

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Special Edition!



This year marks the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne.

Lydney Town Council has been working closely with schools and community groups on a programme of events to appeal to all generations, interests and abilities in our town.

See what we have planned for you and join the fun!

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OUTLINE OF EVENTS



Across the country communities will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee in a four-day weekend starting on Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June.

Our goal is to provide activities inclusive to all and to provide free entertainment and activities for Lydney residents. Many individual groups, clubs and venues are already planning to hold their own events. We want to link all these community events together and work collectively to create a fantastic weekend of music, dance, art and activities for the town.



Thursday 2nd June 2022 Beacon Lighting and Tree Planting

2.00pm - Town Crier Tim Embon to read the Jubilee Proclamation starting in the Town Centre

3.00pm - Planting of Jubilee Oak Tree

Shop Window competition - similar to Christmas, shops will be encouraged to decorate their windows for the Jubilee.

9.30pm - Beacon Lighting on The Mesne, Primrose Hill
(We are sorry, there are no toilets and no parking available on site).



Friday 3rd June 2022 Children's Activity Day

To be held in Bathurst Park from 12noon till 4.00pm.

12.30pm - Planting of Jubilee Oak Tree.

All children-based groups within the community (schools, clubs, sports groups, youth programmes etc.) are invited to showcase their organizations and skills.



Saturday 4th June 'Music of the Decades'

To be held in Bathurst Park from 1.00pm to 8.00pm.

Music Festival spanning all the decades of the Queen's reign, from the 1950's to the present day. Fancy dress, dancing displays, local food vendors and bars.
Application process for attendance.



Sunday 5th June Picnic and Proms in the Park

To be held in Bathurst Park from 4.00pm till 7.00pm.

Picnic and Proms in Bathurst Park, featuring local choirs and Lydney Town Band to finish off the weekend's events.



THE BUS SERVICE WITH LINK UP OTHER EVENTS AT THE TOWN HALL, THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, DEAN FOREST RAILWAY AND TAURUS CRAFTS (RUNNING FRIDAY TO SUNDAY)

DIARY OF EVENTS JUBILEE 2022

**STICK ME
TO THE
FRIDGE!**

Thursday 2nd June

2.00pm

Town Crier, starting in Town Centre

3.00pm

Planting of Jubilee Oak Tree on the Mesne, Primrose Hill

9.30pm

Beacon Lighting on the Mesne, Primrose Hill

Lydney Community Centre

Art Exhibition

10.00am - 5.00pm

Pudding Extravaganza

To enter the competition or if you just want to come along, ring Chris on 07973 600153. Please supply recipe highlighting allergens, eg nuts, dairy. We will supply tea/coffee/pimms, dishes, cutlery, cream/custard/ice cream to complement your pudding.

7.00pm - 9.00pm

Contact **07504 565153**

lydneycommunitycentre@outlook.com

Lydney Rugby Club

Charity Dinner with Wayne Barnes and Special Guests in aid of *Breast Cancer Now*

Contact lydeytickets@gmail.com

Taurus Crafts

Children's Activities

Contact **01594 844841**

8.30pm - **Severn View public house** band "Damaged Goods"

Friday 3rd June

Lydney Town Council

12noon - 4.00pm

Children's Activity Day

Bathurst Park

12.30pm

Planting of Jubilee Oak Tree

Bathurst Park

Lydney Rugby Club

Forest v Barnes - Back after 2 years. Rugby, live music and fundraising for *Breast Cancer Now*

Contact **01594 842479** or

lydeytickets@gmail.com

Taurus Crafts

Children's Activities

Contact **01594 844841**

Lydney Community Centre

Art Exhibition

10.00am - 5.00pm

Contact **07504 565153**

lydneycommunitycentre@outlook.com

Churches Together

Teddy Bear Trail

12noon - 4.00pm

Contact St Mary's Church (Jane Penny)

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Saturday 4th June

Lydney Town Council

Music of the Decades

Bathurst Park

1.00pm - 8.00pm

Lydney Community Centre

Fancy Dress, Tea Party and Entertainment

Local Primary Schools will be allocating tickets to children by using a fair and inclusive method. **NO CARS IN CAR PARK AND NO DOGS PLEASE.** All ticket holders and siblings must be supervised by one Adult.

