Buildwas Village Hall**

**Come and join us for this FREE event
to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee!**

Free lunch, live music, entertainment & children's games

Bring your own bottle

Ticket required for entry

Book online at www.trybooking.co.uk/BNTW

or call 01952 432497 / 07870 883238

**or obtain a ticket from a member of
Buildwas Village Hall Committee**

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www.buildwasvillagehall.org



National Events at a glance

Jubilee Day	National Event	Timings
Thursday 2nd June	The Queen's Birthday Parade	11.00am onwards
Thursday 2nd June	Platinum Jubilee Beacons	Principal Beacon lit at 9.00pm at Buckingham Palace
Friday 3rd June	Service of Thanksgiving	St Paul's Cathedral from 11.30am
Saturday 4th June	The Derby at Epsom Downs	First race at 2.00pm
Saturday 4th June	Platinum Party at the Palace	Live coverage on BBC One from 8.00pm to 10.30pm
Sunday 5th June	The Big Jubilee Lunch	The Platinum Jubilee Pageant starts at 2.30pm, ending at 5.00pm

