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## Press Briefing

### What's New Diamond Jubilee 2012

In honour of HRH Queen Elizabeth II's sixty-year reign, the capital will be full to the brim with wonderful events, packages, patriotic entertainment and delectable food and drink to commemorate this remarkable anniversary.

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#### Royal Prêt-à-Portea



Enjoy a touch of class at The Berkeley, with its homage to Royal fashion, the Prêt-à-Portea afternoon tea.

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Visit Harrods to see this stunning collection of designs by Valentino, Jenny Packham and more.

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## Exhibitions

### The Queen: Sixty Photographs for Sixty Years

The Drawings Gallery, Windsor Castle, 4 February 2012 - January 2013

Sixty photographs of The Queen, including the work of leading press photographers of the past six decades, will go on display at Windsor Castle to celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. The exhibition presents a portrait of The Queen's reign as captured in fleeting moments on both official occasions and at relaxed family gatherings. With the advent of photography, the boundaries between the officially approved and the spontaneously captured image of the monarch were irreversibly blurred. Today, through the reach of modern media, the image of Her Majesty is familiar to millions around the world. For more information contact the press office on 020 7839 1377 / [press@royalcollection.org.uk](mailto:press@royalcollection.org.uk)

### Kensington Palace Celebrates the Diamond Jubilee

Kensington Palace, March - November 2012

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee Kensington Palace is holding three very special exhibitions in the £12 million renovated building, revealing both the secret and public lives of Kensington inhabitants. The exhibits include:

**Victoria Revealed:** an intimate look at England's longest reigning monarch, this exhibition will tell Victoria's story from childhood to old age with a collection of objects from her life including dresses, diaries, paintings and wedding gifts. Also part of the refurbishment is the reopening of the King's and Queen's State Apartments to the public. From 26 March 2012.

**Jubilee - the view from the crowd:** Temporary exhibition with a focus on Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. Over three million people came to London for the celebration, and this exhibition will include newspaper articles and personal accounts, along with photographs and film from the time. Exhibition runs from 24 May - 4 November 2012.

**Diana - glimpses of a modern Princess:** Princess Diana's dresses will be on display alongside drawings and photographs to illustrate the story behind the garment. Some of which have never been available to the public before. Exhibition runs from 24 May - 4 November 2012.

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### **Diamond Jubilee Window Display**

Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, April - June 2012

Harvey Nichols unveiled new windows in London earlier this month in celebration of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. In what they are calling "their most ambitious installation to date", the Harvey Nichols windows have been transformed into a quaint British High Street of yesteryear, complete with shops and boutiques seen throughout The Queen's reign. For more information contact Holly Whitman on 020 7235 5000 / [holly.whitman@harveynichols.com](mailto:holly.whitman@harveynichols.com)

### **Royal River: Power, Pageantry and the Thames**

National Maritime Museum, 27 April - 9 September 2012

Celebrating the NMM's 75th anniversary as well as the Jubilee, this exhibition will explore the relationship between the monarchy and the City/people as brought to life on the Thames. Guest-curated by David Starkey the collection will bring together paintings, manuscripts, rare and beautiful objects including 49 from the Royal Collection with many on display for the first time (such as Handel's autographed score for Music for the Royal Fireworks, on loan from the British Library). Ticket prices vary, contact Sheryl Twigg on 020 8312 6790 / [stwigg@nmm.ac.uk](mailto:stwigg@nmm.ac.uk)

### **Ballgowns & Crowns**

Harrods, 15 May - 15 June 2012

Glamour and femininity will be in abundance as Harrods will be collaborating with a host of the world's finest fashion brands, showcasing exclusive ballgown and crown creations in a magnificent display across the façade of the building. There will also be a dedicated pop-up ballgown boutique in celebration of the V&A's spectacular exhibition, Ballgowns: British Glamour since 1950, and will include designs by international fashion names such as Carolina Herrera, Valentino and Jenny Packham to name a few. For more information contact Amy Mayhew on [amy.mayhew@harrods.com](mailto:amy.mayhew@harrods.com)