10.00am - 12noon

Art Exhibition

10.00am - 5.00pm

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11.00am - 4.00pm

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Sunday 5th June

Lydney Town Council

Picnic and Proms in the Park

Bathurst Park

4.00pm - 7.00pm

Lydney Town Hall Trust

Great Oaks Hospice

Vintage Tea Party

12noon - 4.00pm

Contact Debbie Hutchinson

01594 811910

debbiehutchinson@great-oaks.org.uk

Taurus Crafts

Alice Tea Party

11.00am - 4.00pm

Taurbilee

11.00am - 4.00pm

Children's Activities

11.00am - 4.00pm

Contact **01594 844841**

Churches Together

Service in Bathurst Park Bandstand

10.30am

Contact St Mary's Church (Jane Penny)

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Lydney Community Centre

Art Exhibition

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Oyez!
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LYDNEY TOWN HALL TRUST

The Hall has emerged from the Covid restrictions of early 2021 to a period of increased activity of event booking in Autumn 2021 and the winter Christmas period. Highlights included the return of the Lydney Christmas lights switch on at the Town Hall and the return of many music and theatre nights at the weekends including the Annual Dance with Joe Loss Showband, tributes evenings and local music acts. We have also had theatre and entertainment events such as The Glamour Girls, the Forest Musical Society (Songs from the Musicals) and Mother Goose, a pop-up panto from Lemon Jelly.

Since Christmas we have had in addition to private hire for functions and community activities including a Craft Fayre, a Bee Gees tribute band and a Ukraine fundraiser featuring local bands. The evening on 19th March 2022, of music, raffle, auctions and donations raised £6,085 for the DEC Humanitarian Aid thanks to the support and generosity of Lydney businesses and many people from the local area.

Looking forward to the rest of 2022 we are in the process of signing a Service Level Agreement with Lydney Town Council under which the Hall will receive £5,000 in return for providing free or low-cost hire to encourage and support the growth of music, drama and entertainment in the Lydney and the surrounding area.

Please visit our website (www.lydneytownhall.com) to see our event line-up for 2022 and beyond.

Also please contact us for private hire for functions or community activities.

bookings@lydneytownhall.com or **01594 843113**.

LYDNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Thanks to Lydney Town Council's £5,000 Service Level Agreement, the Memory Café team managed by Crossroads will continue to provide help to dementia sufferers and their carers at monthly sessions and now offer weekly help and lunch at their Azalea club which commenced in March 2022. Charlie's Cancer Support Group will continue to provide support and therapy treatment in the community at a local level.

The introduction of Kick Boxing, Dance classes (Ballet, Tap and Modern) by commercial tutors provides youth activities. In addition, there are several groups for Parents/Carers and their preschool children, including Mothers in Mind/Baby and Me, Baby Sing and Sign, FOD Baby Sling Library, Content Calm Cubs, Soccer Tots and Parent and Baby Group.

Classes to help the community keep fit and active include Yoga, Tai Chi, Fitsteps, Jump, Zumba, Active Balance and Stretch and Tone. There are now three weekly art classes, a quilting group and of course WI who meet monthly and have their own craft group, book club, scrabble and walking group. Adult Education regularly run craft, cookery, upcycling and other classes.

For spiritual guidance, there is a Community Church and a Muslim Prayer Group.

Contact Michelle Gardiner on **07790 025743** or email whitelotusuk@aol.com to book a session with the White Lotus Self Defence Group.

Our diary is the fullest it has ever been and can be viewed online by logging into <https://v2.hallmaster.co.uk/Scheduler/View/10299?startRoom=0> or we can be contacted on **07504 565153**.

More information can be found on our website www.lydneycommunitycentre.co.uk

For bookings email lydneycommunitycentre@outlook.com



ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

As we are all now aware of the current climate and environmental crisis, Lydney Town Council has started a programme of projects to increase bio diversity and mitigate the worst effects of abrupt climate change. One of the most popular requests in last year's public consultation was for a footpath from the town centre to the docks. We have planned a route that follows the river Lyd most of the way and will be wheelchair, cycle and pedestrian friendly. This gives the opportunity to clear the rubbish from the Lyd and plant and encourage wild flowers along the banks.

The Council is currently talking to land owners to identify sites to plant community orchards and provide more allotment space. We have also surveyed all the small green spaces around town and would like to discuss how to use them as local community spaces. Last year's wildflower planting was a success so we are extending it to more areas this year and putting up Bee Friendly signs.



PHOTO: LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

Part of the Town Improvement scheme is to make Newerne Street and High Street more pedestrian friendly and we will use this opportunity to bring more greenery into the town with carefully placed planters. Concern has been raised about the amount of traffic in these two streets so we are working on a traffic reduction plan to reduce the pollution, congestion and carbon emissions and we will be holding a public meeting to determine what the most popular solutions are.

If you would like to get involved please contact Councillor Steve Stockham
cllr.sstockham@lydneytowncouncil.co.uk.

PLASTIC FREE LYDNEY

**PLASTIC FREE
 LYDNEY
 SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE**

Plastic Free Lydney is a project set up by the Environmental Working Group and with the support from the general public in Lydney and Surfers against sewage.

