

## MEETING OF DIAMOND JUBILEE GROUP.

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> October.

The second meeting was held at The Barn, Ottery Street.

In attendance were:

David Ottley, Neil Constable, Ro Smith, Jane Bennett, Richard & Jill Gladstone, Anne Radcliffe, Bruce Kennard-Simpson, Jeannette Pyne, Suzanne Smith, Catherine Fee, Sue & Terry Tibbott, Vanessa Herman, Pam Chidley, Judy Major, Brian & Jocelyn Le Masurier and Caroline Spiller.

Apologies were received from:

Barbara Ottley, Rev Anne Charlton, Jane Smith and Judith Constable.

The group was reminded of the content of its initial meeting.

The question of the road closure on the Saturday for the event was raised and this led to a discussion as to the best date for the main celebrations. It was agreed that although the Saturday may appeal to a few parents wishing to take advantage of the half-term break, it was the Sunday that HRH was hoping people around the country would join together in a grand tea party.

It was agreed to change the proposed date for the Village's Celebration to **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012**. The day would start with a thanksgiving service where all would be invited.

Having had a week to consider the initial programme, a number of changes were thought to be needed. A considerable amount of time was usefully spent discussing the pros and cons of various suggestions.

Without stipulating timings for the day, it was thought that the following events would appeal to and bring enjoyment and fun to a wide section of the Village:

- Villagers would be encouraged to wear hats either coloured red, white and blue or contain a union flag.
- Primary aged children in the Village would be presented with their Jubilee bone china mug on the Green
- Skate board race or races and wheel barrow races down Fore Street and tug-o-war on the Green.
- Skittles, coconut shies, stocks and "Smash the Happy Home" on the Green.
- Short entertainment by pupils from the school.
- A "Revue" in the Village Hall, featuring acts by parishioners.
- "Bring your own picnic" to the Green .

Although the idea of a Barn Dance was still thought popular, its venue was a problem. Clinton Devon Estates (CDE) will be asked if they would be prepared to offer one and if so the thought of combining it with the other local villages may appeal. If this were to be possible, the date would be **Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June**.

The other event considered was the lighting of a Beacon to commemorate the Jubilee. This would be on **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June** at 10.30 p.m. Ideally this would be

on Anchoring Hill if CDE were to allow it. If not, maybe Stantyway Recreation Ground if the Parish Council agreed.

There will be an exhibition of photographs of the Village over the years in the Church over the Celebration period.

As mention at the initial meeting, the possibility of a permanent way for the Village to mark the Jubilee was well liked.

- An orchard was proposed and discussed. We were informed that one already exists in Little Chockenhole Lane that is not looked after and even if more land were available it was doubted that it too would be maintained properly.
- A monumental stone was discussed. A majority were in favour of this and thought that if the Parish Council agreed it should be placed on the Green near the present 'OtterBoard'.

Prior to the next meeting a number of sub-committees will convene to decide on finer details for the Celebration:

Barn Dance	David Ottley
School Liaison	Jeannette Pyne
Tables and Decorations	Suzanne Smith
Hat parade	Pam Chidley
'Fun on the Green'	Ro Smith and Neil Constable
Monumental stone	Terry Tibbott
Revue	Brian Le Masurier
Fore Street events	Mike Drabowicki
Bone china mugs	Jane Smith
Traffic control	David Ottley
Photographic display	Richard Gladstone and Gerald Millington
Bar on the Green	Mike Hext.
Master of Ceremonies	Jim Perryman.

The above have been asked to approach others on the attached list to form their sub-committee if needed.

**The next meeting of the group will be at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November in the Barn, Ottery Street.**