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The Let's Create Jubilee Fund will ensure that thousands of people from communities all across England will have the opportunity to take part in exciting creative events – all in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee. From puppetry and story creation, through to making crowns, carnival and art trails, there will be a huge range of exciting activities for people of all ages and backgrounds to get involved in.

Official events

2nd June	The council will kick start the weekend of celebrations in the town by lighting a beacon. The beacon will be lit alongside over 1500 others across the world. 2:00pm The Town Crier will undertake the Proclamation at the Bill Tutte Memorial announcing the lighting of the beacon later that evening. 2:00-4:00pm The Town Council will be hosting a special Jubilee Tea Dance to honour the Queen. We extend a warm invitation to join the party in the Memorial Hall and dance the afternoon away to the sounds of the Big Band classics. Treat yourself to delicious cakes and refreshments. 9:15pm Residents are invited to assemble at the Severals 9.35pm A Piper will play Diu Regnare (a unique tune especially written for this historic Jubilee) 9.45pm Newmarket's Beacon will be lit and Newmarket Community Choir will sing 'Song for the Commonwealth,' a song especially written for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee
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	You will have the opportunity to taste the delicious Jubilee Beacon Tart with ingredients representing all 4 nations of the UK
3rd June	1:00-2:00pm The town's celebrations will continue with a big parade on the High Street. The themes of the parade are "The Queen through the ages" and/or "Best of British". Join the spectators along the streets. Do take your camera! There will be many wonderful community efforts on show, alongside stilt walkers, Newmarket Samba band, a special appearance by "Elton Wrong" and many more surprises. 2:00-8:30pm The procession will disperse onto the Severals where everyone can enjoy the Jubilee Town Party – fun fair rides, bouncy castles, food & drink stalls, children's art workshops, and a Jubilee music stage with an exciting line-up of young artists, the Mighty Macca, and an Elton John tribute as seen on Britain's Got Talent.
5th June	2:00-4:00pm A unique Big Afternoon Tea Street party is set to be the grand finale of the town's celebration. We will take the party on to Palace Street, where people can enjoy a cuppa and cake with a selection of traditional sports day races for children - egg and spoon, sack race, space hopper race, three-legged race, and a tug of war. We've some great shows for families and children of all ages, the Punch and Judy show and the Wagon of Dreams. People are encouraged to share friendship, food and fun with fellow residents as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Refreshments and cakes will be provided but you're also welcome to bring your own food.

Made possible thanks to National Lottery players and administered by UK Community Foundations on behalf of the Arts Council, the Let's Create Jubilee Fund will support a huge range of projects throughout England. 44 community foundations have been awarding grants across the country.

Newmarket Town Mayor, Michael Jefferys: *"This year we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Newmarket Town Council will be organising events over the bank holiday, so that everyone can join in with this special celebration. The lighting of the Beacon, the Community Parade, the Funfair and the Street Party will provide opportunities for all the residents of Newmarket to feel part of this wonderful occasion. We can all look forward to a weekend of fun and celebration in recognition of this most auspicious of anniversaries."*

Darren Henley, Chief Executive at Arts Council England said “The Let’s Create Jubilee Fund is a wonderful example of our ambition to give everyone the opportunity to participate in and experience the arts, culture and creativity – made possible thanks to National Lottery players. This June, we’ll see communities across England coming together to celebrate a historic milestone for this country. I’m excited to see these projects brought to life in villages, towns and cities across the country as our wonderfully creative communities celebrate The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.”

Rosemary Macdonald, CEO, UK Community Foundations, said: “For community foundations, people and places are the priority and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is a unique opportunity for people to get together and celebrate in their communities. We are proud to have connected Arts Council England with local organisations whose imaginative and exciting projects and collaborations with professional artists will bring communities together to enjoy marking this milestone moment in our history.”

HM The Queen Elizabeth II is the first monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, having overtaken Queen Victoria as the longest reigning monarch in 2015. Her reign has been marked by a commitment to public service, reflected by her extensive programme of engagements at home and abroad, and support for over 600 cultural organisations, charities, military associations, professional bodies and public service organisations.

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Notes to editors

Arts Council England is the national development agency for creativity and culture. We have set out our strategic vision in [Let’s Create](#) that by 2030 we want

England to be a country in which the creativity of each of us is valued and given the chance to flourish and where everyone of us has access to a remarkable range of high quality cultural experiences. We invest public money from Government and The National Lottery to help support the sector and to deliver this vision. www.artscouncil.org.uk

Following the Covid-19 crisis, the Arts Council developed a £160 million **Emergency Response Package**, with nearly 90% coming from the National Lottery, for organisations and individuals needing support. We are also one of the bodies administering the Government's unprecedented £1.96 billion **Culture Recovery Funds**. Find out more at www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19.

UK Community Foundations is the membership organisation for the national network of 47 accredited community foundations across the UK. UKCF members inspire local philanthropy, bring communities together and fund great ideas. We have a deep understanding of need in our communities and the challenges and hopes that face them.

UKCF supports community foundations by providing advice, learning and resources, by championing philanthropy at a national level and by developing national programmes that invest in local communities.

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