

DIAMOND JUBILEE



A Weekend of Celebrations

Saturday 2nd - Tuesday 5th June 2012

Dear Parishioner,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend to you all a very warm welcome to our Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Compton and Shawford.

On Saturday, 350 guests will be attending the Jubilee Ball to enjoy a delicious meal, carefully selected wines and to dance the night away to Hot Rabbit.

Flock to Sunday's events, when you will be able to pit your wits against each other in the morning's treasure hunt. In the afternoon, relax in our delightful local open gardens, sip tea and enjoy cake, provided by our two WIs, as you move between the gardens, or place your bets on the winning cricket team. **Jubilee Jubilate**, our celebratory service, will take place at 6pm in the marquee.

On Monday, be sure to allow ample time for the fête, which will be action-packed with events. See if you can select the winning lamb in the races, pick the right numbers in our excellent raffle and place your bids in the silent auction. Enjoy the wide variety of stalls, races and activities, including a tug o' war and welly-wanging, gaze longingly at the vintage cars on show and purchase commemorative mugs, specifically personalised for our village by pupils at King's School. Fortify yourselves with delicious meat from the Mannerings' farm, barbecued just for you, and an excellent tea, courtesy of the Ladies' Guild. Make sure you are in fine voice to join in with the songs in the Olde Tyme Music Hall, or participate in a tea dance.

For Monday's grand finale, we have planned a torch-lit procession, from the Pavilion to Shawford Down, where a beacon will be lit at 10pm, simultaneously with hundreds throughout the country, to mark the 60th year of our Queen's reign.

Invite friends to come along to all of our events, as there will be plenty of additional parking available at Shepherd's Down School, for which we are extremely grateful.

On Tuesday, join in one of the two local walks, which will finish at The Bridge Inn for a special Diamond Jubilee Lunch.

Remember to bring your camera to all the celebrations to capture the moment, as we are planning to make a commemorative calendar of our village's special events.

Finally, do let me know if you would like a commemorative medal for your child, if s/he does not attend our local pre-school, or All Saints' School.

On your behalf, I would like to offer sincere thanks to all the members of the two Diamond Jubilee Committees, whose volunteers have worked so hard to provide an unforgettable four-day community event. Now, all we need is YOU to turn out in force. Please remember that all the profits we make on the Monday will be given back to our community and to charities with local connections.

Una Stevens, Chairman of the Diamond Jubilee Committee

Programme of events over the weekend on the
Memorial Playing Fields
Shepherds Lane, Compton

Saturday

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Place</i>
7.30pm – 1am	Diamond Jubilee Ball <i>Tickets required</i>	Memorial Playing Fields

Sunday

<i>Starting time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Fee</i>
11.00am	Treasure Hunt	Marquee	Suggested donation of £1.50 per person
2-5pm	Five Open Gardens	Please see Programme	Suggested donation of £2 per garden
3.00pm	Cricket match Compton v Shawford	Memorial Playing Fields	
3.00pm onwards	Afternoon tea	Marquee, Memorial Playing Fields	
6.00pm	Jubilee Jubilate Commemorative Service	Marquee, Memorial Playing Fields	

Monday

12:00 - 12:15	Opening ceremony
12:30 - 12:45	Lamb racing - race 1
12:45 - 1:00	Falconer show 1
1:00 - 1:15	Children's entertainer
1:15 - 1:30	Lamb racing - race 2
1:30 -2:00	Children's races
2:00 - 2:15	Bikes & Hats Parades
2:15 - 2:30	Lamb racing - race 3
2:30 -3.00	Adults' races
3.00 – 3.15	Children's entertainer
3:15	Close Raffle
3:15– 4.00	Olde Tyme Music Hall
4.00 - 4.15	Falconer show 2
4.15	Announce prize winners
4:45	Close fête
9.30pm	Torch-lit procession from pavilion to Shawford Down for lighting of the beacon at 10pm

Compton and Shawford commemorative bone china mugs £4.95

Lyn Brace has kindly volunteered to collate the orders for the commemorative mugs. To order in advance, please contact Lyn on 01962 714564, or email howlyn99@hotmail.com



