



Mrs Katie Shelton Innes – the Thornham Village EIR Jubilee Committee Chairman

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Dear Homeowner,

Shortly before Christmas, a few residents were approached by Colin Venes, the Chairman of Thornham Parish Council (TPC), to set up a small ad hoc committee to run a series of events within the village over the Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend: **Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022.** In writing to you today, I would like to introduce my committee members and outline the ideas we have put together for the celebrations that currently have the backing of the Parish Council. Committee members are happy to be approached by homeowners to discuss all or any aspect of the Jubilee Programme.

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The proposed programme in outline would be as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 2 nd June	Late afternoon/evening	Bar/food /music for the Beacon Lighting on the Thornham Village Hall and Playing Fields (TVHPF).
Friday 3 rd June	Lunchtime	"Street Parties" around the village.
Saturday 4 th June	Afternoon 17.00 – 19.00	Support your village Cricket Club playing their Saturday League match at TVHPF. Join the post-match BBQ and refreshments.

At the time of writing, your committee is already focussing on the Thursday event - the lighting of the beacon and the Thornham Cricket Club are looking forward to welcoming you on Saturday around the boundary and for the BBQ afterwards. Where we are seeking your views, at this early stage, is with regards to the "Street Parties".

The village has a resident population of around 430 in approximately 380 homes and 150 caravans; but, as we all know, the actual numbers at any one time, varies considerably with the seasons, holidays (public and school) and at weekends.

Some second homeowners will be reading this letter much later than others and some might have it forwarded by a tenant. With this in mind, the invitation to join in with the celebrations is extended to all those living in Thornham over the Jubilee period.

As mentioned earlier, we would like to get a feel for possible numbers for "*Street Parties*". With the A149 running through the village, those on the main road will need to join parties elsewhere. There are two obvious areas where parties can be held with minimal disruption to traffic: TVHPF and the eastern end of Green Lane; with the village church being a possible third. That said, there are numerous enclaves/cul-de-sacs where it would be possible to have "*Street Parties*" notably: Hall Lane; Ploughman's Piece; off the Ringstead Road; Staithe Lane, and Shepherd's Pightle - should residents wish to 'party' there.

We are looking for volunteers singularly or in small groups to lead on individual "*Street Parties*" around the village; by approaching anyone of the committee members, it will be possible to put you in touch with others in your vicinity who would like to join in or wish to help. Furthermore, the committee will be best placed to provide administrative advice and support covering issues such as rubbish collection and parking. It would help my committee and me if we had a really good steer on this specific event by the end of March, so please do contact any one of us.

The Parish Council has kindly provided us with funds, some of which will go to decorating the village in places such as the church, bus stops, and the "Thornham" signs on the approaches to the village, with Union Flags and bunting. Were you able to decorate, in some small way your own home, it would certainly add to the overall festivity in support the Jubilee. Two bottles of champagne will go to the best decorated home, to be announced prior to the lighting of the beacon!

Your committee will be reporting on a regular basis to the TPC and the Trustees of the TVHPF and it will be through them that we will keep you up to date on what we hope will be a memorable few days celebrating the extraordinary reign of an extraordinary woman, HM Queen Elizabeth II.

With best wishes,