

MEETING OF DIAMOND JUBILEE GROUP.

Wednesday, 5th October 2011.

The first meeting was held at The Barn Ottery Street.

In attendance were:

Barbara & David Ottley, Sue & Terry Tibbott, Richard & Jill Gladstone, Jane Bennett, Katherine Fee, Silvia Bunn, Marion Cowling, Jean Scrivens, Jeannette Pyne, Judy Major, Sue Smith and Yvonne Beresford.

The dates allocated for the celebrations nationally are 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June 2012. As the school half-term begins on Monday, 4th June it was agreed that the Village's Celebration should take place on Saturday, 2nd June to enable parents with children to attend if they wished and still have time for a week away if that was what they planned. Additionally assuming a site could be found, it was felt that a beacon should be lit to coincide with the official one being lit by the Queen at 10.30 p.m. on 4th June. By doing so the Parish of Otterton would be included in the official register, kept in perpetuity, of places taking part in the Celebrations.

Previous celebrations e.g. Silver and Golden Jubilees and the Millenium were discussed and then other ideas were put forward. Initially the choice between a one-day celebration and a permanent 'memorial' was discussed. It was decided that a one-off celebration would bring the village together but if money and other factors were available, a permanent 'memorial' would be appropriate, too.

Following lengthy discussion and consideration it was decided that the main events involving the whole Village would be a picnic on The Green and in the evening a Barn Dance if a suitable venue could be found. Other events would be aimed at young children, teenagers and adults.

Subject to other suitable ideas being suggested, the provisional programme would be:

1.00 p.m.	Fancy Dress Parade
1.00 p.m.	Village Treasure Hunt on foot
1.30 p.m.	Bring Your Own Picnic to The Green
3.00 p.m.	Otterton C of E Primary School Dance and Music
3.30 p.m.	Young Children's Entertainment (Punch & Judy)
4.30 p.m.	Wheel Barrow Racing/Tug-of-War
7.00 p.m.	Barn Dance

As this was the first meeting those at it were allocated specific tasks to bring to the next one. These were divided as follows:

School Liaison	Jeannette Pyne
Tables & Decorations	Sue Smith
Recorded Music	Barbara Ottley
Entertainment	David Ottley

Barn Dance venue	Jane Bennett
Master of Ceremonies	Silvia Bunn
Invitations	Sue (delegated to) Ro Smith
Children's Entertainment	Jeannette Pyne
Beacon Site	David Ottley

As the Queen is the official Head of the Church in England it was important that there should be Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday, 3rd June. That will be passed to the Church Wardens for their consideration.

It was noted that the Parish Council were prepared to present a commemorative bone china mug to all primary aged children living in the Village.

Other activities discussed were pony rides, a dog show, a hog roast, raft racing and barbecues. A permanent commemorative feature might be an orchard.

As the activities would centre on The Green and surrounding streets, it would be necessary to inform East Devon District Council, Devon County Council and Stagecoach that the area would need to be traffic free. It was noted, however, that emergency access would be required through the village and traffic would need to be diverted up Church Hill, Behind Hayes and Ropers Lane, for example.

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Date of Next Meeting MONDAY, 17TH OCTOBER @ 7.00 p.m. @ THE BARN.