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To The Mayors and Chairmen of Dorset Towns and Parishes

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012**

As I am sure you will know, The Queen will celebrate 60 years on the throne next year and I thought you might like to have information about some of the National Celebrations which are being planned, as well as the first ideas for how we might add to those through our own in Dorset.

**The Bank Holiday weekend, 2-5 June 2012 will be a 4-day holiday and Buckingham Palace has announced the following plans:**

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| <b>Saturday, 2 June</b> | <b>The Queen will attend the Epsom Derby</b>   |
| <b>Sunday, 3 June</b>   | <b>The Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant – see below for details.</b>   |
| <b>Sunday, 3 June</b>   | <b>The Big Jubilee Lunch – see below for details</b>   |
| <b>Monday, 4 June</b>   | <b>The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons – see below for details</b>   |
| <b>Monday, 4 June</b>   | <b>BBC Concert at Buckingham Palace – tickets available to UK residents by public ballot. Details on how to apply for the concert will be available in due course.</b> |
| <b>Tuesday, 5 June</b>  | <b>National Service of Thanksgiving in St Paul's Cathedral and Carriage Procession by The Queen</b>  |

**There will also be our own Dorset Service of Thanksgiving in Wimborne Minster on Sunday, 27 May.**

I hope that we will join in some of the National Celebrations the following weekend, including taking part in:

**The Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday, 3 June** – This will be a celebration all over the country and the aim is to encourage as many of the 61 million people in the UK as possible to take part. I am sure this will appeal to lots of people in Dorset, with street parties in towns and villages, picnics on the beach with families and friends – any sort of get-together you like – and for more information see the website: [www.thebiglunch.com](http://www.thebiglunch.com)

**The Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant, Sunday, 3 June** - which will consist of up to 1,000 boats from across the UK, the Commonwealth and around the world. The Queen will lead the flotilla in the Royal Barge. The flotilla is expected to measure 7.5 miles long from end to end, and will include a diverse mix of the historic and the modern from rowed boats to sailing ships, steamers to wooden launches and larger motorised craft. Plans are already being made to enable young rowers from Dorset Clubs to take part in the Jubilee Pageant in a number of gigs from the County. I am sure it will be a memorable occasion for them and their supporters. For more information, see website: [www.thamesdiamondjubileepageant.org](http://www.thamesdiamondjubileepageant.org).

**The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons on Monday, 4 June** - The aim is to light 2,012 or more beacons the length and breadth of the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Commonwealth. The Queen will light the National Beacon. If you would like to take part in this event, find out more about the plans on website: [www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk](http://www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk), and address any enquiries or correspondence to: Bruno Peek OBE, MVO, OPR, Pageantmaster, Diamond Jubilee Beacons, [bruno@diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk](mailto:bruno@diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk).

I expect many of you have already made plans for local celebrations for this great event, and some ideas already under way in the County include:

- **A Free Concert on the Beach at Bournemouth on Monday, 4 June** will be a big Dorset event. More information about this will be available soon.
- '1952' Parties, Food Fairs and Markets, Local Exhibitions, Children and Family events
- Special fundraising events for local and national charities
- Jubilee Walks round your local area, New Footpaths, New Bus Shelter
- New Play Areas or playing fields (for The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge see [www.fieldsintrust.org](http://www.fieldsintrust.org))
- Tree planting/Improvement of woodland areas (for Jubilee Woods Project, see [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk))

I am sure there will be lots more to come. You may wish to give thought to the possibility of creating a Chalk Hill Symbol commemorating the Jubilee – perhaps a crown - if your local area contains chalk downs. You may wish to start a Jubilee scheme where Dorset Businesses would twin themselves with a charity.

There is a dedicated national website for Jubilee information: [www.direct.gov.uk/diamondjubilee](http://www.direct.gov.uk/diamondjubilee), where we are all encouraged to register details of our Jubilee events. You can download the Jubilee symbol free from the British Monarchy Website: [www.royal.gov.uk](http://www.royal.gov.uk). The emblem, drawn by 10 year old Katherine Dewar, was the winning design following a national competition run by Blue Peter for children between 6 and 14.

2012 is going to be a memorable year in Great Britain, even before the Olympic Games take place, and I hope that you will do all you can in your area to make our Jubilee celebrations a big success in Dorset.

With best wishes

*Robert Pitt Rivers*  
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