Tuesday

<i>Start Times</i>	<i>Walks</i>	<i>Meeting point</i>	<i>Finishing point and time for both walks</i>
10.30am	Longer walk	Pavilion	The Bridge Inn at 12.30 for a Jubilee Lunch
11.00am	Shorter walk		

Competitions

- Children's decorated scooters, tricycles and bicycles
- Decorated hats (two categories: children and adults)
- Flowers in a tea-cup (two categories, as above)
- Create your own Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Recipe (two categories as above). All competitors are asked to bring a sample of their dish for judging and a copy of the recipe, with a view to publishing the winning recipes in the July Parish Magazine and our calendar.
- Mrs Beeton's Victoria Sandwich (two categories). See recipe on page 7.
- Photography competition on the theme Our Village (two categories)
- Dress a scarecrow as a king or queen (children)
- The best drawing/painting of The Queen (children)
- A poem for our Queen (children)
- A royal flower arrangement (two categories)

Victoria 'Sandwich'

A two-layer sponge-like cake that is filled with a layer of jam and whipped cream. It is cut into small “sandwiches”.

Anna, the Duchess of Bedford (1788-1861), one of Queen Victoria's (1891-1901) ladies-in-waiting, is credited as the creator of teatime.



As the noon meal had become skimpier, the Duchess suffered from “a sinking feeling” at about four o’clock. At first, the Duchess had her servants sneak her a pot of tea and a few ‘breadstuffs’ into her dressing room.

Adopting the European tea format, she invited friends to join her for an additional afternoon meal at five o’clock in her rooms at Belvoir Castle.

The menu featured small cakes, bread and butter sandwiches, assorted sweets and, of course, tea. This summer practice proved so popular that the Duchess continued it when she returned to London, inviting her friends for “tea and a walk in the fields”.

The practice of asking friends for tea in the afternoon was quickly picked up by other social hostesses.

Queen Victoria adopted the new fashion for tea parties and, by 1855, she and her ladies were in formal dress for the afternoon teas.

This simple cake was one of the queen’s favourites.

After her husband, Prince Albert, died in 1861, Queen Victoria spent time in retreat at the Queen’s residence (Osborne House) on the Isle of Wight.

According to historians, it was here that the cakes were named after her.

Isabella Beeton's Recipe for Victoria Sandwiches

Ingredients:

4 eggs; their weight in sugar, butter and flour

¼ saltspoonful of salt

A layer of any kind of jam or marmalade

Beat the butter to a cream; dredge in the flour and pounded sugar; stir these ingredients well together, and add the eggs, which should be previously thoroughly whisked, When the mixture has been well beaten for about 10 minutes, butter a Yorkshire-pudding tin, pour in the batter, and bake it in a moderate oven for 20 minutes. Let it cool, spread one half of the cake with a layer of nice preserve, place over it the other half of the cake, press the pieces slightly together, and then cut it into long finger-pieces; pile them in cross bars on a glass dish, and serve.

Time: 20 minutes

Average cost, 1s 3d. Sufficient for 5 or 6 persons. Seasonable at any time.

Five gardens to visit on Sunday

YEW TREE COTTAGE, Compton Street

The garden is set in 0.6 of an acre of what was farmland, dating back at least to the 1600s. The topsoil is neutral, but chalk can be found 4ft down. The main garden is situated to the east of the house and is south facing. It consists of large mixed borders and a raised area surrounded by dry stone walls.



On the west side of the house, there is a sunken “white” garden with a water feature. A long pergola runs from east to west, supporting various climbers, including wisteria, jasmine and roses.

COMPTON END, Compton Street

The garden was laid out by architect, George Kitchen, in the early 20th century, while he restored the house in the Arts and Crafts style. It contains many mature trees - substantial walnuts, a large elderly silver birch, and several English and Irish yews. The most beautiful tree is a huge buddleia alternifolia which stands to the west of the house. The vine, which grew inside the old greenhouse, thrives. He created various compartments within the garden to the east of the house, using yew hedging and extensive topiary. In the pond area are some clipped box 'birds' which, it is believed, were unique at the time of their creation.