The aim is to work as a town to reduce single use plastic, we are really pleased to say we have eight businesses signed up and two community organisations, so far, however we need to build on this to make a greater impact.

Do you own a business and want to reduce your single use plastic for our town? **Get involved and sign up through the website <https://plasticfree.org.uk>**. All you need to do is reduce at least 3 items of single use plastic, many businesses have already started doing this with bags etc, these will count.

If you're a community group, organisation or school please get in touch with Cllr Louise Penny via email: cllr.lpenny@lydneytowncouncil.co.uk.

We ask you to make 3 pledges: **1.** Work to remove at least three items of SU plastic. **2.** Commit to include the Plastic Free Lydney stance on SU plastic in communications. **3.** Raise awareness and support plastic free initiatives in the community.

If you would like to get involved as an individual, we would love to hear from you. We have regular meetings that you can come along too, contact Cllr Louise Penny via email: cllr.lpenny@lydneytowncouncil.co.uk.

WHAT HAS THE TOWN COUNCIL BEEN DOING?



The last year has continued to be a difficult one for everyone in our town. Covid 19 has taken its toll both on our personal lives, businesses and the life of our community. As we leave the worst of Covid (hopefully) behind, Lydney Town Council is looking forward with some optimism to what lies ahead.

In spite of the difficulties of the last 12 months, the council has been able to make some achievements that have brightened our lives.

The **Community event** at the end of September was a huge success. In partnership with the Bathurst Park Trust, the **fireworks event** was the best attended in many years and the extra income will allow us to invest in bigger, brighter events in the future.

The reintroduction of the **Christmas Parade** was a lot of fun, as was the **market** and event at the Town Hall.

We have launched the review of our **Neighbourhood Development Plan** that will help guide the District Council with its planning decisions in the town.

The Council has developed its own **Strategic Plan** that will guide the focus of the council's efforts to make improvements to the town over the next few years, and to provide a measurement of progress on the projects we have identified.

If you are interested in environmental issues, improving our leisure facilities, improving transport and travel, or tidying up our High Street, do get in touch as we would love to have you on board one of our working groups.

Councillor Anne Harley

Mayor 2021/22

LYDNEY RECREATION TRUST

On December 2020 the recreational ground experienced severe flooding; all the sports club houses were badly damaged and the tennis courts were ruined. It is testament to the resolve of all the sports clubs that they were all quickly up and running.



PHOTO: BRIAN JONES

The **tennis club** now have six fantastic new tennis courts and the club is absolutely thriving. Unfortunately, the flooding issue is not going to go away as these events seem to occur more and more frequently. The following day the water had all gone so the drainage on the trust ground which is fairly new is working very effectively. I would like to thank the cricket and football clubs for monitoring the pump house. Unfortunately, due to the Covid restrictions there was little active sport played on the grounds for almost a year. I am happy to report that they are all been used as normal at this present time. We hope walks around the lake and grounds were of some comfort for Lydney residents during covid.

The **Skate park** is the subject of a project for major improvement - look out for news.

BATHURST PARK RECREATION TRUST

Like the recreational trust, Bathurst Park had a strange year without children playing on the play equipment and the coffee shop closed for long periods. We hope residents were able to enjoy this beautiful park and setting for a walk and fresh air.

We did allow one event in the park in June 2020 a Black Lives Matter a celebration of black culture. It is fair to say the event was controversial because of the timing but went ahead successfully and peacefully.

On September 4th there was a very successful **community event** celebrating everything good about Lydney. Local food venders, local brass and rock bands, Scouts, Sea Cadets and the British Legion were all there in force celebrating the town opening up. It was a very special day and thanks must go out to Councillor Saunders, all councillors and all the many volunteers - a terrific community effort. A **military brass band** played in the Park later in the year, making another special evening.

On November 5th Lydney's traditional **Fireworks and Bonfire Night** returned after a two-year break; a fantastic evening with record attendances.

The **coffee shop** is now open and actively trading again. The trust would like to say a big thank you to June who is leaving the shop after a number of years and wish her all the best in the future. We look forward to working with the new Café proprietor, who hopes to be open for longer hours.

In the future we are looking to replace existing play equipment and maybe turn the tennis clubs into multi sports use i.e., football, basketball etc. The trust would like to tidy up the perimeter fencing and improve the lighting on the avenue.



PHOTO: BRIAN JONES

A big thanks to James Young and all the grounds staff team who make the Park so beautiful all year round. A very special park - Lydney's Jewel in the Crown.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

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TOWN CLERK

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WHO DOES WHAT?

The next Newsletter will include a feature on who has been elected as Mayor at our Annual Meeting on 9th May, new Committee Chairs and who is leading on various activities. Watch our website and Facebook page for updates and news.

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