



**URGENT CORRESPONDENCE PLEASE  
FROM BRUNO PEEK LVO OBE OPR  
PAGEANTMASTER**

Dear Great Wyrley Parish Council,

**RE: FORTHCOMING CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III.**

I do hope you are well, and enjoyed your involvement in the celebration of our late Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee.

I am sure you would have seen through the media, our past, most gracious Queen Elizabeth undertook the lighting of her Principal Beacon at Windsor Castle on 2nd June this year, an honour we will all never forget, especially as it was one of her last official engagements before her sad passing.

However, the important reasons for contacting you are as follows.

**(1)** To thank you, your City, Borough, Town, Parish, and the many, many thousands of others that supported you again, in taking part in the lighting of the Beacons and associated events, including the Commonwealth Song, Proclamation, Bugle Call and those Pipers and others around the world who took part in this celebration. We will not see another Platinum Jubilee for many generations to come, so your involvement was even more important, and is now part of history.

**(2)** We have received so many calls and emails from previous participants, asking if Beacons are being planned to be lit in celebration of the forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III, in June next year. The answer from Buckingham Palace is NO, the reason being, they are conscious that the Coronation will take place less than a year after The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons were lit, and are therefore anxious to ensure that the events planned for May 2023 have a markedly different look to those of June 2022.

**(3) IMPORTANT HOWEVER,** it has been agreed that Beacons should be lit on **6th June 2024**, as the **PRINCIPAL LEADING** event led by our communities and organisations etc, in the celebration/commemoration/tribute to D-Day 80, the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy.

D-Day as you know, was the the largest Naval, Air and Land operation in history, so we need to undertake this 80th Anniversary opportunity with great enthusiasm, saying thank you through respect/remembrance/tribute to many hundreds of thousands of souls who sacrificed so much to ensure the freedom/peace we all enjoy today.

With this in mind therefore, I will be sending you the official Guide To Taking Part in D-Day 80 in the New Year, enabling us all to start our planning for this special occasion, involving all areas of our local communities and organisations throughout the UK, Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man, many of which, would have had relatives and loved ones involved 80 years ago.

The above logo, developed for D-Day 80 will be available for free use as soon as the Guide To Taking Part has been produced and published in the new year, includes the flags of the Nations involved in the landings on 6th June 1944. This will ensure they receive the correct acknowledgement for the amazing, selfless and important part they played, along with providing the opportunity to become involved in the celebrations/commemorations/tribute in 2024, if they so wish.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you once again for the amazing role you and your community/organisation, played in the great success of the Platinum Jubilee Beacons and its associated events this year, and to wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

My warmest regards,

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