



CAM PARISH COUNCIL

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Special Newsletter

LIGHTING UP CAM FOR THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE!



CAM is set to sparkle for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday with fantastic new celebration lights twinkling in the trees in the centre of the parish at the same time as a beacon is lit on Cam Peak.

The beacon will be lit at the iconic beauty spot as part of the national celebrations to mark Queen Elizabeth's historic 70-year reign. For everyone's safety this is not a public event and people are advised to enjoy the spectacle from their own homes. The beacon will be lit by Jonquil and Mel who have both been nominated by GL11 Community HUB in recognition of the time and energy they have both given to Cam and Dursley throughout the pandemic and since. Jonquil was a lead volunteer organiser for the Listening Ear service which was a lifeline to people in the community who were stressed, isolated or needing guidance during the height of the lockdown and has since worked incredibly hard raising funds for the hub to better serve the community.

Mel caught Covid during this period and it developed into Long Covid, his positive mental attitude and passion for helping others meant that he has helped deliver Long Covid support for other people suffering from this ever since, both in person and on Zoom for those who don't have the capacity to travel.

Seven trees around the car park on Noel Lee Way will also glimmer with celebration lights. The beacon will be lit for one evening only but the tree lights will be switched on from 9.45pm until 11pm every night of the four-day bank holiday break.

The warm white celebration lights were largely funded by Gloucestershire County Council's Build Back Better Market Town's fund which aimed to regenerate and rejuvenate communities getting back onto their feet after the Covid pandemic. The lights have been wrapped into the trees and will be switched on at festivities and community events for years to come.



Cam will certainly look fit for a Queen!



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WRITE A MESSAGE TO THE QUEEN AT A COUNCIL OPEN DAY

A celebratory book for commemorative messages about the Queen's historic 70-year reign will be available at a Cam Parish Council open day on Thursday 2 June.

The offices on Noel Lee Way will be open from 10am until 4pm for parishioners to call in and write their special message in the book. Once all the tributes have been collected, the book will be sent on to Buckingham Palace. Children attending Cam's primary schools have been issued with a commemorative bookmark but any child who hasn't received one can collect one on the day, while stocks last, and are welcome to write a message in the book. Adults may also be able to collect a bookmark.



At 11am on the open day the Union Standard will be raised on a newly installed flagpole outside the council offices. It will be raised by Cllr Jon Fulcher, chair of the parish council, and Cllr Mark Moreton, vice-chair.

Refreshments of tea and coffee will also be on offer during the open day and there will be a photographic display of Jubilee celebrations held in Cam over the years. Colouring sheets with a royal theme will be available for children to decorate and councillors will be on hand to chat to residents.



CHILDREN JOIN IN THE ROYAL FUN!

Young people all over Cam have been joining in with the Jubilee celebrations with special Royal themed events. Jubilee Flag workshops have been taking place where children can make a free silk screen flag. A series of community pop-up sessions took place at the GL11 Community Hub, Dursley Market Place and The Quarry Chapel. You can see the flags being flown outside schools and various other buildings around Cam and Dursley.



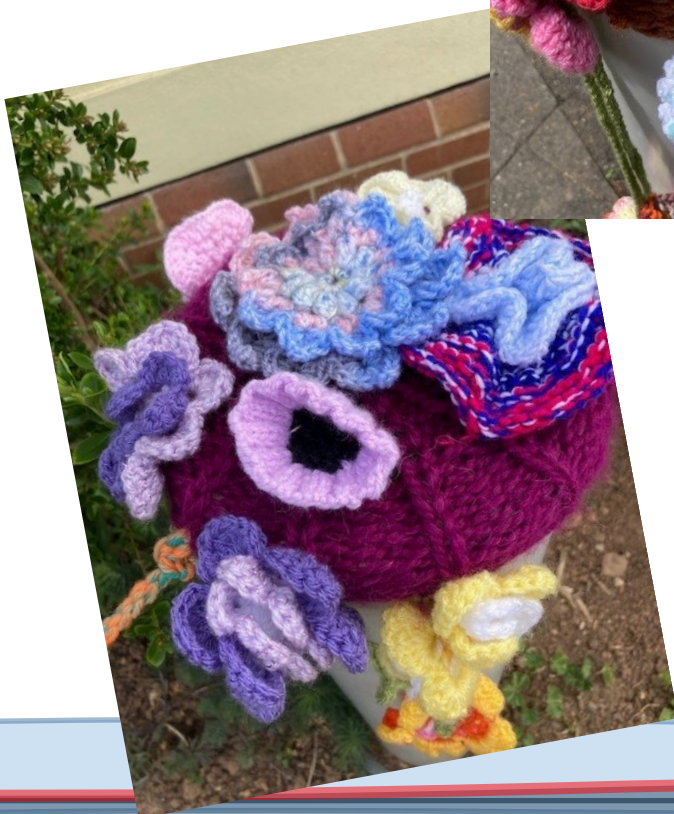
There's also the high street safari – the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon trail for Cam and Dursley – which runs until 12 June. This free, family experience has been sponsored by Spring Villa, RS Autotechnik and Leaf and Ground.

Located around Cam and Dursley are seven magical characters on a day trip from Buckingham Palace. Youngsters can join Sir Barnaby Beacon on the trail as he visits his friends, see them in augmented reality, decide what happens next in the story and even win a free digital fun pack at the end. Each of the characters will talk about a decade in the Queen's historic 70-year reign. Scan the QR code to learn more.



JUBILEE YARN BOMBING IN CAM

The centre of Cam has been decorated with colourful knitted and crocheted flowers and butterflies, brightening up the parish for the Platinum Jubilee. All the handiwork has been done by local people who responded to Cam Parish Council's appeal for knitted decorations. Bags full of fantastic flowers, crowns, butterflies and spirals have been sown onto crocheted chains and hats and then wound round trees and noticeboards and fixed to bollards. More have been strung onto bean poles to hang from the trees. The whole effect is cheerful and colourful!



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