Neath Town Council DRAFT
Schedule of Events 2022

Date	Event Description	Location
	2022	
January		
		Angel Square
w/c 13th December 2021 to 17th January 2022	Great Winter Get Together – Combat loneliness	
February		
11th & 12th	Ice Rink	
March		
5th March	NPTCBC Medieval Festival	Throughout Neath
Date TBC	Rotary/ Soroptimist Event	
April		
	HANGING BASKETS AND BUNTING INSTALLED	
May		
12th	Annual Meeting of Council	Chambers
28th	Queen Jubilee Event	Victoria Gardens
June		
2nd	Lighting of the Beacon	Neath Castle
1st (tbc)	Youth Comedy Festival	Neath Castle
1st June – 29th (tbc)	Comedy Festival Launch	Gwyn Hall/Town Hall/
MER FESTIVAL SEASON TBC	Allotment Competition Judging	Fairyland & Old Road Allotments
18th/ 25th (tbc)	Party in the Park – "Great Get Together" *(Emergency Services Fun Day)*	Victoria Gardens
July		
TBC	Civic Service DELAYED	TBC
5th	NHS, Social workers, Frontline workers day	Castle Gardens
10th	Spanish Civil War International Brigade Remembrance Service	Victoria Gardens
tbc	Music Festival	Neath
22nd & 23rd	Neath Ale & Cider Festival	Town Hall
	SPECIFIC HANGING BASKETS REMOVED	
September		
13th – 17th (tbc)	September Fair	Town Centre
17th/ 24th (tbc)	Battle of Britain Parade	Town Centre
October		
2nd & 3rd (tbc)	Neath Food & Drink Festival	Town Centre
	ALL HANGING BASKETS & BUNTING REMOVED	
November		
7th	Christmas Card Competition Closing Date (Homework based competition)	All Schools
8th	Christmas Card Competition Judging	Chambers
TBC	Remembrance Service	Melyn Community Centre
TBC	Remembrance Service	St David's Church
11th	Remembrance Service	Neath Square
25th/26th	Christmas Festival – 6pm	Town Centre/Angel Sq
December		
6th	Shop Window Competition Judging	Town Centre
W/C12th – 16th	Visit by Mayor to Schools entered the Christmas card comp	Schools
w/c 12th – 16th	Visit by Mayor to the winners of the Christmas Shop window competition	Town Centre
	2023	
January	Allotment, Grant Aid and Citizenship Awards Presentation Night	
January 22nd – 9th February	Chinese New Year – Year of the Rabbit	TBC

Neath Town Council DRAFT
Schedule of lighting the Castle and Flag raising 2022

Date	Event Description	Location
	2022	
January		
27th	Neath Castle to be lit Purple for Holocaust Memorial Day	Neath Castle
February		
1-28th	Neath Castle to be lit Yellow for MIS HANES LHDT + LGBT + History Month	Neath Castle
March		
1st March	Neath Castle to be lit Yellow for St David's day	Neath Castle
8th March	Neath Castle to be lit Purple for International Women's Day	Neath Castle
14th March	Fly the Flag for the Commonwealth	Neath Castle
6th-12th March	Neath Castle to be lit Green for World Glaucoma Week	Neath Castle
23rd March	Neath Castle to be lit yellow to mark the one year anniversary of Lockdown	Neath Castle
26th March	Neath Castle to be lit Purple for Epilepsy Awareness	Neath Castle
31st March	Neath Castle to be lit Blue for Trans Visibility Day	Neath Castle
April		
2nd April	Neath Castle to be lit Pink for World Autism Awareness	Neath Castle
19th April	Neath Castle to be lit Pink Blue Yellow for Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia	Neath Castle
May		
1st-31st	Neath Castle to be lit Purple for Stroke awareness Month	Neath Castle
16th -22rd May	Neath Castle to be lit Purple for Dementia Action Week	Neath Castle
9th – 15th May	Neath Castle to be lit Purple for Mental Health Awareness Week	Neath Castle
June		
1st – 30th June	Fly the Flag for PRIDE	Neath Castle
25th June	Raise the flag for Armed Forces Day	Neath Castle
July		
5th	Raise the flag, Neath Castle to be lit Blue for NHS, Social care, Frontline workers day	Neath Castle
August		
September		
1st-30th	Neath Castle to be lit Red for Leukaemia Care	Neath Castle
3rd September	Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day	Neath Castle
16th	Raise the flag for Owain Glyndwr	Neath Castle
October		
1st – 31st October	Fly the Black History Month Flag	Neath Castle
9-15th October	Neath Castle to be lit pink and blue for Baby Loss Awareness	Neath Castle
November		
1st-30th	Neath Castle to be lit Purple for Pancreatic Cancer	Neath Castle

