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THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACON LIGHTING

On the evening of Thursday 2nd June 2022 Lydd Town Council and around 200 members of the community of Lydd joined in the celebrations of the unique moment in The Queens reign, her Platinum Jubilee, by the lighting of the newly installed beacon at The Banks, Dennes Lane, Lydd.

It was an honour for Lydd Town Council to be involved in marking this special time in The Queen's life and her 70-year reign. The Queen ascended to the throne on June 2, 1953.

The beacon which had not been lit before was blessed by Rev. Chris Maclean and the crowd was then entertained by the East Kent Pipers who played a wonderful set of music culminating in the playing of 'DIU REGNARE' at 9.35pm as the sun set over Lydd.

Pipers around the British Commonwealth helped to mark the Queen's platinum jubilee by playing the tune composed for the occasion by Stuart Liddell of Inveraray, Scotland. The title of the song Diu Regnare is Latin for Long to reign.

At 9.45pm, the Mayor of Lydd, Cllr Martin Sweeney lit the beacon along with others throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and within each of the Commonwealth Countries accompanied by the All-Saints' Church choir in a musical tribute to Her Majesty the Queen.

The evening began with a buffet provided by Lydd Town Council in the Banks Sports and Social Club Pavilion and ended with the slicing and distributing of a celebration cake to members of the community present.

Lydd Town Council has purchased celebration mugs for all the school children at Lydd Primary and Greatstone school as a reminder of this special time.

As part of the associated celebrations Lydd Town Council donated £1,000 to the Jubilee event on the Rype held on Friday 3rd June and £728.80 to Pebbles Dementia Café for celebrations at the Coast.













