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BOGNOR REGIS TOWN CRIER BECOMES OFFICIAL AUTHOR OF PROCLAMATION FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS EVENT

Exactly one year from now, at 1pm local time, over 145 Town Criers from around the United Kingdom and Commonwealth will undertake the Proclamation written by Bognor Regis Town Crier, Jane L. Smith, announcing the lighting of the beacons later that evening.

Following the official announcement from Buckingham Palace on 2nd June 2021, regarding the full programme of the Platinum Jubilee Weekend of the 2nd - 5th June next year, Bognor Regis Town Council are proud to share with you some very exciting news for the town of Bognor Regis, in West Sussex.

Included in the programme will be 'The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons' event. There is a long tradition in the UK of lighting beacons in celebrating Royal Jubilees. In 1977, 2002 and 2012, beacons commemorated the Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees of The Queen, and they will be lit once more on 2nd June 2022 as we celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 70th year as our Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth. On this day, it will be the Proclamation written by the Bognor Regis Town Crier that will be read aloud in countries as far away as Canada, Hawaii, and New Zealand.

In 2017, Bognor Regis Town Council began their search for a Town Crier and Jane, who is a skilled seamstress, was commissioned to make the Town Criers regalia. As things began to take shape, Jane began to imagine herself wearing the regalia and subsequently put herself forward as a possible candidate for the role of Bognor Regis Town Crier. Following a successful audition, Jane was appointed and has since appeared on numerous occasions in and around the town. Jane has won awards and accolades from the Ancient & Honourable Guild of Town Criers and in various competitions across the country. Just recently she was interviewed for various publications both here and in the USA.

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