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4th – 9th November	Neath Castle to be lit up for Diwali	Neath Castle
11th November	Rise the Remembrance flag	Neath Castle
December		
1st- 31st December	Neath Castle to be lit Red for Christmas	
	2023	
22nd Jan – 9th Feb	Castle to be lit Red for the Chinese New Year (conflict of colour)	Neath Castle

Events Sub-Committee Meeting
Thursday, 10th February 2022

Additional Correspondence received for noting
An email from Bruno Peek regarding The Queen Platinum Jubilee.

Sara Wharmby

Subject: FW: IMPORTANT INFORMATION - THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS 2ND JUNE 2022

From: Tracy Gilmartin
Sent: 28 January 2022 16:46
To: Tracy Gilmartin
Subject: FW: IMPORTANT INFORMATION - THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS 2ND JUNE 2022

For your information / Ar gyfer eich gwybodaeth

From: Bruno Peek <brunopeek@mac.com>
Sent: 28 January 2022 14:53
To: Admin <admin@onevoicewales.org.uk>; Lyn Cadwallader <lcadwallader@onevoicewales.wales>
Subject: Fwd: IMPORTANT INFORMATION - THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS 2ND JUNE 2022

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

RE: THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS 2ND JUNE 2022

I would be extremely grateful if you would assist us in the following ways, especially as we only have four months to go before the 'big day'. Councils still however have got ample time to become involved in this special tribute to our Queen Elizabeth, celebrating this unique moment in her reign and in her life too.

(1) Please be kind enough to send the attached to your members throughout Wales

Council letter.
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend Tart.
The Song for the Commonwealth.
The Guide to taking Part

(2) Would you please be kind enough to upload the attached on your websites as soon as possible please.

Your earliest assistance would be greatly appreciated.

My warmest regards to you as always.

Bruno Peek

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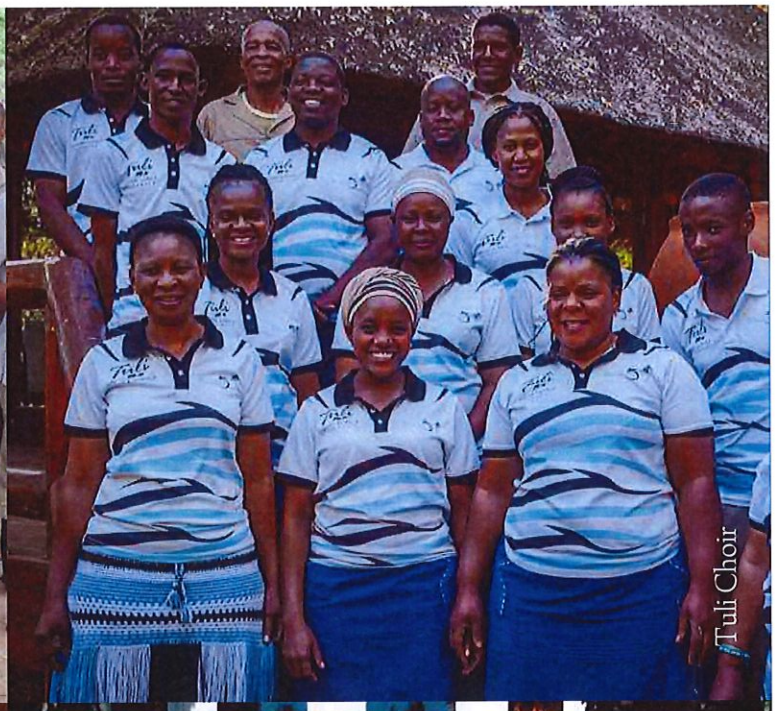

