Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012

Queen's 60th Diamond Jubilee

Diamond Jubilee Events in the County of Antrim
2012 marks Her Majesty the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee; sixty years of commitment, ritual and duty.

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Her Majesty’s Lord Lieutenant for County Antrim

Beacon Lighting
Across the County of Antrim
All Beacon Lighting ceremonies take place on Monday 4 June

Antrim Borough Council
9.45pm
JUBILEE BEACON
AT ANCIENT MOTTE, ANTRIM CASTLE GARDENS
Free car parking is available both in Antrim Castle Gardens and at the nearby Antrim Forum complex.

Ballymena Borough Council
10.00pm
JUBILEE BEACON
AT SLEMISH

Ballymoney Borough Council
Time 10.00pm
JUBILEE BEACON
AT LONG MOUNTAIN
Further information will be made available on this via the local press and Council’s website.

Carrickfergus Borough Council
10.00pm
ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS
JUBILEE BEACON AT KNOCKAGH MONUMENT, GREENISLAND

Carrickfergus Borough Council
10.00pm
JUBILEE BEACONS AT BLACKHEAD CAR PARK, WHITEHEAD AND FISHERMANS QUAY, CARRICKFERGUS

Larne Borough Council
10.00pm
LARNE JUBILEE BEACON
AT TOWN PARK, LARNE
All members of the public are welcome.

Lisburn City Council
10.00pm
BEACON LIGHTING CEREMONIES AT DOWNSHIRE MONUMENT, HILLSBOROUGH, AND WALLACE PARK, LISBURN
All members of the public are welcome. Further information will be made available on this via the local press and the Council’s website.

Newtownabbey Borough Council
10.00pm
JUBILEE BEACONS
AT CARNMONEY HILL AND CARN HILL (STRAID)
Further information will be made available on these via the local press and Council’s website.

Thousands of beacons will light the evening skies across the length and breadth of the United Kingdom to mark this important and historic moment in The Queen’s reign.

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Funded and Supported by
Sat 2 June
2 – 5pm
DIAMOND JUBILEE
TEA DANCE at
ANTRIM FORUM
Dust off your dancing shoes and
kick up your heels or sit back, relax
and enjoy the music - the choice is
yours at the Diamond Jubilee Tea
Dance.
Admission to this event is FREE
but you must book your place.
T: 028 9446 3113
E: info@antrim.gov.uk

Mon 4 June
12 Noon – 3pm
THE BIG JUBILEE
LUNCH IN ANTRIM
CASTLE GARDENS
Bring along your picnic and enjoy
live music and family entertainment
in Antrim Castle Gardens as you
celebrate Her Majesty the Queen’s
60 year reign.

Wed 6 – Thurs 7 June
7.30pm
DIAMOND JUBILEE
MOVIE MAGIC –
FILM SCREENINGS
AT OLD COURTHOUSE,
ANTRIM
Step back in time and enjoy these
award-winning cinematic ‘gems’
from the Coronation year, 1952.
Admission to the screenings is
FREE but tickets must be pre-
booked at the Old Courthouse
box office, T. 028 9446 3113 or
online at www.antrim.gov.uk/
oldcourthouse

COMMEMORATIVE
COINS
Antrim Borough Council is
offering schools in the Borough a
commemorative coin for each of
their pupils. This keepsake will
bear the Queen’s official 2012
Diamond Jubilee emblem designed
by 10 year old Katherine Dewar.

LET’S GET THE
PARTY STARTED
Holding street parties for a national
occasion has been a long tradition.
To help get your street party
started, Antrim Borough Council is
offering funding across the whole of
the Borough.

For further information on any of
the events in Antrim
T. 028 9446 3113
E. info@antrim.gov.uk
A diamond-studded series of events is planned for the Borough of Ballymena to celebrate the Jubilee, from a range of large scale events and occasions, to massive parades and special opportunities. Ballymena will be 'a great place to be' in 2012.

Mon 6 Feb - Sat 30 June
Diamond Jubilee Display at Mid-Antrim Museum
The Mid-Antrim Museum at The Braid is celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II with a display of royal memorabilia from its collection. Many Coronation souvenirs, especially mugs, still have pride of place in many homes. A selection of such memorabilia can be seen on display until Saturday 30th June. For further information please visit www.thebraid.com

Mon 26 March
Opening of Diamond Jubilee Bridge, Ballykeel Écos/Ballykeel
Ballykeel Diamond Jubilee Bridge will be officially opened by the Mayor, Councillor Hubert Nicholl on 26th March 2012. The metal single span bridge replaces an earlier wooden bridge which was originally a community project between the Ministry of Agriculture, The Territorial Army, the DOE and Ballymena Borough Council.

