

The Essex Association of Change Ringers

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HM the Queen's Diamond Jubilee – June 2012

To mark 60 years of the Queen's reign the Diamond Jubilee will take place in 2012. The celebrations will centre around an extended weekend in 2012 on Saturday 2nd, Sunday 3rd, Monday 4th, and Tuesday 5th June 2012.

The Queen came to the throne on 6 February 1952 and her coronation took place on 2 June 1953. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee (25 years) in 1977 and her Golden Jubilee (50 years) in 2002. The only other British monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee was Queen Victoria in 1897.

Buckingham Palace will be co-ordinating a programme of events centred around the extended weekend. This will include a Big Jubilee Lunch, a Diamond Jubilee Pageant on the Thames, a concert at Buckingham Palace and the lighting of 2012 beacons throughout the United Kingdom. The Queen and other members of the Royal Family will also attend a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral.

As part of the celebrations, towns in the UK will also compete for city status and existing cities will compete for Lord Mayoralty (or Lord Provostship in Scotland). These will be granted by The Queen in her Jubilee year. Local authorities have been invited to apply and the results will be announced in the first half of 2012.

If you are planning any celebratory ringing, whether it's general ringing, a Quarter Peal or a Peal attempt to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee, please let me have the details as soon as possible. I hope to collate performances from across the county and compile a commemorative booklet to send to Her Majesty, with the Association's compliments on her Diamond Jubilee.

In the meantime please find elsewhere a list of key dates, times and events.

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