



LEICESTER & LEICESTERSHIRE CELEBRATES
70 YEARS SERVICE OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN







FOREWORD

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Since becoming Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire in 2018 I had really been looking forward to 2022 as I knew it was the year we would celebrate another Jubilee with Her Majesty The Queen. Then in 2020 it seemed as if the whole world had stopped to help contain the spread of Covid 19 and at times it felt as though we wouldn't ever be able to come together again socially. However, as we turned the corner there was hope of a return to normality, and as the summer of 2022 began we were able to experience the joy of Platinum Jubilee celebrations: and did we celebrate!

The people of Leicester and Leicestershire showed their love and admiration for Queen Elizabeth II by participating in those celebrations in their thousands. People "Danced for The Queen", they lit beacons for her, planted thousands of trees, enjoyed picnics and street parties with their neighbours. Children drew and painted for her, and organisations showcased their commitment to our communities: following the tremendous example set by The Queen.

How sad then that we ended the summer by saying goodbye to the greatest public servant this country, if not the world, has ever known. Her Majesty may be gone but some of the memories of this summer and what she meant to the people of Leicester and Leicestershire are captured in the following pages which I hope you will enjoy, as the Leicestershire Lieutenancy says "Thank you Ma'am!"

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Dancing for the Queen

A spectacular show of dancing from across seven decades took place in Jubilee Square, in the city of Leicester, on Wednesday 1st June 2022. The dancing lasted from 7.52pm to 8.22pm i.e. 19:52 hrs to 20:22 hrs to mark the seventy years of Her Majesty's reign.

Seven dance groups performed routines to a medley of iconic music tracks from the seven decades of The Queen's reign with Shiamak Dance, Curve Young Company and University of Leicester Ballroom Dance among some of the performers.

A variety show featuring a diverse mixture of musical talent including choirs, bands, singers and dancers from the wonderful mix of Leicester and Leicestershire's ethnic cultures, served as a warm-up to the main event, which also featured the Leicester, Loughborough, and Broughton Astley Rock Choirs as well as the Enderby Brass Band and The Simpletones. In the background of the performances, pictures of Her Majesty's visits to Leicester and Leicestershire over the last 70 years, from her first in 1954 to her most recent visit in 2018, were displayed.





The people of Leicester coming together in Jubilee Square to “Dance for the Queen”. The Lord-Lieutenant and Diana Brooks MBE DL are seen enjoying the show (bottom left).



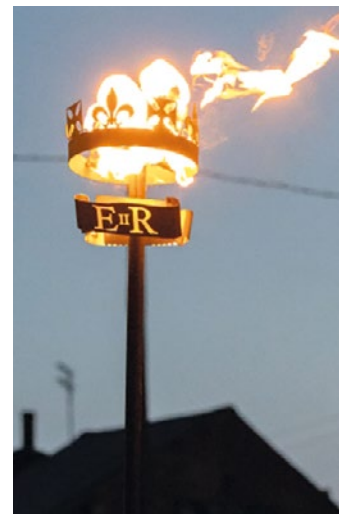


A variety of performers came together to represent the 70-year reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II and the diversity of the city and county. The Lord-Lieutenant is pictured with Chief Constable, Rob Nixon, Dave Andrews DL and Rosemary Conley CBE DL (middle left).

Community Services & Events

Across Leicester and Leicestershire, schools, businesses, community groups and local residents all came together to mark the Jubilee in a variety of ways. There were many street parties, beacon lightings and tree plantings all to celebrate HM Queen Elizabeth II's 70 year reign.





A street party in Ashby De La Zouch (top). Garden opening at Memoria South Leicestershire (middle left). The beacon lighting at BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Loughborough (middle right). Jubilee tree planting in Melton Mowbray (bottom).





A street party at St Matthew's Big Local, Leicester (p.12). Visit to Launde Primary School, Oadby (top). Beacon Lighting at the National Space Centre, Leicester (left). Beacon Lighting at Brocks Hill Country Park (middle right). A street party in Thringstone (bottom right).

Service of Thanksgiving

On Thursday 2nd June, at the start of the Platinum Jubilee bank holiday, a Service of Thanksgiving was held at St Mary de Castro Church in Leicester. Attended by civic dignitaries, faith representatives, community representatives, members of the public and uniformed organisations, the service was held to reflect upon and give thanks for the Queen's reign.





Lord-Lieutenant with his Vice Lord-Lieutenant among others attending the service (top left).





Police Cadet Isabel Mansfield giving a reading (p.16). Choir entering as part of the procession (middle). Procession being lead by one of the church vergers (bottom).

70 at 70

A very special reception was held at Beaumanor Hall for 70 members of the public who were turning 70 in 2022. A public nomination process launched by the Lord-Lieutenant allowed families and friends to nominate their loved ones to attend. The event was hosted by the Lord-Lieutenant, who was accompanied by his Vice Lord-Lieutenant, Deputy Lieutenants and his Cadets, the garden party brought together people from all walks of life who enjoyed celebrating their own personal milestones alongside that of HM Queen Elizabeth II.





Colonel Hurwood DL speaking with cadets (top). Photo of the Lord-Lieutenant giving his speech (middle left).





A range of photos of guests enjoying the event with the Lord-Lieutenant (p.20) and Vice Lord-Lieutenant (top right).