May
Floral Beds
Various Venues

May
The Diamond Jubilee Talented Young Persons Arts Bursaries
To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee two Arts Bursaries will be awarded to local young people practising an art form, ranging from music to visual arts. Application forms and full details are available from May at The Braid Arts Centre 028 2563 5900

Fri 1 June
History of the Town Hall Unveiled
A new graphic exhibition exploring the history of Ballymena Town Hall is to be unveiled on Friday 1st June.

Mon 4 June
11.00am
The Co. Antrim Diamond Jubilee Parade Followed by The Big Lunch
Starting from Ballee Playing Fields, Ballymena and touring through the town centre to finish at Ballymena Showgrounds for The Big Lunch. A fabulously noisy, lively & entertaining day out for all of County Antrim featuring a massive moving party of stunning floats, vehicles and musical acts. Led by the Lord Lieutenant and the Mayor of Ballymena, this is an event not to be missed. Bring the family along and join in the party. For further details contact The Braid Arts Centre on 028 2563 5900

June
The Ballymena Crown – Art Competition
At The Braid Arts Centre
Competition for local schools to design a new Crown for HRH the Queen, to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee. Details direct to schools.
Ballymoney celebrates a historic moment in the town's history with recollection and absorbing nostalgia of the Royal Couples visit in 1953, on their Coronation visit to Northern Ireland.

Mon 28 May – Sat 30 June
9.00am – 5.30pm (4.30pm Friday)
THE QUEEN AND THE TOON
AT BALLYMONEY MUSEUM
Accession of The Queen's 60th Anniversary including vintage film, photographs and memorabilia.

Thurs 31 May
7.30pm
1950's MOVIE NIGHT
at Ballymoney Town Hall,
The 1953 drama film, From Here To Eternity, won eight academy awards, including for picture, best Director (Fred Zinnermann), Adapted screenplay, supporting Actor (Frank Sinatra) and supporting Actress (Donna Reid).

Thurs 7 June
8.00pm
THE QUEEN'S 1953 VISIT
AND OUR ROYAL LINKS
At Ballymoney Town Hall
On 3rd July 1953 the Royal Train, driven by a Ballymoney man, stopped at Ballymoney Railway Station and HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh stepped out to be greeted by thousands of North Antrim people. Local Historian S Alex Blair will recall the historic moment in the town's history and the Queen's link back to the ancient Kings of Dalriada, aided by archive film footage.

Mon 4 – Sat 9 June
ON THIS YEAR...
At Ballymoney Town Hall
An exhibition on Life and Times in Ballymoney Borough in the year of the Queens visit in 1953
Open: 11.00am – 5.00pm (late night opening to 9.00pm Tues 5 June)

June
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION CYCLE
In June Ballymoney Borough Council with partners Roads Service, Sustrans and Translink will be celebrating the opening of the new cycle friendly pedestrian railway bridge in this jubilee year with a community cycle around Ballymoney’s shared use path network.
Check website for details.

Tues 3 July
11.30am – 3.30pm
MUSIC FROM THE CORONATION YEAR
at the Diamond in Ballymoney Town Centre

For all 2012 events Check “whats on”:
www.visitballymoney.com
# County Antrim Events Guide

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Beacons, fireworks, picnics, Armed Forces Day and a Diamond Jubilee Wood... it's all happening in Carrickfergus Borough to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in 2012!

June
**Opening of Jubilee Wood Whitehead**
Come and celebrate the official opening of the only Diamond Jubilee Wood in Northern Ireland! One of six official woods across the UK, the 60 acre woodland is located near Bentra Golf Course to the north of Whitehead. www.carrickfergus.org/council/diamond-jubilee-2012/

**Fri 1 June**
10.40pm (weather dependent)
**Diamond Jubilee Fireworks Display At Albert Edward Pier**
Enjoy a fantastic fireworks display to celebrate the official start to the Diamond Jubilee celebrations across Carrickfergus Borough!

