

## **Monthly Meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

### **Agenda Item 7) Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

Following initial discussions regarding the commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Councillor Mrs Bartlett has played an active role on behalf of the Town Council in organising an events group, together with Swanage and Purbeck Rotary, Swanage Carnival and other interested parties. However, the Town Council has yet to determine what other steps it might take to commemorate the event. Some possibilities are outlined below.

#### **Commemorative Mugs for Schoolchildren**

To commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002 the Town Council issued commemorative mugs to local schoolchildren. Previously, the Town Council gave a commemorative spoon to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day in 1995.

As a guide, I have enclosed a sample of mugs available, together with prices (these vary according to the numbers ordered). It is estimated that approximately 700 children up to age 13 attend St. Mary's RC School, Swanage First School (Mount Scar), St. Mark's and Swanage Middle School. The cost is likely to be between £1,400 and £2,100 dependent on the preferred design (plus VAT and delivery charge).

The Draft Estimates contain a budget of £3,000 for all cost relating to both the Jubilee and Olympic celebrations.

#### **Beacons**

A project has been launched to identify 2,012 sites for beacons to be lit on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012. A letter from the organisers is attached to this Briefing Note and further information can be found online at [www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk](http://www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk)

The deadline for entry is 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

#### **Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge**

Fields in Trust (formerly the National Playing Fields Association) are seeking 2012 playing fields and other public open spaces to be nominated as Queen Elizabeth II Fields. This scheme is similar to that which saw the dedication of Swanage's King George's Field in the early 1950s. Attached to this Briefing Note are some details about the scheme issued by Fields in Trust.

It is worth noting that, unlike the King George's Field, the Town Council would not be obliged to manage a Queen Elizabeth II Field as a charitable trust, thereby saving any associated bureaucracy.

If the Council wishes to pursue this project, consideration should be given to which area to nominate. Possibilities include Days' Park and/or Journey's End, Forres Field, the Seafront Land (Recreation Ground/Sandpit Field/Weather Station Field), Northbrook Copse or the

Downs. Should Members identify two or three possibilities a further brief report can be brought back to a future meeting.

If progressed further it is suggested that this project be taken forward by our Project Development Officer, Alex Clothier, as part of his bought-in time from Purbeck District Council.