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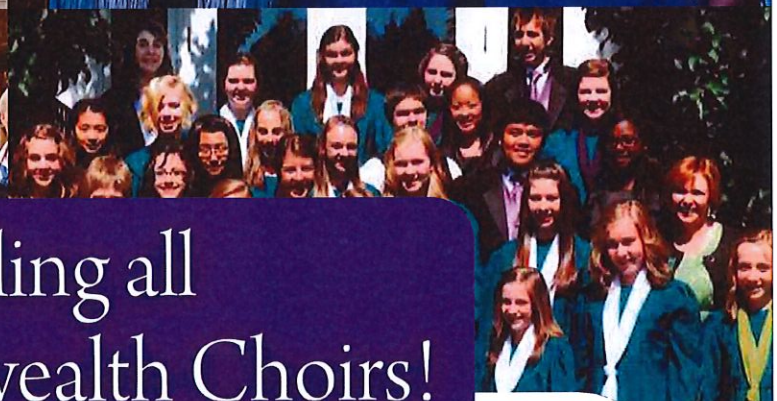

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2ND JUNE 2022

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A SONG FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

'A Life Lived with Grace'

As the Beacons are lit at 9.45pm throughout the UK & Commonwealth that evening
in Celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Music by Vincent Atueyi Chinemelu from Nigeria | Lyrics by Lucy Kiely from Australia

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS
2ND JUNE 2022

2nd June 2022

Further to the announcement from Buckingham Palace on 2nd June last year, regarding the Platinum Jubilee Weekend of 2nd - 5th June this year of which The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons is a major part, I have pleasure in confirming the current Guide To Taking Part in this event is available to view and download from - **www.queensjubileebeacons.com** and will continue to be updated on this site at the end of each month through to 30th May 2022, as more and more communities, organisations, charities, councils, local authorities, farms, country estates, historic houses, voluntary groups and individuals etc, agree to take part.

Pages **16, 17, 18** and **19** show the various types of beacons being used for this historic tribute to Her Majesty The Queen on 2nd June 2022, that can either be lit in farmers' fields, on country estates, high hill tops, on beaches surounding our shores, as well as our town and village greens, along with other public spaces etc, with gas-fuelled beacons lit on church towers and castle battlements. Permanent beacon braziers made by local craftsmen/women being lit in the towns and villages also provide a lasting reminder of this historic moment in The Queen's reign.

Many of those receiving this communication will already have permanent beacons in place, so please light them for this occasion, remembering to register your involvement as soon as possible please. From page **23** onwards you will see the many hundreds to date that have already agreed to participate in this event throughout the UK and in the Capital Cities of the Commonwealth countries. These lists will be added to over the next few months as more communities etc, join the project.

From the guide you will see that Town Criers will be undertaking the 'Proclamation' at **2pm** announcing the lighting of the beacons that evening, Pipers playing 'Diu Regnare' at **9.35pm**, with Buglers and Cornet players undertaking the Bugle Call - 'Majesty' at **9.40pm**, before the beacons are lit at **9.45pm**, and to coincide with their lighting, we are encouaging the involvement of choirs of all sizes etc, to sing the 'Song for the Commonwealth,' providing another colourful, community element of this Jubilee celebration, involving people of all ages and walks of life, so we invite you to source these choirs locally from schools, churches, and others, adding to your occasion that evening.

