



Shanklin Town Council

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Town Mayor's address

Councillor Chris Quirk, Shanklin Town Mayor

On 6th February seventy years ago, 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. We congratulate the Queen on this significant anniversary, and the Town Council and the people of Shanklin are looking at ways to mark this historic event. Details of some of the local and national events are summarised here.

Events will take place throughout the year, culminating in a four-day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. In last month's report I provided a summary of the Governments advice for setting up a street party, if you do not have access to that briefing please e-mail me for a copy (chris.quirk@iow.gov.uk). The bank holiday will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone and street parties are already being organised in Shanklin.

The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service.

Thursday 2nd June: The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour): Over 1,400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians will come together in the traditional Parade to mark The Queen's official birthday, usually held on the second Saturday in June.

Platinum Jubilee Beacons: The United Kingdom's long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations with the lighting of beacons will continue to mark the Platinum Jubilee. Over 1,500 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom including the beacons above Bonchurch and Culver.

Friday 3rd June: Service of Thanksgiving: A Service of Thanksgiving for The Queen's reign will be held at St Paul's Cathedral. Further events will be announced in due course.

Saturday 4th June: The Derby at Epsom Downs: The Queen, accompanied by Members of the Royal Family, will attend the Derby at Epsom Downs.

Platinum Party at the Palace: The BBC will stage and broadcast a special live concert from Buckingham Palace that will bring together some of the world's biggest entertainment stars to celebrate the most significant and joyous moments from The Queen's

seven decade reign. Members of the public will be invited to apply to attend this special event and details of the ballot for UK residents to secure audience tickets will be released in February.

Sunday 5th June: The Big Jubilee Lunch: The Town Council are looking to organise a Big Picnic with free entertainment on this afternoon.

The Platinum Jubilee Pageant: Artistic performers, dancers, musicians, military personnel, key workers and volunteers will unite to tell the story of The Queen's 70 year reign in an awe-inspiring festival of creativity. This London Pageant will combine pomp and ceremony, street arts, theatre, music, circus, costumes as well as cutting-edge visual technology, drawing on talent from every part of the United Kingdom and involving students from Dance Vibe, the dance school based at Shanklin Community Arts Centre.

Over the Bank Holiday there will be an event in Shanklin Chine, a Choral Recital at St Blasius Church. The Town Council are also looking to organise an event with free entertainment on the beach.

If you are organising an event please let us know so we can add it to our list of Platinum Jubilee events in Shanklin.

**Best Regards Chris,
Shanklin Town Mayor (2021)**