



Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with our Picnic on the Park Sunday 5th June 2pm to 6pm

Village organisations taking part are

Little Eaton Community Cares,

Over the past two years, the fantastic volunteers of LECC have been supporting the community during the pandemic. We are now really keen to focus on creating opportunities to help bring our communities back together again.

To celebrate this special occasion we hope you will enjoy an afternoon of live music which includes: The Mumpers Community Ceilidh Band, The Beeston Big Band, The Little Eaton Kitchen Chorus and Forged in Fire. Village residents over 70 are invited to join us for a celebratory afternoon tea & scones, Please let us know of your attendance by calling 07810 023743 by 30th May

Little Eaton Women's Institute Founded 1922

Our Queen has been a member of WI since 1943, even longer than the 70 years that she has been on the throne! She is currently President of Sandringham WI.

The ladies of Little Eaton Women's Institute have kicked off the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in the way we know best, through the medium of knitting! Our yarn-bombing installations in the village have been going from strength to strength in recent years, and our Jubilee plans are no exception. As well as our letter-box topper depicting Queen Elizabeth II herself, surrounded by her beloved corgis, we have also created a beautiful Union Jack display comprising individual knitted flowers in patriotic colours; so be sure to keep an eye out for these displays around the village. We were also honoured to be asked to provide the recipe for the village's Jubilee Celebration cake-making competition. This is the traditional Women's Institute recipe for a Victoria Sandwich, which was popularised during the reign of Queen Victoria and is still a classic today. Visitors are made most welcome to join us at Little Eaton WI and can become a member at any time. Our meetings are held 7:30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We have a speaker, activity or entertainment every month and also Keep Fit, Book Club, Wine and Dine Club, Craft Evenings and other activities organized regularly throughout the year. For information contact; President: Lynne Siddons - 834834 Vice Presidents: Barbara Adams - 832267, Sue Tulloch - 832510 Email - LittleEatonWI@dfwi.co.uk

Victoria Cake competition for over 16s, use your own recipe or the WI one to be found on the Parish Council website. Prize money for 1st 2nd & 3rd, to be displayed in the Lower Hall by 2pm

Decorated cupcake competition under 16s. 4 decorated cup cakes made to your own recipe or the Victoria cake recipe, to be displayed in the Lower Hall by 2pm. Prize money for 1st 2nd & 3rd **All evidence or this competition to be eaten on the day!**

Friends of Little Eaton Canal

The Queen's Green Canopy The Queen's Green Canopy is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee - 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee'. Individuals, community groups and schools have been invited to plant trees to mark the queen's platinum anniversary. The Friends of Little Eaton Canal have proposed that our village's contribution to this fitting tribute to the queen's 70 years on the throne will be a new line of trees on Millennium Way, in line with the three existing copses. The chosen trees will be rowans and crab apples; their spring blossom and colourful autumn fruits and berries will brighten the entrance to our village and cheer us all. After the celebrations in June are over, it will be a permanent tribute to and reminder of the queen's seventy year reign.

Little Eaton Historical Society, A Little Bit of History

The Local History Society will be present today in the Thomas Bates Hall, at the stage end, where there will be a display reflecting on the changes that have occurred since the Queen's coronation until the present day. It is interesting to note that the indoor facility on the park in those far off days was a wooden hut. A Sports Pavilion was built in 1966 and the Village Hall came along in 2010. The Parish Rooms were opposite the park but were then known as the Methodist School Room. It had been Little Eaton's first school back in the 19th century. The programme for the original event states that there would be a television in the "Methodist School Room" Technology gone mad in the 1950s !!

Philip and Ruth Hunter, have put together an excellent display which includes : Then and Now Photos from around the village. Information Sheets on Notable Houses around the village and where known the occupants in 1952. A set of Old Money (£sd). Decimalisation did not occur until 1971. Souvenirs give out at the time of the coronation.

Little Eaton Primary School

At Little Eaton Primary School, we are very excited about the Jubilee celebrations. So far, we have employed a local artist to work with the children to create a Jubilee installation for each class. These will be displayed in the Lower Hall on the 5th June. There has also been a street party in school, where the children were able to celebrate the Jubilee by tucking into traditional fish and chips or hotdogs (many thanks to our catering team).

I am also delighted that Miss Theobald and Mr. Singh, our school sports team, will be holding **a series of sports events on the 5th June at 3pm on the park, Church Lane end. These will mirror the sports day that took place on the village green to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's coronation in 1953.** The children are very excited to be competing in games that their predecessors took part in, and to create a little bit of local history for themselves.

Another side of the Jubilee that we have been conscious of is legacy. Thanks to the generosity of John and Janet Easter and Little Eaton Parish Council, we are in the process of having a new digital mechanism fitted to our glorious school clock so that it will chime regularly again. We are also looking forward to continuing to raise funds for a new clock face to celebrate the occasion. This will ensure that our Queen's jubilee is recognised alongside Victoria's for years to come!

In addition to the donations above, we have been blessed in recent months by the generosity of our local community. As a school we saw a need for a safe and 'fit for purpose' space for our children to work through the impact of Covid. Due to the kind and substantial donations of the Bates Trust, the County Council (courtesy of Carol Hart), the Little Eaton Unitarian Church, Little Eaton Gardening Club and the Bell and Harp Public House, we have been able to create a purposeful classroom dedicated to this cause. These generous contributions have created a wonderful space and are making a real difference to Little Eaton's children. Thank you! We look forward to celebrating this room with an official opening in the near future.

A really big THANK YOU to all the organisations and individuals in the village that are making this day possible and in particular to the National Lottery Community Fund for their generous funding award of **£2615.00 towards this event.**



Please feel free to decorate your houses.



The carnival week comes next starting 25th June , see carnival website for details.