### **The Queen: Art and Image**

National Portrait Gallery, 17 May - 21 October 2012

To mark The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the National Portrait Gallery will stage an innovative touring exhibition bringing together 60 of the most remarkable and resonant images of Elizabeth II spanning the 60 years of her reign - some on public display for the first time. The Queen: Art and Image will tour to British venues before being shown in London at the National Portrait Gallery from May. From Beaton and Leibovitz to Annigoni and Warhol, The Queen: Art and Image will be the most wide-ranging exhibition of images in different media devoted to a single royal sitter. Formal painted portraits, official photographs, media pictures, and powerful responses by contemporary artists will be shown in an exhibition which explores both traditional representations and works which extend the visual language of royal portraiture. Contact Neil Evans on 020 7312 2452 / [nevans@npg.org.uk](mailto:nevans@npg.org.uk)

### **At Home with The Queen**

Museum of London, 24 May - 4 November 2012

To mark Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee the Museum of London presents At Home with the Queen. This display features photographic portraits of Londoners at home with their cherished Queen mementos, alongside Royal commemorative souvenirs from the Museum's collections. Admission is free, for more information contact Nicola Kalimeris on 0207 814 5511 / [nkalimeris@museumoflondon.org.uk](mailto:nkalimeris@museumoflondon.org.uk)

### **Diamonds**

Buckingham Palace, 30 June - 8 July and 31 July - 7 October 2012

This exhibition is the largest collection of royal diamonds ever assembled for public display, including never before seen pieces from the Queen's personal collection. Many of the jewels on display were gifts or otherwise acquired during her reign and the exhibition will also include features on how various famous stones have been recut over the years. Ticket prices vary, for more information contact Rachel

Wollen on 020 7024 5607 / [rachel.woollen@royalcollection.org.uk](mailto:rachel.woollen@royalcollection.org.uk)

## Afternoon Tea

### Jubilee Themed Break-out Sessions

Park Plaza London Hotels, April - June 2012

Park Plaza Hotels have launched two themed break-out sessions in celebration of the forthcoming Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The tea breaks are available for existing and new delegate bookings during these periods and include your pick from a tempting assortment of fresh warm scones with clotted cream and strawberry jam which are served alongside fresh fruit and cream, topped with a picture of The Queen herself, or a selection of sausage rolls, cheese and pineapple on sticks with jelly and ice cream, all served with a selection of teas and freshly brewed coffee. The Diamond Jubilee Tea Break is charged at a supplement of £2.50 per person (in addition to Day Delegate Rate), the Jubilee Street Party Contact Lisa Woodman on 020 7034 4815 / [lwoodman@pphe.com](mailto:lwoodman@pphe.com)

### Diamond Jubilee Afternoon Tea

Covent Garden Hotel, 1 May - 30 June 2012

To mark 60 years of the Queen's reign, Brasserie Max, at the five-star Covent Garden Hotel in Seven Dials, is offering a special Diamond Jubilee Afternoon Tea. For £32.50 per person indulge in a quintessentially British afternoon tea complete with a glass of Pommery champagne, tempting tea-cakes, delicate sandwiches and flavoured teas, coffees and infusions. Especially for the Jubilee, cakes on offer will include a Victoria sponge cake, shortbread with cream, English strawberries and a limited edition Queen Elizabeth cup cake. For more information contact Kirsty Taylor on 020 7632 4811 / [kirsty.taylor@threepipe.co.uk](mailto:kirsty.taylor@threepipe.co.uk)

### A Very British Afternoon Tea

The Royal Horseguards Hotel, 21 May - 17 June 2012

The Royal Horseguards in Whitehall, is hosting an intimate afternoon tea, presented on their outdoor terrace. Pastry Chef Joanne Todd has designed an array of delights including London inspired biscuits, a decadent crown jewel cupcake, a lemon and martini meringue pie (inspired by The Queen's tippie of choice) and many more. A Very British Afternoon Tea costs from £35 per person. Contact Natalie Eales on 0208 237 1210 / [natalie.eales@sirecomms.com](mailto:natalie.eales@sirecomms.com)

