

Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee: This Parish Newsletter is jointly produced by the Village Hall Committee, St. Andrew's Church and the Parish Council to share our proposals for celebrating Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee.

Our collective planning is focused in two discrete parts: (i) a whole-village celebration on Sunday 5th June at St. Andrew's Church and in / around the Village Hall; and (ii) various projects during the year to improve and enhance the Wallshead Way Play Area.

We are delighted to announce that Telford & Wrekin Council have agreed to the renaming of Wallshead Way Play Area to the **Queen Elizabeth II Park**. This is to be formalised by provision of new signs at the three main approaches to the park, and a dedication service late in May (details tbc).

Further details of plans and proposals are set out in this special edition.



Village Celebrations – Sunday 5th June: a host of celebrations are planned to take place in the heart of Church Aston village. Precise timings for each element of the Celebrations are still being refined but the schedule set out below shows what is planned:

- ✓ An outdoor morning service in St. Andrew's Church grounds (~10.00 am)
- ✓ Hans Christian Anderson film starring Danny Kaye in the Village Hall (~11.00 am)
- ✓ Musical interlude by Wellington Brass Band (~12.00 noon)
- ✓ Showcase of artistic & Creative talents in St. Andrew's Church (2nd - 5th June)
- ✓ A magic show for children (and adults)
- ✓ Demonstrations by the Karate Group (~1.00 pm)
- ✓ Demonstration of the Argentine Tango by a local dance group (~1.30 pm)
- ✓ Demonstration of line-dancing by a local Dance group
- ✓ Teas and coffees served from the Village Hall throughout the day
- ✓ Provision of hot foods reflecting the breadth of the Commonwealth
- ✓ Seating & tables for picnics and for served food & drink
- ✓ Calamity Jane film starring Doris Day in the village Hall (~4.00 pm)
- ✓ Bunting & Union flags displayed around the village centre
- ✓ free union flags for all children attendees
- ✓ Fun, food and a thoroughly fabulous family day out for all

Entrance to all films, demonstrations and shows is free of charge so come along and join in with the fabulous Platinum Jubilee celebrations.



Queen Elizabeth II Park: regular users of the play area will already have noticed a newly installed bench seat and a wheelchair accessible picnic table.

Additionally, 7 blossoming trees have recently been planted to enhance visual aspects of the play area and to further encourage wildlife (insects, bees and birds) to this important green space.



As indicated earlier, new gateway signs are to be provided to formally acknowledge renaming of the play area with a dedication service involving Zoe Heming (Priest-in-charge at St. Andrew's Church) and children from Church Aston Infant School planned for late May (details tbc)

Platinum Jubilee Quiz: How much do you know about Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation?

1. In which year did QEII become queen? 1951 / 1952 / 1953
2. In which year was the Coronation of QEII? 1951 / 1952 / 1953
3. Where was QEII's Coronation held? St. Paul's Cathedral / Westminster Abbey / Windsor Castle
4. In which year did the first Coronation take place in this place? 1066 / 1338 / 1660
5. How many Coronations have taken place here? 29 / 39 / 49
6. Who did QEII succeed? George V / Edward VII / George VI
7. Who organised the Coronation - the Duke of: Norfolk / Suffolk / Westminster
8. How many grey gelding horses pulled the coronation Gold State Coach 4 / 6 / 8
9. Which service uniform did the Duke of Edinburgh wear for the Coronation? Navy / Army / RAF
10. How many hours did the Coronation service take? 1 / 2 / 3
11. What special dish was 'invented' for foreign guests at the Coronation? ?? (two words)
12. What proportion of the UK population (c.36m) watched the Coronation on TV? 65% / 75% / 85%

Who's paying for our local Celebrations: the four main contributors are the Village Hall Committee, St. Andrew's Church, the Parish Council and Borough Cllr Eade's Ward Member Pride Fund. We have all worked hard to minimise costs and to maximise opportunities for enjoyment.

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Quiz Answers: (Q1) 1952; (Q2) 1953; (Q3) Westminster Cathedral; (Q4) 1066; (Q5) 39; (Q6) George VI; (Q7) Duke of Norfolk; (Q8) 8; (Q9) Navy; (Q10) almost 3 hours; (Q11) Coronation Chicken; (Q12) 75%