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Her Majesty's unprecedented Platinum Jubilee anniversary is a wonderful opportunity for Glastonbury to celebrate our unique association and relationship with the Royal Family of this sceptred isle.

With an overarching theme of 'Avalon of the Heart', there will be year-long celebrations in Glastonbury – reflecting the celebrations throughout the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and around the World – reaching a peak with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend; a four-day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday, 2nd to Sunday, 5th June.

Our programme of events tie Glastonbury's past and present together as we celebrate our unique Royal Heritage, which includes King Arivargus' grant of the 12 Hides, King Ina's Charter and those of successive Monarchs – through which Glastonbury epitomised a truly independent 'First Estate of the Realm' – with the significant mediaeval Royal Visits of Edward I and Edward III respecting the primacy of *the Holyest Erthe in Englande*, renowned as the site of King Arthur and Queen Guinevere's tomb, the burial place of Saxon Kings, Edmund I, Edgar the Peaceful, and Edmund Ironside.

It's going to be an extraordinary year! May Glastonbury Flourish!

Cllr. Jon Cousins  
Chair of the Platinum Jubilee Committee



### Wednesday, 15th December 2021 – Cutting of the Holy Thorn

The annual '**Cutting of the Holy Thorn Ceremony**', especially attended by the Queen's key representatives in Somerset – Annie Maw, the Lord-Lieutenant and Thomas Sheppard, the High Sheriff. To mark Glastonbury's first Platinum Jubilee event, the Lord-Lieutenant and High Sheriff join the Mayor in planting a '**Pencil Oak**' as part of The Queen's Green Canopy.

### Sunday, 6th February 2022 – Ascension Day

The happy convergence of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the centenary of Alice Buckton's extraordinary 1922 silent film, '**Glastonbury, Past and Present**', is celebrated in a special '**Accession Day**' screening of the film in the Town Hall – arranged with the British Film Institute's National Archive. Three screenings on the day with free admission.

### Saturday, 23rd April 2022 – St George's Day

'**Reclaim St. George**'. Continuing our exploration of the Sovereignty of this sceptred isle, Glastonbury celebrates the legendary connection between England's Patron Saint and '*the Holyest Erthe*' during an evening of theatre, music, poetry, and inspirational talks at Glastonbury Town Hall.

### Thursday, 19th May 2022 – St Dunstan's Day

Celebrating '**St. Dunstan's Day**'. Glastonbury's famous 10th century Abbot, Dunstan was both Saint and Archbishop of Canterbury. His coronation of King Edgar is particularly pertinent in this prestigious year, as it provided the template still in use when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was crowned on 2nd June 1953 in Westminster Abbey.

1 pm – screening in the Town Hall of 'A Queen Is Crowned' the official film record of the Coronation, narrated by Sir Laurence Olivier.

7 pm – a reflection by Paul Weston on the St. Dunstan and the Glastonbury 'Jubilee dynamic' in the Town Hall.

### Thursday, 2nd June 2022 – Tor Beacon Lighting

The long Bank Holiday Weekend celebrations open with the lighting of Glastonbury's '**Platinum Jubilee Beacon**' on the Tor at 9:45 pm following a short ceremony at the top of the Tor. Space on the Fairfield is being made available for those who do not wish or are not able to climb the Tor.

### Friday, 3rd June 2022 – Queens and Kings Community Procession

Glastonbury's '**Platinum Jubilee Pageant**' will celebrate Sovereignty with the theme of "*Queens and Kings for the day*" setting off at 2pm from the top of the High Street. Participants are asked to assemble from 1:45pm at the top of the High Street. The pageant will conclude in Glastonbury Abbey, where you're encouraged to bring your own picnic and the celebrations will continue from 3pm with Glastonbury Brass Band, the newly commissioned Glastonbury St. George Mummings Play and Children's entertainers from Children's World. Last admission to The Abbey is 5:15pm and will close at 6pm.

### Sunday, 5th June 2022 – Church Service & the Big Jubilee Lunch

The day will open with a Civic Procession from the Town Hall to St. John's Church, where a special Platinum Jubilee Service takes place at 11am. The Church Service is followed by our '**Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch**' (so bring your favourite picnic food!) on Glastonbury High Street supported by Glastonbury Co-Op from 12:30pm, concluding the long Bank Holiday Weekend at 3pm.

Find out more information about our events on our website  
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