



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

"Working together for our Community"

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CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

To celebrate **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**, the late May bank holiday will be moved to Thursday 2 June & a new, additional bank holiday will be on Friday 3 June. So that's an official 4-day bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June, including 2 days off work for folk to celebrate the Queen's 70 years of service. **AND**, in an incredible show of generosity, a resident has donated £2,000 to LRA (& with Gift Aid, the net sum available to LRA is £2,500!). That's on the basis that the donation remains anonymous; & as the resident explained, the donation is intended, "To go towards a bloomin' good Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration." And we'll dip into our LRA kitty to provide commemorative flags along the length of Harper's Road. Now then, we're always on the lookout for how we may draw our community closer together & in that vein, this is a marvellous opportunity. So

Do you fancy organising a street party? Are you thinking of organising one already? Do you want some help with buying food & drink? Our plan is to allocate the donation across the estate, pro rata to the 1,037 households in Longbarn, employing the distribution list we use to deliver this Newsletter (for example, with 80 households in Pasture lane, that's £192.50 up for grabs to our Pasture Lane residents). We'll do that by giving out vouchers for a local store (eg, Asda or the Co-Op ~ yet to be sorted; we've only just received the donation). But we do need your help to make it work

We need Platinum Volunteers to offer their time to chat with neighbours in each close/grove/lane/road (including Harper's Green) in Longbarn **to organise the street parties** (& receive the vouchers). All we ask in return is that our Platinum Volunteers provide us with photos of the event finally, for a bumper edition of our July Newsletter.

We'll be discussing our plans in more detail at our next Residents' Meeting on 14 April (7.30pm at Padgate Village Club). In the meantime if you're willing to put your name forward as one of our Platinum Volunteers, please contact us at lrasecretary15@gmail.com If we get more than one volunteer for a particular location(s), we'll put you in touch with each other for you to decide who might take the lead. And if we get no takers for a particular location, we'll distribute that share(s) to those taking part. Like they say, you've got to be in it to, erm, get it!