### Prêt-à-Portea - The Royal Collection

The Berkeley Hotel, 29 May - 9 June 2012

The Berkeley hotel, located in fashionable Knightsbridge, is paying homage to the Diamond Jubilee in true majestic style with the launch of 'Prêt-à-Portea - The Royal Collection'. Prêt-à-Portea is designed to add a creative twist to the classic elements of the traditional English afternoon tea with cakes and pastries resembling the latest catwalk designs for the style conscious. Biscuits, fancies and choux buns will be transformed to resemble the most memorable hats worn by the Royal Family to mark The Queen's 60th anniversary on the throne. The Royal Collection will be served in the Caramel Room at the Berkeley from 1pm-6pm, priced at £36.50 per person. Contact Simon Neggers on 0207 201 1618 / [sneggers@the-berkeley.co.uk](mailto:sneggers@the-berkeley.co.uk)

### Diamond Jubilee Delights

The Royal Garden Hotel, 2 June 2012

Guests at the 5-star Royal Garden Hotel in leafy Kensington can be right at the heart of the royal celebrations this summer with a series of specially created Diamond Jubilee offers. The first includes tickets to a Gala for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at the Royal Albert Hall and a luxury overnight stay in a King Room, (from £315), the second is a special Diamond Jubilee Afternoon Tea in The Royal Garden Hotel's Park Terrace Lounge, which overlooks Kensington Gardens and is just a walk to Kensington Palace; available from 28th May - 5th June 2012 14.30 - 17.30 (£22). Alternatively you can enjoy afternoon tea with an overnight stay with the Jubilee Afternoon Tea Treat stay, priced from £269 based on two people staying in a king room. For more information contact Hannah Blake on 01892 619100 / [hannah.blake@daviestanner.co.uk](mailto:hannah.blake@daviestanner.co.uk)

### 5 O'clock Tea Club

John Lewis, Oxford Street, June 4 - 31 August 2012

Inspired by The Queen's favourite afternoon refreshments, the 5 O'clock Tea Club provides the opportunity to enjoy a patriotic pit-stop before commuting home, following TfL's advice to avoid travel between 5pm - 6pm during the London 2012 Games. John Lewis will also be holding 'Great British Bunting' classes, from 4th July 2012, to draw on the quintessential British tradition of decorating with

bunting at times of celebration, and from May - June John Lewis will also be giving 'Figurehead Fashion Advice' revealing The Queen's covetable style secrets. For more information contact John Lewis on 0207 828 0118 / [johnlewis@raincommunications.co.uk](mailto:johnlewis@raincommunications.co.uk)

## Special Menus and Cocktails

### The Chilli Queen

Byron, 3 May - 5 June 2012

To celebrate Her Majesty's 60 years at the helm, Byron burger chain has created a Diamond Jubilee special that's fit for a Queen. The 'Chilli Queen' green chilli cheeseburger has plenty of kick and is for strong constitutions only. Byron have worked with fellow hamburger specialist Fred Smith, head chef of the Admiral Codrington in Chelsea, to create the Chilli Queen. The limited edition special will be a 6oz hamburger, with green chilli, chipotle mayo, shredded iceberg lettuce and American cheese, served in a glazed bun. Priced at £8.75 it will be available in all Byron restaurants. For more information contact Dominique Fraser on 0203 178 5439 / [dominique@gerberpr.co.uk](mailto:dominique@gerberpr.co.uk)

