

Queen's Diamond Jubilee – Join the Big Celebration

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee will take place in 2012. This will celebrate 60 years since the Queen's coronation on 2nd June 1953. The only other British monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee was Queen Victoria in 1897 so this is a once in a lifetime chance to join with the whole country to commemorate this important milestone.

The celebrations will centre around the first week in June (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th). The Government has announced its plans for a special four-day Jubilee weekend which will allow communities time to come together to celebrate and commemorate the *events of the last 60 years*. This has entailed putting back the late May bank holiday to Monday 4 June and adding an additional Jubilee bank holiday on Tuesday 5 June.

In Diss a Jubilee Committee has been set up and plans for events to take place on the Park on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of June are taking shape. The proposals include children's entertainment and games with live music on Saturday 2nd, and on Sunday 3rd a Picnic in the Park will be held to coincide with The Big Lunch. On Monday 4th June communities across the country will light a total of 2012 beacons and Diss is hoping to take part with an event on the Park culminating in a firework display on the Mere.

As well as large events it is hoped that small celebrations such as street parties, fetes and exhibitions will be organised over the bank holiday weekend so that everyone can get involved.

Oliver Pilsbury-Gaunt has been appointed as the Jubilee Co-ordinator in Diss and would like to hear from anyone planning a Jubilee event so that all the celebrations in Diss can be included in a programme of all events which are happening in the town. Contact him on 07805 096345 or email: oliverpilsburygaunt@googlemail.com

Information and advice regarding organising an event is also available from Norfolk County Council, email: diamondjubilee@norfolk.gov.uk or call 01603 222208 and from The Big Lunch organisation www.thebiglunch.com

In these days of spending cuts and austerity measures we could all do with something good to look forward to so why not get involved and help make 2012 a year to remember.

