



Buckingham Palace announces the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Plans

On 6 February 2022, the Queen will become the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking a 70-year reign. A recent study showed that for 85% of the population she is the only monarch they have known. The first week in June has been chosen for the celebratory weekend, with summer offering a better chance of good weather than February.

To celebrate the four-day weekend, the late May Spring Bank Holiday will be moved to 2 June and an additional one-off bank holiday on 3 June created.

A dedicated website for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 can be found by following this link [The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022](https://www.royal.gov.uk/PlatinumJubilee2022)

Thursday 2 June



Trooping of the Colour will be held in full for the first time since the pandemic. More than 1,400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians taking part. Tickets are available to the public and applications for the ballot are open until the end of February.

Visit gbp.army.mod.uk from week commencing 17 January 2022 to apply.



Platinum Jubilee Beacons

Over 1,500 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories. For the first time, beacons will also be lit in each of the capital cities of the Commonwealth countries.

Local communities can get involved in lighting beacons locally. Please find attached a letter from Bruno Peek, Pageantmaster regarding The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons.

We have also provided a link to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Guide 2022 [Guide To Taking Part Online.pdf \(squarespace.com\)](#) to download for reference.

Town Criers will be undertaking the 'Proclamation' at 2pm announcing the lighting of the beacons that evening, Pipers playing 'Diu Regnare' at 9.35pm, with Buglers and Cornet players undertaking the Bugle Call - 'Majesty' at 9.40pm, before the beacons are lit at 9.45pm. To coincide with their lighting, local choirs are encouraged to get involved by singing the 'Song for the Commonwealth' (see below).



Calling all Choirs

A poster is attached promoting the opportunity to local choirs to sing a song for the commonwealth 'A Life Lived with Grace' as beacons are lit at 9.45pm throughout the UK and Commonwealth on the evening of 2 June 2022. Follow this link to listen to a recording of 'A Life Lived with Grace' [A Song for the Commonwealth | Commonwealth Resounds](#)

Friday 3 June

A service of thanksgiving for the Queen's reign will be held at St Paul's Cathedral.

Saturday 4 June

The Queen will be joined by members of the Royal Family at the Derby, held at Epsom Downs.

There will also be a Platinum Jubilee Party at Buckingham Palace, with members of the public invited to apply to attend a live concert. Performers have yet to be named, but it is billed as bringing together some of the world's biggest stars to celebrate the most significant moments from the Queen's seven-decade reign.

The ballot for UK residents to secure tickets will be launched in February.

Sunday 5 June



The Big Jubilee Lunch

People are invited to share friendship, food and fun with neighbours as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. A [Big Jubilee Lunch](#) can be big or small - street party or picnic, tea and cake or a garden barbeque. The Big Lunch provides tips and ideas for hosting an event. Over 1400 people have registered to host Big Jubilee Lunches so far, with events being planned across the length and breadth of the country.

The Platinum Jubilee Pageant

Artistic performers, dancers, musicians, military personnel, key workers and volunteers will unite to tell the story of The Queen's 70 year reign in a festival of creativity. The London based Pageant will combine pomp and ceremony, street arts, theatre, music, circus, costumes as well as cutting-edge visual technology, drawing on talent from every part of the United Kingdom and across the Commonwealth.

The 'River of Hope'

Forming an important part of the [Platinum Pageant](#), the 'River of Hope' will comprise of two hundred silk flags which will process down The Mall, appearing like a moving river. Primary and secondary school children are invited to create a picture of their hopes and aspirations for the planet over the next 70 years. A selection of these creations will be transferred on to silk flags, which will be carried by secondary school pupils in the Pageant.

The artwork for the flags will be focused on climate change and incorporate the children's messages for the future. Teachers from primary schools will be provided with step-by-step guides to creating a beautiful digital artwork with their students, of which 200 will then be selected for the flags. The selected artwork will also be shown up and down the country on screens as part of the Jubilee celebrations. For more information and to register a school's interest to take part please go to riverofhope.co.uk.

Don't forget the other ways local communities can get involved:



The Platinum Pudding Competition

The British pudding comes in all shapes and sizes and now the #PlatinumPudding competition is here to find a dessert dedicated to Her Majesty The Queen.

Fortnum & Mason has launched the nationwide competition to find a pudding to celebrate The Queen in her Platinum Jubilee year.

The winning pudding will be an important part of the celebrations marking Her Majesty's 70 years as Monarch. And the creator of the winning pudding

will be invited to be at the centre of the celebrations.

Applications are welcomed from UK residents aged 8 and over, and the recipes will be judged by an expert panel including Dame Mary Berry, Monica Galetti and Buckingham Palace Head Chef Mark Flanagan.

Get cooking, and your creation could be a joyful and delicious part of the first ever Platinum Jubilee. You have until 4 February 2022 to submit your entries

Go to the Fortnum and Mason website to find out more [The Platinum Pudding Competition | A Recipe Fit for The Queen - Fortnum & Mason \(fortnumandmason.com\)](https://www.fortnumandmason.com/platinum-pudding-competition)



The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC)

Local councils and community groups are encouraged to get involved in Planting a Tree for the Platinum Jubilee in celebration of The Queen's 70 years of Service to the Nation.

The Woodland Trust is a partner of the QGC and their 'Free trees for schools and communities' scheme is a great way to get involved with tree planting. Across 2021 and 2022 they have over three million saplings in tree packs, available on a

first come first served basis.

Go to [Plant a Tree for the Jubilee - Woodland Trust](#) for more information.