Art Competition

This Lord-Lieutenant's art competition was open to Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children across the city and county. By asking children to express what the Jubilee meant to them, the Lord-Lieutenant wanted to give young people a chance to express their artistic talent and to build their excitement for the celebrations.

There were over 250 entries, which were shortlisted to two overall winners and 10 very worthy runners up.

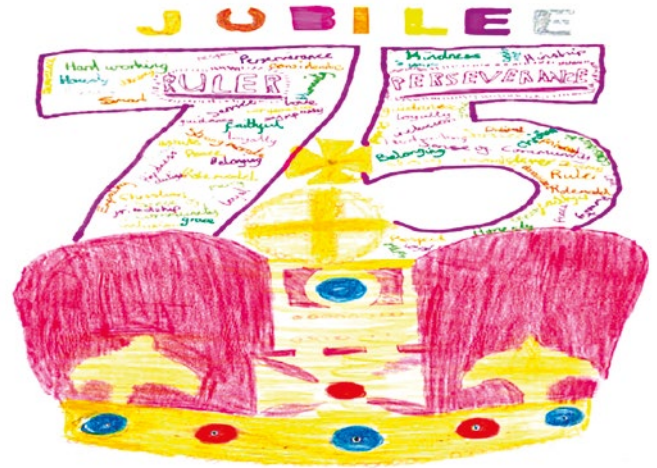
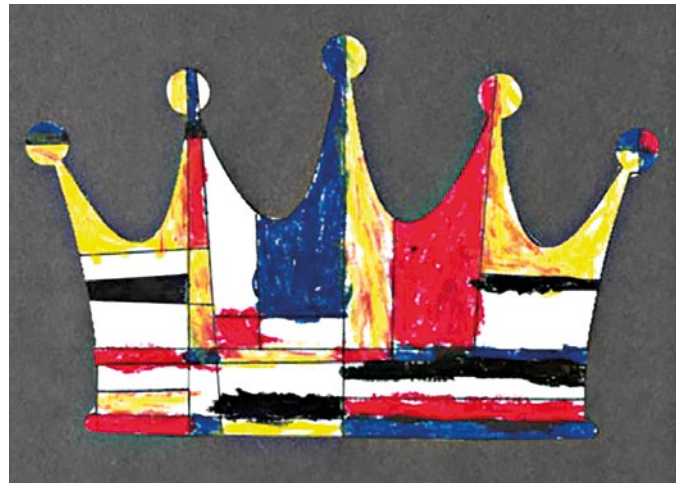
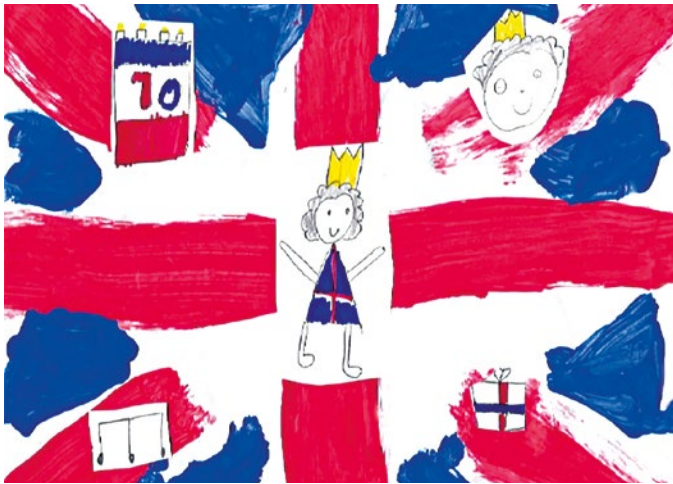
All of the entries can be viewed in a special gallery at the Flickr website here www.flickr.com/photos/leicestershirecc/albums.





The winning key stage one entry from Kirby Muxloe Primary School (top). The winning key stage two entry from Krishna Avanti School (bottom).





Just a small sample of the 250 entries that were received into the Lieutenancy Office for the Platinum Jubilee art competition.

Community & Business Awards

The Lord-Lieutenant organised a Community and Business Award, via public nomination, to recognise and celebrate the achievements of 70 organisations that had done something exceptional and positive for the communities across Leicester and Leicestershire. Winners of the award varied in size and differed greatly in the work that they carried out.

Over 90 nominations were put forward by the public with the winners shortlisted by a group of Deputy Lieutenants.





The Lord-Lieutenant presenting an award to Bright Path Futures, a project supported by University of Leicester (p.26). The Lord-Lieutenant presenting an award to LOROS (top left). Rory Underwood Esq MBE DL presenting an award to Vale of Belvoir Lion's Club (top right). Lt Colonel David Young TD DL presenting an award to Leicester City Football Club in the Community charity (middle). Photo from the award presentation to Hospice Hope (bottom left). The Lord Lieutenant presenting an award to Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People (bottom right).





Professor Bob Allison CBE DL presenting an award to Pathways Leicester (top p.28). Libbie Turnbull DL presenting an award to Hope Against Cancer Leicester (bottom p.28). David Lindley Esq QPM DL presenting an award for Hospice Hope (top). Richard Brooks Esq DL presenting an award to Musical Village (middle). Richard Brooks Esq DL presenting an award to 1st Kibworth Scouts (bottom).