**Sun 3 June**
12.30pm – 4pm
**Carrickfergus’ Big Jubilee Picnic At Shaftesbury Park, Joymount**
Why not come along to Carrickfergus Borough Council's Big Jubilee Picnic in Shaftesbury Park in Carrickfergus and help celebrate the Diamond Jubilee with a host of family entertainment! Don't forget to bring your picnic and a blanket!

**Mon 4 June**
10pm
**Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors Jubilee Beacon**
Knockagh Monument, Greenisland
One of 138 beacons across the UK and the only one in Northern Ireland.

Sat 30 June
12pm – 5.30pm
**Carrickfergus Armed Forces Day in the Year of the Diamond Jubilee At Carrickfergus Waterfront, Castle and Town Centre.**
Armed Forces Day returns bigger and better than ever for 2012 featuring interactive and static military displays, naval vessels, helicopters, exhibitions, tours, climbing walls, archery, live music, parade, family entertainment and a parachute display! A great family day out!

**Fri 24 August**
7.30pm
**Diamond Jubilee Beating of the Retreat At Carrickfergus Waterfront**
Come and join us for a special Diamond Jubilee Beating of the Retreat featuring the Nottinghamshire Band of the Royal Engineers (TA) in association with ABF The Soldiers’ Charity.

Other events taking place in the Borough:
- Diamond Jubilee events grants.
- Commemorative coins will be presented to all primary school children across Carrickfergus Borough.
- Beacons will be lit in Blackhead Car Park, Whitehead, and on Fisherman's Quay, Carrickfergus on Mon 4 June 2012 at 10pm with accompanying entertainment.

For further information contact Carrickfergus Tourist Information Centre by telephoning 028 9335 8049, click on our website at www.carrickfergus.org as well as on our Facebook and Twitter accounts.
Come celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in Larne Borough with fancy dress events, music, arts & crafts and circus entertainers - not forgetting beacon lighting and floral displays.

Fri 6 April
9.00am – 5.00pm
**Plant a Tree for Jubilee! at Jubilee Park, Glynn**
Come along and plant a tree at Jubilee Park, Glynn. Larne Borough Council in partnership with The Woodland Trust is creating a commemorative woodland copse of trees native to Northern Ireland. Entrance via Church Lane and over new bridge. Trees provided.

Sun 27 May
2.30pm
**Diamond Jubilee Art Attack at Carnfunnock Country Park**
Join the artist at Carnfunnock Country Park and participate in celebration decoration. Appropriate clothing must be worn. For more details contact 028 2827 0541 or email carnfunnock@larne.gov.uk

Mon 4 June
2.00pm – 5.00pm
**Larne Alive Jubilee Jamboree at Larne Town Park**
A marvellous Jamboree of 1950’s splendour! This event will be part of the Eden Project’s Big Lunch which aims for as many people as possible to have lunch with their neighbours once a year for a few hours of community, friendship and fun. So why not bring a picnic and enjoy a fantastic party in Larne Town Park!
Contact 028 2826 0088 or email larnetourism@btconnect.com for more information.

June, July & August
Every Sunday
2.00pm – 5.00pm
**Diamond Jubilee Band Concerts at Carnfunnock Country Park**
Enjoy the Programme of Jubilee summer band concerts in the amphitheatre of Carnfunnock’s beautiful walled garden. Please check www.larne.gov.uk for full listings. For more details contact 028 2827 0541 or email carnfunnock@larne.gov.uk

Tues 5 June
11.00am – 4.00pm
**Dixon Park Diamond Jubilee Celebrations at Dixon Park, Larne**
The Dixon Park Residents Association in conjunction with Larne Borough Council, Larne Drama Circle and Larne & District Historical Society.
There will be something for everyone young and old with music, activities for children (to include bouncy castle, face painting and animal zoo). For more information contact Larne Museum & Arts Centre on 028 2827 9482 or email museum@larne.gov.uk

Sat 11 August
2.00pm
**Diamond Jubilee Flower Show at 1st Larne Presbyterian Church**
Entrants are invited to showcase their floral art, interpreting the Diamond Jubilee theme. Free entrance to the public. The schedule and forms are available to download from www.larne.gov.uk or email hallm@larne.gov.uk
COMMUNITY IS AT THE HEART OF LISBURN CITY’S PROGRAMME CELEBRATING THE QUEEN’S DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR. BAND PERFORMANCES IN THE CITY CENTRE, FLORAL DISPLAYS, RAF FLYPAST, PARACHUTE DISPLAY AND BEACON LIGHTINGS FOLLOWED BY A FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR ARE PLANNED AS LISBURN COMMEMORATES THIS VERY SPECIAL OCCASION.