Two substantial herbaceous borders adjacent to the pond garden create a colourful summertime vista from the dining room. To the south of the house, is a formal parterre / knot garden with box compartments, a grotto and wild garden with rockery. Beyond, is a large croquet lawn: originally a tennis court, which is also enclosed by large yew hedges, framing a beautiful, two-storey, pink washed summer house, constructed by Kitchen in about 1910. There is an area of orchard to the south and an area of summer meadow to the west, which is a sea of daffodils, snowdrops and bluebells in the spring. During the summer, swathes of colourful wild flowers appear with a white cow-parsley base. The formal planting has become tired in recent years and the current owner has just started a programme of replacement. A new yew hedge has appeared along part of the road boundary to the north, and the borders leading to the front door have been replanted with roses and lavender.

Kitchen never wished the garden at Compton End to be formal and overly tidy, preferring a profusion of English cottage garden plants spilling over the stone-lined edges of the borders. Hopefully the garden will soon be returned to this ideal!

PILGRIM COTTAGE Otterbourne Road

The garden sits in about half an acre. The soil is made up of varying degrees of chalk, clay and flint. The aspect is predominantly south.

It can roughly be divided into three areas: the greenhouse and small kitchen garden, the main garden and the dell. It is still in the process of being developed. Last autumn, the fir trees were pruned and were underplanted with bulbs and shade/dry loving plants.

BAKELANDS, 18 Grove Road

The house sits in about half an acre and the garden at the rear of the house slopes away south to Sparrowgrove Wood, with the eye led to the weeping willow at the bottom, as the lawn merges into an informal area of grass and woodland edge. The main mixed borders have evolved, and increased in size, over the last 30



years framing both sides of the lawn. Other features in the decorative garden include a “private” terrace with small pond, raised beds with summer bedding, a conservatory with bougainvillea and cannas, a penstemon border, a modest rose arbour and bed. The decorative part of the garden is separated from the productive by a long trellis with climbing roses and clematis.

The productive part includes a greenhouse, fruit cage and raised vegetable beds with supporting compost bins. The garden is very largely gardened organically and sustained by roof water, stored in two large 1000 litre tanks with the beginnings of a drip feed system in some parts.

THE BIRCHES, Southdown Road

Our garden of approximately one acre, is surrounded by laurel, privet and coniferous hedges. The soil is made up of clay cap over chalk and, like all local gardens, suffers from drought.



The main garden to the rear faces west. The front garden has a lawn surrounded by rockery and, on the north boundary, an enclosed acid bed, where we can grow pieris and camellias.

The back garden has a large terrace with balustrades topped by urns, which are filled with summer bedding plants. A long bed, filled with Silver Jubilee roses and edged with catmint, runs along in front of the terrace.

There is a small water feature, a large flat lawn, herbaceous borders, an orchard, underplanted with spring bulbs, a gazebo, a vegetable patch with soft fruit, a greenhouse and two exhausted gardeners.

DIAMOND JUBILEE BALL

IN SUPPORT OF THE SPORTS CLUB

Compton and Shawford Ball

60
YEARS

Saturday

2nd June

2012

7.30 - 1.00

*Dress- Smart with
a touch of sparkle*

Got tickets for the Ball?

(If not, we're sorry but it's sold out)

Menu

7.30pm Open bar with canapés
8.00pm Dinner – hog roast with baked potato and selection of salads
Choice of desserts
Coffee, tea and hot chocolate

Wines

If you want to choose and pre-order your drinks, wine tastings are being held at the pavilion, Friday evenings and Thursday 24 May – please see Parish Magazine for details.

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Charters Estate Agents in Winchester and William's Garage in Otterbourne have kindly offered us generous sponsorship for our fête on Monday 4th June. Waitrose and Tesco have also given vouchers, which we have used towards the purchase of raffle prizes. The following have supported us in other ways, often with the donation of a prize for our raffle or silent auction:

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