

VILLAGE NEWS

Jubilee edition - May 2012

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be marked by two village events. Many village organisations have been working together to mark this unique occasion. We hope you and your friends will join us.

Monday 4th June – an evening of music

An evening of music and celebrations will be held on the Lorkin Daniell field and in the Orpen Hall beginning at 7pm. The West Bergholt Concert Band will open the evening with 60 years of music. Weather permitting this will be an open air event so bring your gazebos, canvas chairs and party wear. A bar will be available or bring your own. There will be a full Hog Roast dinner followed by music from a dance band in the Hall.

The village will host one of 2012 Beacons to be lit on the evening of 4th June. West Bergholt has been allocated 10.26pm as the time to light the beacon. The evening will conclude with a firework display on the field.

Entry to the concert and dance band will be free but a charge of £3.50 per head will apply for the Hog Roast. Tickets for the meal will be available from Heathlands School, Blue Bells and our local shops. In planning for catering tickets will be restricted to a maximum of 120.

<u>Saturday 16th June – Diamond Jubilee Family Fun Day</u>

A Family Fun Day is planned to celebrate the occasion on the Lorkin Daniell field. This aims to bring together the whole community, young and old. The event brings together the organisational skills of our School PTA, our Blue Bells play school group, Parish Council, WI, Bergholt Youth Group, Scouts and other organisations that make our village a special place in which to live.

(Please note that dogs are not permitted on the Lorkin Daniell field.)

The events start at 12 noon when our village children mounted on their decorated scooters, three wheelers or small bikes will assemble in front of Heathlands School before parading through the village to the Lorkin Daniell field. Children taking part will have their decorative rides judged by a panel and prizes will be awarded.

The Fun Day will then be marked by a celebration tea party for all children where they will receive a Jubilee Party Pack.

There will be traditional village family party games and events encouraging all to take part and compete in a fun way during the afternoon. Youth activities will be co-ordinated by our Bergholt Youth Group and Football Club who plan all kinds of entertainment for the occasion.

There will be a Bouncy Castle and play slide, fete stalls, music and donkey rides on the centre of the playing field. The village History Group and Scouts will hold displays.

The WI will be selecting the best entries in 3 classes to a Jubilee competition to design cards to be professionally printed and sent to the Queen in June. The closing date for the competition is Thursday 31st May.

This Fun Day will be the main summer fund raising event for both the PTA and the Blue Bells. Entry to the Fun Day will be free, however, tickets for the children's tea party will be 50p per child and will be available from the School and Blue Bells. We are expecting more than 250 children so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Come along, have fun and at the same time support your local organisations.