Hemyock Parish Open Meeting in the Parish Hall
at 1100 hrs on 10 September 2011to discuss
The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012

Subject	Action
Present: Mrs.H.Stallard (Chairman), the Parish Clerk and 26 members of the Parish. **Apologies:** Mr McCulloch, Mr Bass, Mrs Bass, Mr Bawler, Mr Brooke, Ms Button, Mr S Clist, Ms Gabriel (YFC), Mr Povah and Mrs Phillips. **After note:** The Hemyock webmaster advised that the QDJ notice posted on 12 August had attracted 182 hits by 10 Sep 2011.	

Open Meeting Discussions.
 	
 1. The Chairman of the Parish Council opened the meeting and then invited the Clerk to brief the meeting on the QDJ celebrations to be held over the weekend of Saturday 2 to Tuesday 5 June 2012. With the brief complete the Chairman then chaired the open forum.
 	
 2. A number of points were raised as follows:
 	
    1. The Committee would also like to know if you were you born on or were married on 2nd June 1953 (Coronation Day) or were born or married on the day of accession - 6 February 1952?
    2. It was suggested that the QDJ weekend coincided with half term.
    3. Arranging a Royal visit to the village featuring the Healthy Living Centre, Longmead, the Blackdown Practice and the new retirement homes.
    4. What finances were available and would the QDJ be exempt charges for the Parish Hall etc?
    5. The PR plan was to use the Parish Pump, a leaflet drop, the website, the parish Notice Boards, word of mouth and the local press.
    6. It was important to involve all age groups and particularly the youth and elderly.
    7. Commemorative mugs were discussed and those children at Churchstanton school must not miss out.
    8. A commemorative map was discussed and an example passed to Mike Cooper and the history group. The DVD history in the community was also discussed as was the positioning of a map at either end of the village for tourists/information. A map was also to be located on the Baptist church wall near the Post Office.
    9. A sports day could be held on Longmead.
    10. It would be good to identify key equipment for the event including marques, PA systems, tables and chairs etc.
    11. It was suggested that the village encourage and use its own musical groups/bands for the event. These needed to be booked early. The Hemyock singers would be willing to perform as and when required.
    12. A special 50s night dance could be held on Saturday pm on 2 June.
    13. A special outdoor (wet weather program) inter denomination parish church service be held on Sunday 3 June 2012. This could be followed by a picnic lunch/tea.
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14. It was suggested that there be an "Its a knock out competition" in fancy dress and that this could be followed by a hog roast at Longmead on Monday 4 June.

3. The Meeting recommended that:

1. Hemyock should celebrate the Diamond Jubilee weekend of 2-5 June 2012.
2. A Steering Group be established comprising David Barton, David Major, Stephen Major, Sue Scantlebury and Stuart Webb to plan events. The Steering group would brief the Council at the monthly meeting.
3. Parish events are booked early, that village organisations/clubs pull together for joint events over the weekend, and the limited resources would be targeted for the special Jubilee weekend of 2-5 June only.
4. The celebrations would include all ages but especially families, the young and the elderly, community ties would be strengthened and it would be a fun weekend for all.
5. The Council would offer support and guidance to the Steering Committee at all times.
6. The Steering group would need to:
   - Meet to formulate a plan.
   - Place some PR in the Parish Pump by 17 Sep 11.

4. The Chairman closed the meeting at 12 noon and thanked all those for contributing and attending.

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