



On the 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth. Whilst there will be year-long Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, a four day UK Bank Holiday weekend will take place from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June to allow people and communities throughout the UK to celebrate this historic milestone.

We would like our village to be included in these celebrations and are therefore planning a number of events and activities which are still to be finalised. We hope to have something for everyone and really hope that you will join in by taking part in the events and activities and by decorating your house or street with flags or bunting.

Hempton Scarecrow Trail

Let's brighten up the village and create lots of royalty-themed scarecrows to display in your front gardens over the Bank Holiday weekend Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th June. This is not a competition and your creations will not be judged ...but much admired!

If you would like to take part in this fun family activity, please send your address to Jodie by 10th May so that a trail list can be added to June Newsletter (Contact details on the front cover).

Thursday 2nd June

6.00pm - BBQ at "The Bell" from 6.00 pm with live music on the Common. (The field next door to the Memorial Hall will be available for parking).

9.15pm—A Beacon will be lit on the Common; this will tie in with all the other Beacons being lit around the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth to mark the celebrations, and in accordance with the instructions of the Pageant Master. The Hempton Holy Trinity Church Bell will also be rung. Also Rev. Harri Williams or the Girl Guides will hopefully sing the "Song for the Commonwealth" If there is a volunteer to play the 'Majesty' song on the bugle please let us know.

9.15pm - 9.30pm - Accompanying Fireworks to end the evenings celebrations with a bang!

Friday 3rd June

We have no events planned on this day.

Saturday 4th June

We have no events planned on this day. In Fakenham town there will be a street party in the Market Place and Norwich Street from 12noon - 4pm.

Also, from 2.00 pm to 10.00 pm, there will be a live broadcast from the BBC on the television. This will include a special live concert from Buckingham Palace, bringing together some of the World's biggest stars. (*There may be a big screen in Bell - to be confirmed*).

Sunday 5th June

10am - Church Service

12noon - 5pm Flower Festival in Church

12noon - 4pm - Hempton Bowls Club

Would like to welcome you to a session of bowls for anyone who would like to take part. Just bring your flat soled shoes/trainers and they will provide the rest. Beginner or professional players catered for! More info from Irene 07789804606.

2pm - 4pm A Queen's Platinum Jubilee **Family village picnic**

With a 60s/70s live band (2.30pm - 3.30pm) on the Common. Many of you may decide to organise your own street parties but not all roads are suitable for this so we want to make sure everyone can join in. To support this, the Memorial Hall will be open, decorated with bunting and old photos, as well as 'The Bell'. People will be encouraged to bring their own tables, chairs, rugs and food. Car-parking will be available next to the hall. There will also be a burger van, ice cream van and teas/coffees will also be available in the hall.

Why not get together with a group of neighbours/friends and organise your picnic together? If you like, come dressed in red, white or blue to add to the fun.

3.30pm - **Fancy Dress Parade** from Hempton Memorial Hall to 'The Bell'

We would like as many residents to take place as possible, young and old. We would also like to see children riding cycles, scooters etc decorated for the day. It would be great if people could dress up as any character, real or fictional, living or deceased from the last 70 years ...

The Queen's Green Canopy

This unique tree-planting initiative, to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, invites everyone to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

Martin Turner from the Garden Centre has kindly agreed to donate a tree and to arrange for it's planting in the village to commemorate this event.

Old Photos

We are looking for as many photographs as possible. If you have any from previous Jubilee Celebrations in the village, or of the Coronation Day in Hempton, please contact Jodie either by phone or email.

Art Competition

We are looking for drawings or paintings of the Queen that can be displayed in the Memorial Hall on Sunday 5th.June. A small prize will be awarded to the winner.

If you would like to get involved with any of these events please contact Jodie, the Clerk.