

JUBILEE JOY!



ASHBRITTLE GREENHAM STAWLEY BATHEALTON KITTISFORD

T H E B E A C O N



My wonderful experiences of this grand occasion started on the Thursday evening having been invited to attend the lighting of the Beacon on top of The Mountain Field above Bathealton. Well, the sun was setting and the weather was very good and clear which allowed the view to be absolutely breath-taking to me and the many others who had gathered up there. The Beacon was lit at 9.40 and gave great light. Soon we saw nineteen glowing in the distance from Willet Tower around to Dartmoor in the far distance. I would like to thank all the volunteers. The weather put the icing on the cake!!  
Graham Henson.

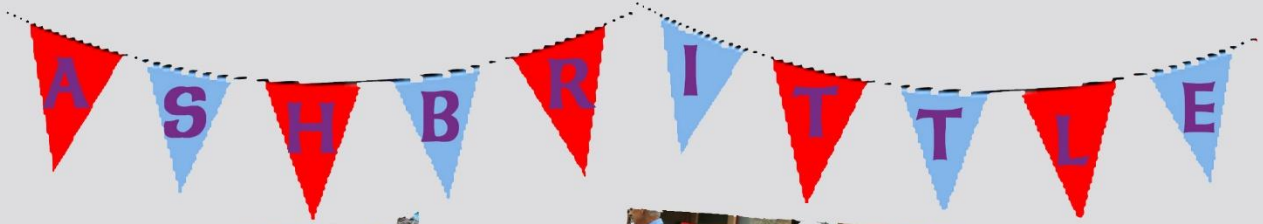
A beacon was lit at the top of The Mountain Field on the Western edge of Bathealton parish, shortly after 9.30pm on the Thursday evening to begin the Jubilee celebrations. A beautiful summer evening with clear skies and a panoramic view, from where a further nineteen beacons could be seen blazing in the distance.  
Maurice Stanbury

B A T H E A L T O N



A drizzly Jubilee Sunday morning convinced us we should resort to Plan B and set up our tea tables in the Village Hall. Just as well as the afternoon turned out **very** wet. Not that it interfered with the jollities one bit. We had a full house, copious food and a non-stop supply of tea and Pimms, thanks to the ministrations of Shelley and Simon. Doreen Orton once again came up trumps with a beautiful Jubilee cake and Phil Broad, suitably dressed in military kilt, gave a sense of occasion to the Royal Toast. It was lovely to see so many friends and join in a memorable occasion. Many thanks to all who came and to all our wonderful cooks for their splendid efforts.  
Morag Berthon

I feared not many people would venture out to the party - it was raining stair rods. I couldn't have been more wrong; in no time the Village Hall was brimming with people, ready to party. And what a party! The organisers cooked, baked, served, filled and re-filled our plates and glasses, time and again. Just when one had enjoyed something delicious, more delicacies arrived. An Elizabethan Banquet, no less. Pimms, tea and champagne flowed and resulted in a roaring rendition of the National Anthem, followed by a special cake. It really was a feast of Platinum proportions - a fitting salute to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. I hope all those that partied will join me in raising a glass (or two) to thank the organisers who worked so incredibly hard and gave us such a splendid time! Cheers!  
Val Coots



I want to say an enormous thank you to ALL that helped create Ashbrittle's Jubilee Street fair. It was absolutely perfect from the beautifully dressed tables including coordinated flowers and a fully dressed post box. The outfits worn put any fashion parade to shame but then there was the food and drinks. I will never know how everyone's cups and glasses were filled all the time. The spread of food put any bakery to shame and nobody went home hungry. Even the weather wasn't damping spirits though I think that was partly due to the fact the rain came at the same time as the food. Rain nil - sandwiches a perfect 10. Thank you for such a special and memorable day.  
Caroline McNaughton



A team of ringers, led by Jill Hansford. Ringing Master, rang a quarter peal of doubles in the Ashbrittle tower to put everyone in a celebratory mood on the Friday afternoon, just as the tea party on the village green was getting into full swing.  
Maurice Stanbury



# STAWLEY CHURCH



The Grade 1 listed architectural gem that is the ancient Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels, Stawley, was open for business. The sound of church bells could be heard ringing out across the land from the 14<sup>th</sup> Century tower, to summon all to attend the service that day. Meanwhile, the Village Festival Choir were gathering for their final rehearsal. The Church had been beautifully decorated with flowers. What had made this service so special, was that it was to commemorate a very special person, a one-off in the history of our land. Never before had any church in Britain, or in the Commonwealth, commemorated a Platinum Jubilee.

Colin Haddrell

# STAWLEY MILL



Well - what a grand afternoon!! There was: Tea ~ Cakes ~ Wine ~ Beer ~ Hot dogs (some very large) ~ Babbling river ~ Stone and wooden bridges ~ Wonderful, wonderful garden. RAF fly past (unidentified bomber and fighter; sadly not on Red Arrows route). And to top it all, sparkling conversations!! All thanks to all concerned (especially Penny Hare) and, although not strictly a money making event, £800 into the Stawley Tower repairs coffers. P.S. We were blessed with a visit from Rosemary Broomfield (nee Rhodes), formerly of Stawley Mill, to reminisce about past parties and beetle drives at the Mill. A lovely afternoon!!

John Hannon

# A P P L E Y P I C N I C



Many thanks from the Pavilion Committee to Steve Swan, Robert West and band (and their families) for entertaining everyone who pitched up at the Pavilion to round off a day of tea (and prosecco) and cake! A lovely evening with families picnicking on the playing field and bopping in the Pavilion. British tradition was followed; a heavy rain shower then bunting, lights, fizz, music & laughter!

Sally Scott

# STAWLEY SCHOOL



Stawley School enjoyed the end of term by celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a tea party. Children and parents had a great time which also involved some Samba music and maypole dancing. David Stirzaker

# PRESCCHOOL



Children at Stawley Preschool celebrated the Platinum Jubilee by making beautiful, jewel covered crowns, which they wore for a lunch in the garden, followed by an afternoon tea 'street party' at Stawley School. There were lots of delicious cakes and the children had fun watching the entertainment put on by the school children and playing on the play structure. They enjoyed the parade down to school and back up, waving their flags and waving to passing cars. Becky Allder

# LOCAL JEWELS



Wherever would we be without the shop, pub, churches, neighbours and volunteers! Jewels in our community crown, indeed.



Sir Nicholas Bacon Bt. OBE DL  
Chairman  
The Queen's Green Canopy

30th May 2022

Dear Mr. Doble,

I am writing to thank you for your help and support for The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC).

We are delighted that the Ashbittle Yew in the churchyard of the parish church of St John the Baptist, Ashbittle is one of 70 highlighted as part of this initiative, to be dedicated to Her Majesty on behalf of the Platinum Jubilee.

The process of choosing the final selection of Trees and Woodlands has been long and arduous, but deeply fulfilling. The gathering of pre-eminent tree experts was both challenging and rewarding.

There are so many extraordinary stories about each Tree and Woodland, and the QGC would like to publicise these to emphasise their importance and legacy that they bring to the 21st Century.

Thanks to your support, we can highlight these magnificent Trees and Woodlands to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service and create a legacy that can benefit future generations.

We are extremely grateful for your support and thank you once again for your contribution.  
Yours sincerely,

Sir Nicholas Bacon Bt. OBE DL  
Chairman

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The last word! As you read these lines, you are holding in your hands what I think is the greatest monument to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as demonstrated by our five parishes. That monument includes both this commemorative Jubilee supplement and also the regular editions of *Parish News* that appear each month.

Martin Jacoby