



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Report by: Projects Officer- Lisa Blake
To: Council Affairs and Finance Committee
Date: For information on 15th March 2022

1. Purpose

A programme of events for the celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. The aim of the events has been to enable opportunities for the community to come together and to make the events open to as many people as possible.

2. Background

The key stakeholders involved in the programme of events along with Crediton Town Council are the Town Team and Crediton Arts Centre.

3. Financial Implications

A funding bid to Arts Council England has been submitted for a total of £9264 along a small amount of additional income supporting the events.

4. Programme

On the 4 Saturdays leading up to the Jubilee Weekend (14,21,28/5 &4/6) there will be historical tours with a twist (an acted version with performers Brown Paper Bag) around the 8 stained glass windows throughout the town depicting the story of St Boniface who is now the patron Saint of Devon. This culminates on a final celebration and some new traditions on Sunday 5 June which is also Devon Day.

The Jubilee Celebrations will cover a variety of both national events and additional local events following the schedule below-

Thursday 2 June 2022

1pm- Town Crier Proclamation

1pm- Artist-led flag making workshop in the Town Square, also including TC Youth Team and Turning Tides (and maybe other community groups) with crafting options.

9.15pm Lighting of the Beacon at Beacon Park

Friday 3 June 2022

2pm Town Band in the Square playing Old Time Songs, invites for cream teas and drinks (provided and served by Turning Tides) have been offered to local care homes for residents to come and enjoy. The event will also be open to everyone with seating reserved for care home residents and carers.

Saturday 4 June 2022

11-12.30 Heritage Trail walk/street theatre
10am-1pm Farmers Market, Town Square

11am-3pm- Family Fun Day, Newcombes Meadow- Free of charge entertainment, including facepainters, bouncy castle, lawn games. Food and drinks will be available to be purchased. This has been designed to be accessible to all and offer fun to all the family. All entertainment will be free of charge, ensuring inclusivity to all.

9pm-late Movie in the Park (Newcombes Meadow) film to be confirmed. The film will begin once the sun has gone down and offer a chance for friends and family to come together.

Sunday 5 June 2022

12 Noon- Town Crier opens St Boniface Day and Platinum Jubilee Celebrations (Town Square).

12-1pm- This will include Boniface Day celebrations, drama re-enactment in Town Square with actors and storyteller, decoration and transformation of fir tree to Christmas tree with activities for children, introduction of Boniface Ballad.

1pm- The Big Sunday Lunch- Tables and chairs lined up on the Town Square, Market Street and Parliament Street will be closed and Market Street will host street food vendors. Community will be able to come and enjoy the celebrations, purchase food or bring their own picnic to meet with friends and family. NOTE- food bank will issue vouchers to their vulnerable families to be redeemed at the food vendors which will be supplemented with funding from the bid.

1.10-5pm- Entertainment on the Square for attendees to enjoy provided by Crediton Youth Orchestra, the Decibelles, Sandford Sings and Beatnxs. There will also be a Tug of War on the Town Square and a Kings and Queen Fancy Dress competition.

3.45pm Small commemorative gifts will be given to children under 18 by the Mayor (see image idea below).



5pm- Event close



Association of
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Local Authority Remote/Hybrid Meetings

Model Motion for Council Meetings

On 5 January 2022, the Association of Democratic Services Officers (ADSO) and Lawyers in Local Government (LLG) launched a petition calling on the Government to change the law to give councils (ranging from county, district and unitary authorities, through to town and parish councils) the freedom to hold remote meetings when local circumstances suit. This includes hybrid meetings.

This follows the unsuccessful High Court action in 2021 and the subsequent judgement that it was for Parliament to change the law not the courts - as indeed the devolved administrations have done in Wales and Scotland to allow for on-line meetings.

We do not wish to impose remote meetings on councils. You should have the choice to decide how you run your meetings depending on local circumstances. We also accept that some meetings (for example full council meetings) are more suited to physical attendance.

You will be aware that the Government issued a call for evidence on 21 March 2021 in relation to remote meetings. We are still awaiting their response to the large number of submissions from local authorities, relevant organisations and the public.

The period of lockdown showed that remote meetings bring so many benefits to local democracy and residents, apart from the obvious public health safeguards. It is no longer just a response to Covid, although we are aware that some councillors are still not able to attend meetings for health reasons either relating to them or their families.

The wider benefits are:

- Increased attendances at remote meetings by both councillors and the public

- Significant cost savings for some authorities arising from much less travel to meetings
- The environmental benefits of less travel, particularly in the large county authorities
- A better work/life balance for councillors
- Improved equality of access to meetings for all and opening up opportunities for more people to stand for election as councillors
- More transparency and openness for the public to see council meetings
- An option to move meetings online when there are constraints, for example bad weather such as snow or flooding.

We therefore ask Councils to consider passing the following motion and writing to the Secretary of State showing your support:

“This Council supports the petition launched by ADSO and LLG on 5 January with regard to remote and hybrid meetings. We agree to write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities calling on the Government to change the law to allow councils the flexibility to hold such meetings when they deem appropriate within agreed rules and procedures.”

Further information about our organisations is attached. For further enquiries on the above motion, please contact John Austin, ADSO Chair – john.austin@adso.co.uk

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More about our organisations

Association of Democratic Services Officers (ADSO)

Formed in 2009, ADSO is the professional body for Governance and Democratic Services Officers in principal local authorities. We provide professional services, training and qualifications to our members as well as representing them in national and local issues. We also support local authorities in developing best practice in governance and related matters.

Lawyers in Local Government (LLG)

LLG was formed in April 2013 by the merger of the Association of Council Secretaries and Solicitors (ACSeS) and Solicitors in Local Government (SLG). It's primary purpose is to represent, promote and support the interests of its members.

Membership is open to local government legal or governance officers working within a local authority, including Monitoring Officers and their deputies, solicitors, barristers, legal executives, licenced conveyancers and trainees.

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Centre for Governance & Scrutiny (CfGS)

CfGS exists to promote better governance and scrutiny, both in policy and in practice. They support local government, the public, corporate and voluntary sectors in ensuring transparency, accountability and greater involvement in their governance processes. CfGS is a social purpose consultancy and a national centre of expertise. Their purpose is to help organisations achieve their outcomes through improved governance and performance.

National Association of Local Councils (NALC)

Established in 1947, the National Association of Local Councils is the national body that represents the interests of 10,000 local (parish and town) councils in England. NALC works in partnership with county associations to support, promote and improve local councils.

Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)

Founded in 1972, SLCC represents clerks in over 5,000 parish and town councils in England and Wales.

As the professional body for local council clerks and senior council employees, it ensures that its members are equipped with the necessary knowledge, training and skills to thrive within their role and best support their council and community.