

# Ansty Celebrates



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 2022





On Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 2022, Ansty village held a lunch party at the Ansty PYO (Pick Your Own) farm shop thanks to the kind hospitality of Karren and Jim Price.

Nestled under the downs, it provided a wonderful venue as 100 or so people of all ages gathered to celebrate Her Majesty's The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Meat was cooked on three BBQs by diligent cooks, complemented by copious salads as old and new friends gathered in a wonderful atmosphere, mercifully free of rain! George Smith, acting as a superb Master of Ceremonies, spoke briefly to thank the many people who had contributed to the event and the Loyal Toast was proposed by Major John Oldfield, followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

A magnificently decorated cake was then cut and provided pudding, alongside ice cream cones. The cake was displayed on a cloth which had been painted for the Queen's Golden Jubilee by the late Roger Rigby, a talented and popular resident of Ansty until shortly before his death some years ago.

Due to a late surge in numbers, the cake was augmented by Jubilee cupcakes, arranged to show the numerals '70', which were a particular hit with the children!

It was a wonderfully informal and happy gathering of villagers, old and new, united in one purpose to celebrate the achievements of our remarkable and steadfast monarch, Queen Elizabeth II.



Careful preparations behind the scenes ensured that everything was ready for Ansty Village to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the beautiful setting of the Ansty PYO premises. And what a huge turnout it was! Never mind the cloud and threat of rain – everybody came determined to enjoy themselves. So here are a few memories of the happy gathering!



Under a large stretch-tent at PYO, complete with lights, bunting and heating(!) the tables were dressed, and seating arranged, ready for the guests. Large BBQs can be seen at the far end.



The Beacons on the Ansty Downs began the four days of Jubilee celebrations and a huge village 'get together' marked the end of the extended holiday.



Some people have been here before and know how to 'celebrate'!

The Queen made an unexpected appearance to check things were 'OK' at the Ansty PYO



Major John Oldfield – Toastmaster



The Platinum Jubilee cake on a tablecloth with artwork designed by Roger Rigby for The Queen's Golden Jubilee!



George Smith – MoC and Speechmaker



Chris and George Smith suitably attired for the occasion with their own personal secretary, to ensure things run smoothly!



The first guests arrive....



.... finding their tables



Over one hundred people arrived making this one of the largest village gatherings since The Queen's Silver Jubilee.



Come in and join the party!





This cake has been generously donated by members of The Ansty Coffee Mornings.









**‘A very happy event’**  
**‘Great speech’**  
**‘Perfect toast to Her Majesty’**  
**‘Super BBQ cooking’**  
**‘Fantastic atmosphere’**  
**‘Wonderful whole village event’**  
**‘When can we do this again?’**

Many thanks to all those who helped to organise the event from start to finish and to those who sent in the pictures and the reports. It was ‘perfect!’

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