

Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022

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Oh what a night! On Friday, 3rd June, the people of Charlton Horethorne began celebrating HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with gusto! The excellent **Originals** played hits from 1952 onwards. The enthusiastic audience were soon on their feet, dancing and singing along with the band until nearly midnight. The volunteers behind the bar worked tirelessly to keep up with a thirsty crowd. At the end of the evening, everyone congratulated each other on a wonderful evening, the like of which had not been seen for far too long and had clearly been sorely missed.

And there was still Sunday to look forward to... The morning of Sunday, 5th June began with relief that the gazebos erected on the previous day were still standing after the overnight storms! The weather was now looking better. From midday, people began arriving on the Millennium Green to take up their picnic spots. Continuous circus skills and village games entertained the youngsters. The stocks and water bombing were particularly popular! The Pimms, beer, tea, coffee and cakes tents kept everyone refreshed.

Tracey Robertson began by wowing us with her dog dance troupe. The **Unity Folk Group**, the **Sherborne Ukulele Club** and the **Old Time Blue Grass** trio provided musical entertainment, with a display of classic cars to keep the enthusiasts happy. The afternoon culminated with a tree planting and the commemorative plaque unveiling, followed by a chorus of "God Save the Queen!". What a delight to be out and about, meeting up, chatting, sharing a picnic and simply being sociable. Needless to say, a lot of hard work went into organising the weekend's events and many thanks to all who helped in any way, large or small.

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