SAT 2 JUNE
HILLSBOROUGH
Visitors to the historic village of Hillsborough (County Down) will be able to enjoy the music of the Band of the Royal Irish Regiment and the Band of the 1st (NI) Battalion, Army Cadet Force. The Bands will make their way from Hillsborough Castle at 11.15am to the green at the rear of the Fort and will perform a number of musical scores.

This will be followed by a 21-gun Royal Salute at 12noon, carried out by the Royal Artillery, an RAF Flypast, band performance and a parachute display. Free tickets for this event will be available from the Council in May 2012.

The Council will also host a Diamond Jubilee Reception and Garden Party at Hillsborough Castle tying in with the Eden Project’s Big Lunch initiative, encouraging community friendship. Over 300 invited guests, representing voluntary, sporting, youth and charitable organisations from right across the City will be honoured at this special luncheon.

MON 4 JUNE
FIREFWORKS DISPLAY
Following the beacon lighting in Wallace Park in Lisburn, a fireworks finale will follow (see page 3 for beacon lighting details).

SUN 24 JUNE
DIAMOND JUBILEE SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
MAGHERAGALL PARISH CHURCH, BALLINDERRY ROAD, LISBURN
A Service of Thanksgiving will take place at Magheragall Parish Church on Sunday 24th June in recognition of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. Parishioners and invited guests will pay tribute to Her Majesty’s 60 years on the throne during this Special Act of Worship.

COMMUNITY GRANTS
To give local communities the opportunity to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee a Community Grant Scheme was launched in March 2012, giving Groups the opportunity to apply for a grant of up to £500. Contact the Council’s Leisure Services Department on Tel: 028 9266 3377.

BAND PERFORMANCES
Saturday afternoons in June will see band performances in Lisburn’s City Centre at Market Square.

JUBILEE WOOD
Lisburn City Council will plant a diamond shaped natural woodland within its McIlroy Park, involving local schoolchildren, youth and community groups in its planting. In addition an avenue of trees will be planted to form a walkway to the park by elected members of the Council. A tree will also be planted in Wallace Park.

FLORAL SCHEME
A commemorative floral display, set in the majestic Castle Gardens within the City of Lisburn will be planted in May 2012. The Diamond Jubilee Floral Display will depict the glory and splendour of the Queen’s Crown.

Further information is available on Lisburn City Council’s website www.lisburncity.gov.uk
Newtownabbey Borough is commemorating the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee with a programme of events for all the family. Come along, join in the fun and help us celebrate this truly historic occasion.

For further information contact Development Services on 028 9034 0060 or log on to: www.newtownabbey.gov.uk

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Visit of Her Majesty the Queen and his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh to the Borough of Newtownabbey on Tuesday 8 August 1961.

Musical entertainment at Jordanstown Loughshore Park

Tues 22 – Sun 27 May
JUBILEE BALLYCLARE MAY FAIR
BALLYCLARE
Celebrate the Jubilee in style at the Ballyclare May Fair, featuring a horse trading fair, princesses & pirates parade, motor races, family fun and a variety of comedy and musical performances. (See www.newtownabbey.gov.uk/mayfair for a detailed programme).

Sat 2 June
2pm – 5pm
A JUBILEE ANTIQUES & FINE ART FAIR AT SENTRY HILL HISTORIC HOUSE & VISITOR CENTRE
Antique valuations provided and a variety of antique and craft stalls to peruse in the beautiful setting of Sentry Hill Garden and Courtyard.

Sun 3 June
11am – 6pm
JORDANSTOWN LOUGHSHPARE PARK
Visit the Loughshore Park and join us for The Big Lunch and free family fun activities including a gala performance by The Leading Ladies.

Mon 4 June
1pm – 5pm
BALLYCLARE WAR MEMORIAL PARK
Enjoy the Jubilee bank holiday with lots of free family fun activities for all ages.

Sat 25 August – Mon 27 August
JUBILEE SHORELINE FESTIVAL
Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend with lots of free family fun activities and musical entertainment to include Ronnie Greer and band and Classics In The Park. (See www.newtownabbey.gov.uk/shoreline for a detailed programme).
For further information please contact:

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