

DIARY DATES: Open meeting Tuesday 24 April, White Horse at 8pm



Downton

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration

Saturday 2nd June

This year it is 60 years since our Queen ascended the throne. There will be celebrations up and down the country. At an open meeting held in the White Horse at the end of 2010, it was decided to hold our own celebrations here in Downton on Saturday 2nd June 2012.

We decided that the day will comprise:

Carnival & Street Party in the Borough	1.30pm
In the Memorial Gardens:	
Early evening music in the Park	5.30pm
Jubilee concert	8.00pm
Fireworks finale	10.45pm

(Further details below)

We have estimated that it will cost at least £20,000 to put on this day of celebration. The money is being raised through fundraising events (over £6,500 raised to date), sponsorship, advertisement space in the concert programme,

concert ticket & programme sales and bar profits. The fund was kick started by £600 left in the Golden Jubilee Account when a similar day of festivities was held 10 years ago. *We have also been awarded £1204 by our Local Area Board (Wiltshire Council).*

Any profits made from the day will be distributed amongst local charities.

Further Information

Sponsorship

If you would like to sponsor some aspect of the day please phone Malcolm Dean on 511221. All sponsors will receive an acknowledgement in the Concert programme (unless requested otherwise).

Advertising

Please contact Debbie on debbie@downtondirectory.com if you would like to put an ad in the concert programme. Closing date for ads is Tuesday 8 May.

Rates: ¼ page £25, ½ page £50, Full page £100.

Fund raising

Our final fundraising event is the Duck Race at Cuckoo Fair. Please come and buy a duck and then watch it 'race' down the Avon.

The Carnival (1.30pm)

Over 60 vehicles, including steam engines and vintage & military vehicles, will process down through the village. There will be music and bands as well as floats decorated by local organisations. The procession will start at 1.30pm from the old Rugby field next to the RC Church in Barford Lane and disperse at the traffic lights. We anticipate that the Borough/ High Street will be officially closed from 1.30pm-4.30pm although it is likely that the Borough east of the Iron Bridge and the High St will be open once the carnival has passed through. If you wish to take part or

have a suitable lorry/ tractor trailer that others can use please contact Malcolm (01725 511221).

Street Party (1.30-4.30pm)

The street party will be taking place as the carnival processes down through the village and is for everyone but, if you are 65 or over and live within the Parish of Downton, you will get a personal invitation and food will be provided. Tables and chairs will be set up on the Maypole Green in the Borough. If you have yet to reach this age please bring your own picnic and chairs. There will also be entertainment for children including a bouncy castle, circus workshop and face painting. Contact Sally on 512902 if you have any queries.

Early Evening Music in the Park (5.30-7.45pm)

Before the main concert there will be musical entertainment in the Memorial Gardens to make full use of the stage. The programme so far to date includes Just Us (soul), Roger Curley (swing) and Identity Crisis (pop).

Contact Jeremy on 512963 for further information. This will finish with a display by a Harvard airplane (weather permitting) courtesy of Peter Bercheret.

Concert (8.30-11.00pm)

The day's climax is the Grand Jubilee concert in the Memorial Gardens, produced by Jane Seden. This will cover the last 60 years in drama, song and dance. Over 150 local dancers, singers and actors will be taking part and it promises to be a highly entertaining performance. Jane (510122) would welcome hearing from anyone who can help backstage. A licensed bar and refreshments will be available to purchase.

Tickets

Tickets, for entry into the Memorial Gardens from 5.30 to 11am, are available from April 10th at:

Hale Newsagents, The High Street

Beverley's Cakes, The Borough

Pets Pads, The Borough

Tickets can also be bought from the Jubilee stall at Cuckoo Fair.

Prices:

Adults £7.50

Concessions £4 (16 or under, 65 and over)

Family £20 (maximum 5 people of which no more than 2 can be adults)

Entry on the day will be Concessions £5 and Adults £10 (no family tickets).

For further details please see the Spring Baptist Newsletter, the May Parish News or May SP5.

Next open meeting is Tuesday 24 April 2012 at 8pm in the White Horse.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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