If you are able to obtain one of more of these, please be kind enough to register their involvement in the ways outlined below as soon as possible or by no later than 30th May 2022.

continued overleaf

Those taking part with the lighting a of Beacon, Pipers playing Diu Regnare, with Buglers or Cornet players undertaking "Majesty,' should register their involvement by going to page 15, providing the information requested in Step 1 and emailing it to brunopeek@mac.com

Participating Choirs should register their participation DIRECT at www.commonwealthresounds.com please.

The lighting of the Beacons on 2nd June, will be the **first** international, community event of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend of 2nd - 5th June 2022, providing us all with the unique opportunity of **leading** this special weekend of celebrations. This will also be the last chain of beacons being lit during The Queen's reign, so we all want to make it really special for our Queen Elizabeth, the only monarch in history to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, so we do hope you will help us all to achieve this by taking part on 2nd June this year.

My warmest regards,

Bruno Peek

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Tart

Ingredients representing all 4 nations of the UK
England: Cheddar Cheese **Northern Ireland: Potatoes**
Scotland: Smoked Salmon **Wales: Leek**
Average cost of ingredients per tart, between £3.75 & £5.00
The following quantities will serve TEN people.

Pastry
140 g (5 oz) plain flour
35 g (1 ¼ oz) margarine
35 g (1 ¼ oz) vegetable fat
About 1 ½ tablespoons cold water
Or use ready-made shortcrust pastry
* 20 cm (8") loose-bottom flan tin
* baking beans

Filling
100 g (4 oz) Smoked salmon (trimmings or chopped small)
50 g (2 oz) leek
100g (4 oz) cooked potatoes
70g (2 ¾ oz) Cheddar cheese (grated)
200 ml (7 fl oz) single cream
2 large eggs (beaten)
1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley
Black pepper
Butter or oil

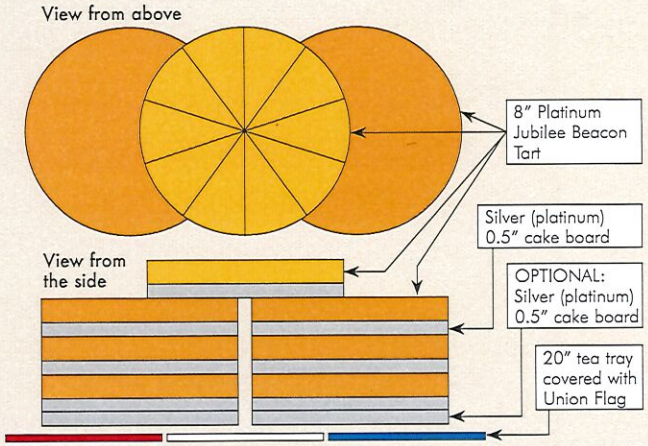
1. To make pastry - place flour in bowl add the fats and rub in lightly with fingertips until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add enough cold water to bind to a soft dough, knead briefly and shape in to a ball. Wrap and chill for 30 minutes.
2. Roll out the pastry and use to line the flan tin. Prick the bottom of the pastry with a fork. Line pastry shell with foil and fill with baking beans. Place tin on a heated baking tray and bake in preheated oven at 200°C Fan (Gas 7) for 10 minutes, remove foil and baking beans, return to the oven for a further 10 minutes.
3. Reduce oven temperature to 160°C Fan (Gas 4)
4. Scrub potatoes and place in a pan of lightly salted boiling water to cook for 15 minutes. Drain and allow to cool before removing the skin and then slicing thinly.

5. Finely chop leek. Heat a little butter or oil in a small frying pan, add chopped leek to the pan and cook over a low to moderate heat, stirring occasionally, for about 10 minutes until soft but not coloured - allow to cool.
6. Mix together cream, beaten eggs, chopped parsley and plenty of ground black pepper. Layer filling in pastry case; spread smoked salmon over base of tart followed by cooked leek and then 50 g (2 oz) grated cheese (keeping remaining 20g (¾ oz) to sprinkle on top). Top with thinly sliced cooked potatoes. Sprinkle remaining grated cheese over the top then gently pour cream and egg mixture in to the tart.
7. Bake in oven for 30 - 35 minutes until filling is set and golden. Serve cold.

