

Milton Abbot Grouped Parish Council
2nd March 2016

Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

1) THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY BEACONS - 21ST APRIL 2016

You can find information on the above event by clicking here www.brunopeek.co.uk and by going to page 2 you will see how your Council can take part.

You may know of Beacons from previous Beacon lightings, whether they be the Beacon Brazier on top of a tall wooden pole erected for other similar events, gas fuelled Beacons used for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons in 2012, or VE day this year. Your Council may wish to get involved in lighting Beacon or Bonfire to join this event in which case you will need to register.

If your Council is not able to participate please pass this information onto any other local organisations you feel would like to consider being part of this once in a lifetime 'tribute' to Her Majesty The Queen on 21st April 2016 being HM The Queens actual Birthday.

More information can be obtained from Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster, The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons, Tel: + (0) 7737 262 913

2) CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY 12th JUNE 2016

A letter from David Fursdon, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Devon, for all Town and Parish Clerks and Councillors:

I would like to tell you about an event which is being planned for the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday in 2016. The focus of the event will be a celebration of the longevity and the breadth of Her Majesty's patronage of over 600 organisations in the UK and around the Commonwealth since 1952.

As The Queen 's commitment to a life time of service is cause for national celebration, on Sunday 12th June 2016 the Mall will be home to a magnificent event, The Patron's Lunch; a classic British 'street party' style lunch for 10,000 guests. This lunch will host attendees from charities and organisations to which The Queen acts as patron, with further tickets available for a public ballot. Members of the public will also have the opportunity to enjoy the celebrations via big screens in St James' Park and Green Park. The lunch will take place at the end of a weekend long celebration to mark Her Majesty's 90th birthday, starting with a service at St Pauls Cathedral on the Friday 10th June, followed by Trooping the Colour on Saturday 11th.

It is not just on the Mall that it is hoped the celebrations will take place. Hopefully this will inspire communities around the Country to host their own lunches and street parties in celebration. I would ask that you encourage your communities to get involved, bringing The Patron's Lunch to life across the County and re-igniting the community spirit.

The three core themes to this project are:

- *Charity; a fundraising platform for over 300 charities of which The Queen is patron,
- *Celebration; a chance to publically celebrate and honour her commitment to service,
- *Community; engaging communities all over the country.

In addition to any community fundraising efforts, The Patron's lunch event itself will raise

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money for a newly created Patron's Fund, to support the charitable organisations to which Her Majesty is patron. For more information on the project and how people can get involved check the website www.thepatronslunch.com

We will be gathering information on the Lieutenancy website www.lordlieutenantofdevon.org.uk about any events we know are taking place in Devon. We would appreciate you keeping us updated on any events happening in your area as you hear about them, by emailing us at lieuten@devon.gov.uk