



All Saints' Church Parish Magazine

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COVER STORY

In May 1953 a young Mary Horton was taken by her father into London to watch a rehearsal for the Coronation, which would take place at Westminster Abbey on 2 June that year. Fourteen months of preparation went into the production of the enormous processions and the long and elaborate traditional ceremony.

The Abbey had been closed after the Queen's accession in February 1952 and on Coronation Day some 8,000 invited guests were accommodated before the Queen arrived in the Gold State Coach.

Many, many families watched the event on newly acquired and very small television sets, but the numerous rehearsals enabled more people to see the State Coach and the wonderful decorations in the streets, some of distinctly mid-century design, and some still being worked on!

Bernard Horton went home that day and developed and printed his photographs and his daughter, now Mary Murdoch, has kindly shared them with *The Link* as we approach the big celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



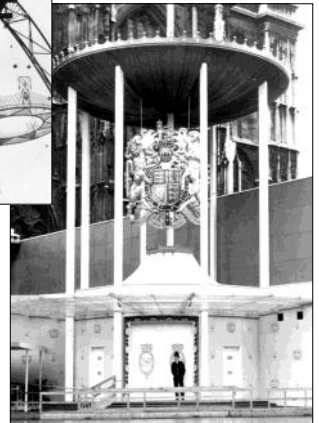
↑ Decorations in Whitehall

→ Eros, caged



← Decorations in The Mall, with workmen visible

↓ Canopied annex at the West Door of Westminster Abbey



HM THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic

Celebrating 70 years of public service with a royally big lunch

- Picnic and BBQ
- Free cakes and tea
 - Quiz night
- Cluego Treasure Hunt app
- Sunday service on Sports Ground
 - Brass band
- Best dog show
- Terrier racing
- Crown making contest
- Painting tent
- Tug-of-war
- and games galore!

Ready yourselves for the four-day bank holiday weekend 2-5 June! The parish is celebrating with a quiz night, a slap-up picnic, entertainment and fun activities.

In the week leading up to the celebration, Jim Maynard of Cluego will release a bespoke version of the **Cluego**

Treasure

Hunt. Gather your families and

challenge your friends!

Simply scan the QR code in the June edition of The Link or on Notice Boards and download the game to your phone. You will have two hours to score as many points as you can as you walk the entire village. A mixture of trivia, puzzles, photo challenges and historical questions about the village will challenge the best of us. It's two hours of family entertainment in the fresh air for just £10 and the opportunity to win prizes.

Seasoned quizmaster Norm Rogers will run a **Right Royal Quiz Night** to raise money for charity on the evening of **Friday, 3 June from 7:15pm at the Sports Club.** We are looking for 12-14 teams, with a maximum of six members per team. Each team member will pay a fee of £3. Proceeds go to Cancer Research UK



A Right Royal Jubilee Quiz

Gather a team and sign up for a special Platinum Jubilee quiz. The quiz will be in a format of seven ten-question rounds, each round based on a decade of the Queen's reign from the 1950s to the 2010s. Questions will focus mainly on events in the UK. There will be an interval after round 4 when there will be batches for sale.

There will also be a running question sheet on each table that teams can do at leisure, to be collected at the end of the 6th round. The bar will be open and batches or baps on offer. Please arrive at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start. And yes, there will be prizes!

Teams to be of a maximum of six people; each team member paying a fee of £3. The club can accommodate 12-14 teams. Contact Quizmaster Norm on normanrogers44@hotmail.co.uk to register your team.

The picnic is planned for **Sunday, 5 June on the Recreation Ground**. Jim invites everyone to start the day at the **special Jubilee Service for Pentecost** at the Recreation Ground before the picnic (unless the heavens open up!) from 11am, with the picnic starting at 12 noon.

Bring your own picnic or treat yourself to some **BBQ'd food and cool beer at the Sports Club**. This will be run by the Sports Club and member Phil Langdon, who just happens to be landlord of the New Bowling Green pub in Warwick. The **WI ladies' tasty cakes** will be available gratis for your enjoyment, all ingredients listed. And as no cake is complete without a nice cup of tea or coffee, there will be accompanying cuppas available. There will be hay bales courtesy of the Semple family and a line of tables as well as room to spread out your own blanket in proper picnic style. Some chairs will be available or you can bring your own.

Entertainment plans include a visit from the **Royal Spa Brass**, a community music organisation based in Leamington Spa. The band will lead us in the best ever rendition of *God Save the Queen!*

Claudia Temple and Viva Dance School, celebrating both the Platinum Jubilee and their tenth anniversary as a school at the Village Hall, will put on a **dance performance reflecting music from the last 70 years** with a combination of modern, jazz and acrobatics. The dancers are keen to get back to performing in front of a live audience after two years of lockdowns!

The local school children are also rehearsing to perform their **traditional country dancing**.

After lunch, activities will begin, including a **best dog show** with different categories such as: obedience through musical sitting; and an obstacle run. Enter your favourite Fido on the day. And if that's not racy enough for your dog, join in the Rrruffs terrier racing event! Just sign your dog up on the day.

There will be cricket-, football- and golf-themed games as well as traditional garden games available.

Young creative types can enter the **crown contest**. Entries will be judged by the WI in three age groups: 3-5, 6-8 and 9-11. Crowns are to be made in card in advance so everyone is on an equal footing. May the best crowns win!



Just how fast is your dog?
Come and join in the terrier racing and find out!
Open to all shapes, sizes and types of dog
who can't wait to chase a lure?
A huge fun event with heats, quarters, semis
and the big final for the grand prize
to be presented by Jonathan Kingston.
Just sign up and enter your dog on the day
– WOOF WOOF!

Paint along at the **painting tent**. Arty types of all ages can enjoy painting for



Warwickshire Constabulary wins the Tug-of-War, 1955

pleasure the subject of the Queen or her corgis. This complimentary event will be run by local artist Jan Rawnsley. Materials supplied.

There will be a **tug-of-war** led by ex-army man Darrell Churchill, who is a personal trainer and leader of Community Bootcamp, a not-for-profit organisation that inspires

people in local communities who would otherwise not exercise. Organise your team of four men and four women and sign up on the day.

We are **looking for someone with a drone and drone photography experience** to film and photograph everyone at one point during the day. Please contact us if you would like to do this. Likewise, if you would like to offer your help or run an activity, please get in touch by either coming to the **next planning meeting at 7:30pm on Monday, 9 May at the Sports Club**; by emailing us on jubilee@leekwootton.org.uk or by scanning this QR code with your WhatsApp camera to chat.



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 MONDAY - SATURDAY: 10AM – 4.30PM
 SUNDAY: 10.30AM - 4PM

Our aims are:
 to give our customers a great experience, and to support the local community





- Extensive range of hardy plants, seasonal bedding, aquatics, fruit and vegetables, including many unusual varieties, grown on site
- Award-winning hanging baskets and planted containers: ready-to-buy and custom-made
- We offer a full Landscape service from simple planting plans and planting to full garden makeovers

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