NB These quantities also make 18 small tarts using 8cm (3 ¼") plain round cutter and lining patty tins. When making small tarts there is no need to blind bake the cases first. Bake small tarts at 160°C Fan (Gas 4) for about 30 minutes until filling is set and golden.

Guide to serving
A construction of seven Platinum Jubilee Beacon Tarts as shown below will serve 70 guests.
Each tart represents a Decade of Her Majesty's reign.
Each slice represents a Year of Her Majesty's reign.
You will need: 7 x 8" freshly made Platinum Jubilee Beacon Tarts as per recipe
7 x 8" x 0.5" silver (platinum) cake boards
1 x 20" tea tray
2 or 3 x Union Flag napkins
Optional: 2 additional silver (platinum) cake boards if greater elevation is required
Additional napkins to hand to guests with their slice of tart

Create two stacks of 3 x 8" tarts, each on a silver (platinum) cake board, and place side by side on a 20" rectangular tray covered with Union Flag napkins. Place a further tart centrally on top (7 tarts in total).



The above produces a 6" high stack of tarts. If further elevation is needed an additional cake board could be placed under each stack of 3 tarts.

Once the top tart has been ceremonially cut, remove it from the stack and set to one side to cut into ten slices. This will avoid crushing the tarts underneath. Carry out the same process for each subsequent tart, remembering to remove each one from the stack before cutting into ten. The slices can then be handed round to guests from their individual boards accompanied by napkins if desired.

Events Sub-Committee Meeting
Thursday, 10th February 2022

Additional Correspondence received for action	
An email from Neath Royal British Legion regarding a crisis meeting being held on 15th February.	Do you wish to attend the meeting?

Sara Wharmby

Subject: FW: Neath Branch Legion in Crisis.
Attachments: Neath Crisis Meeting.odt

From: Anna Looker
Sent: 08 February 2022 11:27
To: Kathryn Charles
Subject: Neath Branch Legion in Crisis.

Hi,

Please see attached a letter that has been sent out to members of the British Legion Branch in Neath. Since the closure of the club, the Branch of the British Legion has been struggling to continue and now faces closure if volunteers don't come forward. The Branch should be the focal points for social activity, Remembrance and support the Armed Forces community in all kinds of ways. They have always played a vital role in helping hard-to-reach individuals and tackling problems like loneliness and isolation in Neath and we want to continue to do this.

A crisis meeting is meeting held on Tuesday 15th February at The Highlander at 6:30 to determine the future of the Branch. It would be really helpful if we could get the support of the town council and a representative present to understand what the Branch needs and the options currently available.

If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Kind regards

Anna

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Membership Support Officer

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

7th Feb 2022

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Dear Member,

NEATH BRANCH CRISIS MEETING

Due to a number of factors, the Neath Branch of the British Legion is in crisis, with volunteers needed to step in to vital positions in the Branch. A meeting is therefore being held to try to save the Royal British Legion's in Neath. The branch is at risk of closing if members are not able to fill the required position or if new members can't be recruited.

The meeting will be held:
ON: Tuesday 15th February at 6.30pm
Venue: Upstairs in The Highlander, 2-4 Lewis Rd, Neath SA11 1EQ

At present no volunteers want to take on the roles needed, there are a number of options available to keep the branch going, but we need the support of our members and the public.

Jeff Coleman, Chairman of Neath Branch has volunteered with the Legion for the past 9 years, as Chairman helping with the Poppy Appeal, organising Remembrance events and ensuring representation at funerals of veterans.

"We need to get people to join and volunteer for the Legion or it's going to die out in Neath"

We hope to see you at the meeting and to save our branch.

Should you have any further questions then please contact me the MSO, Anna Looker on 07823418691.

Yours sincerely,

Looker

Anna Looker
Membership Support Officer, South West Wales