



Working with you to protect & enhance our village environment & wellbeing

Bearsted Parish Council Newsletter

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THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACON TRAIL

30TH APRIL - 12TH JUNE 2022

As part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations, Bearsted Parish Council has teamed up with High Street Safari to run a free interactive story-trail in Bearsted. The trail consists of 7 vinyl window characters with QR codes that 7 local businesses in the village will host.

Families can start the trail by scanning any of the characters on a smart phone, learning the names and stories and seeing the characters burst into life in AR (augmented reality.) Younger children will delight in spotting the cute and colourful characters in window corners and older children will engage by learning more about them, as well as about a decade of the Queen's historic seventy year reign.

Families will be guided on their trip by Sir Barnaby Beacon as he visits seven memorable and magical friends, like Charlie Crown or Theadora Throne, who have come to life from Buckingham Place and come to visit Bearsted. After spotting all 7 characters, families will be rewarded with a free, e-book that concludes the story.

To take part in the event, simply view the trail map for Bearsted at <https://highstreetsafari.com/locations/jubilee-bearsted> to see the participating venues, then visit each of the characters, scan their unique QR codes with your smartphone, take a hilarious selfie with the character in AR and when you've found them all, download your free digital fun pack.

The Queens Platinum Jubilee Picnic



Tickets are on sale at [Bearsted Parish Council Official Website](http://www.bearstedparishcouncil.gov.uk) for the Picnic on the Green on Sunday 5th June 2022, there will be singers, dance groups, puppets shows, crown making sponsored by Kings & Johnstone Homes and much, much more. For full details of the timetable for the day, please visit our website.

We also look forward to Little Brittany Creperie who will be selling sweet and savoury crepes, Kashmir Kitchens specialising in home made curries with North Indian influences and Mobile 3vents selling drinks from a converted Fire Engine. However please do feel free to bring your own picnic but no glass.

Jubilee Picnic Bunting

For the platinum jubilee, we would love the community to come together, at the picnic, and also in creating some community bunting with which to decorate the village.

Create bunting triangles, which will be joined together and used to create colourful décor. Visit www.bearstedparishcouncil.gov.uk/events.

Village Noticeboards

Our village noticeboards are an important tool that the Council use to communicate with residents about Council business but also local events and charity notices. Unfortunately some of the boards have been damaged recently due to bad weather. We have applied to Maidstone Borough Council for a grant to assist with funds to replace the one at Shirley Way and the one at the entrance to Cross Keys. We hope these can be purchased and installed in the next couple of months to allow us to continue to keep residents informed.

Welcome to Bearsted

We are pleased to announce that the Welcome to Bearsted sign has now been installed opposite the train station amongst the recently planted flower beds and we look forward to welcoming visitors to the area.



Wild Verge on the Ashford Road

Bearsted Parish Council had applied for permission to have a wild verge along the Ashford Road near Lilk Hill. Sadly this was refused but we are looking into options of introducing one along Spot Lane.



Council Meeting Dates

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 27th April 2022 at the Bearsted Golf Club. The Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on the 10th May 2022 at the King George V Hall.

Playscheme 2022

Playscheme has been confirmed for two weeks starting on the 25th July 2022. Tickets will be on sale in June but please follow us on Facebook for details.

Project A

The report from Lake Market Research concerning the feedback we received from the informal consultation have now been published on our website. The results from Ecology and Biodiversity Net Gains assessments, the Heritage Impact and Visual Landscape Impact statements have also been published on our website. These can be viewed at www.bearstedparishcouncil.co.uk/projecta.

Any queries can be emailed to projecta@bearstedparishcouncil.gov.uk these will then be address at a public meeting where residents can ask questions to the working group and the experts who have prepared the reports. The details of the meeting will follow soon.