

CAPEL-LE-FERNE'S  
TRIBUTE TO  
HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II



1926 - 2022

**It is with the greatest sorrow and sadness that we mourn the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

**After a long life of faith, duty and service, a great light has gone out.**

**Her Majesty was an extraordinary person, who lived an extraordinary life: a constant presence and example for each of us, guiding and serving us all for as long as any of us can remember.**

**Throughout her reign, and seven decades of extraordinary change and challenge, Her Majesty was the epitome of duty, stability, wisdom and grace.**

**For many of us, we have not known any other King or Queen to lead us.**

**In 1947, before she ascended to the throne, she stated that “My whole life, whether it be long or short, will be devoted in service.” Her Majesty honoured that promise.**

**The Queen succeeded to the Throne on the 6th February, 1952 on the death of her father, King George VI. She was in Kenya at the time and became the first Sovereign in over 200 years to accede while abroad.**

**Coronations have been held at Westminster Abbey for 900 years and The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II was to follow suit. But the Coronation of 1953 was ground-breaking in its own right – the first ever to be televised, it was watched by 27 million people in the UK alone and millions more audiences around the world.**



**On a typical day in 2015, Capel-le-Ferne was shrouded in fog and there was a light drizzle, but it did not dampen the enthusiasm of those waiting excitedly to see The Queen when she visited Capel-le-Ferne to open The Wing at the Battle of Britain Memorial Site. She also met the Headmaster and Children of Capel-le-Ferne Primary School.**



**We, along with the rest of our country and people throughout the world, will miss her greatly. We will never see her like again. Hers was a life of service which will echo through the ages. We will be forever grateful.**



***Rest in peace our beloved  
Queen Elizabeth II.***

# SOME FOND MEMORIES IN 2022 WHEN CAPEL-LE-FERNE CELEBRATED THE PLATINUM JUBILEE OF HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II



THE QUEEN'S  
PLATINUM JUBILEE  
BEACONS  
2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2022



**Earlier this year Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6 February 1952 when Her Majesty was 25 years old.**

**In June 2022, we celebrated the 70 years' service with a Platinum Jubilee, a 4-day celebration from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of June.**

**Representative from the village of Capel-le-Ferne formed a small Event Committee to organize the celebration of this momentous occasion.**

**Councillors, Parishioners and Children from Capel-le-Ferne Primary School came together to:**

- **Plant saplings for the Queen's Canopy**
- **Join a procession to the Battle of Britain Memorial Site to witness the Lighting of a Beacon**
- **Join in the fun of a 'Party in the Park'**
- **Enter the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Photo Competition**



**The winning photo that summed up the whole event was of Austin Priddle, taken by Tammy Daniels.**



**“The Party in the Park was just too exciting”.**



# QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

The Parish Council asked Capel-le-Ferne Primary School if they could assist Councillors plant 105 saplings. This was arranged to take place just before the School Easter Break. However, on the chosen day there was a heavy fall of snow, so the planting had to be postponed.

Following the Easter Break the School children joined Councillors to plant the 105 saplings.

They all worked very hard alongside Councillors and Parishioners to achieve the planting within 2 hours.

As can be seen from the photos, all went smoothly, except one Councillor had to give his spade a 'good talking to' before there was any action.

Following the very long dry spell in the summer of 2022, we are all hoping the saplings will survive.





# QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY





# QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY





# QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY





# QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY



**The Parish Council presented each child attending Capel-le-Ferne Primary School, a Platinum Jubilee Mug.**





# PROCESSION AND BEACON LIGHTING



**On 2nd June 2022, we celebrated another unique milestone in our history, Her Majesty The Queen's 70th year as our Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth - her Platinum Jubilee. It is a feat no previous monarch has achieved.**

**More than 1,500 beacons were lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories, and one in each of the capital cities of Commonwealth countries in recognition of The Queen's long and selfless service. The beacons enabled local communities, individuals and organisations to pay tribute to her as part of the official Platinum Jubilee Weekend of celebrations from 2nd to 5th June 2022.**

**On the evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, Parishioners gathered in the Village Hall car park where handheld Union Jack flags and LED candles were handed out.**

**The 99 (Folkestone) Squadron RAF Air Cadets then escorted a procession to the Battle of Britain Memorial Site for the Lighting of the Beacon which signalled the start of the celebrations.**

**Two representatives Meghan Leonard and Suresh Amin were chosen from our Parish to light the Beacon.**

**The Lighting of the Beacon was organised by the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust**



# PROCESSION AND BEACON LIGHTING





# PROCESSION AND BEACON LIGHTING





# PROCESSION AND BEACON LIGHTING





# STREET PARTY IN THE PARK

On Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> June, the Party in the Park Event Committee had their fingers crossed hoping the weather would be kind on the day, as the weather forecast leading up to the day had not been too optimistic.

From 9.00 am on the morning the weather looked promising and the committee and volunteers sprang into action setting up tables, chairs, decorations, gazebos and PA System. From 11.00 am the Fish and Chip van, Ice Cream van, Inflatable Assault Course, Face Painting and Band took up their positions. Ladies prepared the Village Hall kitchen for the provision of hot and cold drinks.

From 12.00 am the crowds started to arrive. The committee had introduced a seating booking system and leading up to the event it became obvious the 200 seats available from the Village Hall would not be enough. Thankfully the Church came to the rescue and provided tables and chairs to seat 50 people.

At 12.30 pm the event opened with the National Anthem, prayers followed by everyone singing along to Neil Diamond's, Sweet Caroline.





# STREET PARTY IN THE PARK

The band, 'Days Gone By' then struck up with their first session whilst the crowd enjoyed their food and drink.





# STREET PARTY IN THE PARK





# STREET PARTY IN THE PARK





# STREET PARTY IN THE PARK





# STREET PARTY IN THE PARK

During the interval prizes and medals were presented to competition winners.





# STREET PARTY IN THE PARK





# STREET PARTY IN THE PARK

**The Fish and Chip and the Ice Cream vans were kept busy throughout the event.**



**The beautiful Platinum Jubilee Cake was presented to the crowd before being cut and distributed to all present.**





# STREET PARTY IN THE PARK

The crowd then enjoyed the second session played and sung by the band, joining in song and weaving in and out of the tables with a conga chain.

The children enjoyed the Face Painting, but above all, the Inflatable Assault Course was a extremely popular.





# STREET PARTY IN THE PARK



**As the event closed, the Event Committee was very grateful to all present with their help to clear away tables, chairs and decorations.**

**It was a memorable day for all of those that attended the event.**



# HOME AND DECOR





## HOME AND DÉCOR

**A lemon and Swiss roll amaretti trifle became the official pudding for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**



**A Parishioners made an excellent job of producing one.**

**Many other Parishioners got into the Jubilee spirit by decorating their homes and gardens.**





**The day ended with The Queen's speech on TV where, after 70 years on the throne The Queen revealed what she kept in her handbag.  
To everyone's surprise, it was a marmalade sandwich.  
Well, what a day it's been.**



**Capel-le-Ferne Parish Council would like to thank the following for their assistance:**

**Capel-le-Ferne Primary School  
The 99 (Folkestone) Squadron RAF Air Cadets  
The Battle of Britain Memorial Trust  
Capel-le-Ferne Village Hall Management Committee  
The Church of England  
The Baptist Chapel  
The Ladies that produced the bunting  
Competition Judges  
The Volunteers that assisted at all events  
B Young Ground Maintenance**

**And finally, our Parishioners, for supporting the Platinum Jubilee Events**







God Love our Queen, and God Save the King!