### Best of British

Kettner's, Soho, 21 May - 30 August 2012

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee Kettner's in Soho has created a 'Best of British' menu. For £20.12 per person customers will receive two courses and a glass of English sparkling wine. The starters are chilled cucumber and mint soup or duck Scotch egg. Mains are crispy middle white pork belly, red cabbage, apples, or grilled Cornish mackerel, buttered Jersey Royals, samphire, gooseberry compote and among the puddings are eccles cake, earl grey trinity cream and strawberries and cream. With four choices per course, there's something for all tastes. The 'Best of British' must be booked in advance, for more information contact Hannah berry on 020 7292 0512 / [hannah@kettners.com](mailto:hannah@kettners.com)

### Private Dining

Bentley's Oyster Bar and Grill, May 28 - 30 June 2012

Bentley's are providing the perfect opportunity to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee; Guests can dine in Bentley's private dining rooms where they have created a majestic menu, fit for a Queen. Enjoy a glass of Prosecco on arrival along with a selection of seasonal canapés; choose from dishes such as Bentley's lobster soup, jubilee spatchcock chicken and Elizabethan raspberries with basil and champagne. To continue with their regal celebration Bentley's will be serving a glass of royal tokai sweet wine alongside the dessert. This menu is priced at £75 per person to include; canapés and a glass of Prosecco on arrival, 3 course meal, tea or coffee and handmade petit fours. For more information contact Aniela Killick on 020 7734 4756 / [aniela.killick@corriganrestaurants.com](mailto:aniela.killick@corriganrestaurants.com)

### Axis Restaurant Celebratory Diamond Jubilee Menu

Axis Restaurant, 1 - 4 June 2012

Axis Restaurant in Aldwych has decided to create a menu inspired by the culinary tastes of The Queen, executive chef Tony Fleming will be showcasing a trio of outstanding dishes, which a choice of starter; Montgomery cheese soufflé with heritage tomato salad and watercress dressing, main course; Scottish langoustines and scallops, Cornish turbot, Colchester oysters, seashore vegetables, Ridgeview sauce and pudding; citrus bread slice, raspberry and blackberry jam, elderflower jelly, raspberry mousse and grilled meringue. From £42.00 for the three courses. Contact Howard Rombough on [howardrombough@onealdwych.com](mailto:howardrombough@onealdwych.com)

### Great British Food

Radisson Blu Edwardian, Vanderbilt, June 2012

Not only is the Radisson Blu Edwardian celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee but they are also celebrating best about Britain. This June the restaurant will look back at their own culinary traditions and resume their love affair with British food over the past 60 years. From £19.50 guests can indulge in a starter, main and dessert, which range from traditional fish and chips to prawn cocktail with avocado. For more information contact Suzanne Armfield on [suzanne@mason-williams.com](mailto:suzanne@mason-williams.com)

### Dining at the Ritz

The Ritz Hotel Restaurant, 3 - 5 June 2012

The Ritz Hotel are organising a Big Jubilee Brunch, lunch and afternoon tea in honour of Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Royal Warrant holding hotel has hosted British and international royalty since opening in 1906, making it an ideal and authentic place to dine during the celebrations.

**Brunch:** Created by Chef John Williams will take place at 8.30am-12.00pm on the 5th of June 2012.

**Lunch:** Will be held between 11:30am- 4:30 pm on the 3rd of June 2012, both events cost £175 per person, which includes a glass of Champagne, a commemorative souvenir Menu, and an exclusive limited edition decorative keepsake from the Highgrove Collection, live coverage of The Queens Jubilee will also be playing throughout.

**Afternoon tea:** The Ritz dining selection would not be complete without afternoon tea which will be hosted in the lavish Palm Court, with a decadent supply of scones, sandwiches and much more. Afternoon tea costs £65 per person which includes a souvenir menu and an exclusive limited edition fine bone China commemorative dish from the Diamond Jubilee Collection.

For more information contact Amber Aldred on 020 7300 2243 / [aaldred@theritzlondon.com](mailto:aaldred@theritzlondon.com)

## **Mestizo's Mexican Celebrations**

Mestizo Restaurant and Tequila Bar, 3 June - 17 June 2012

Mestizo Restaurant is creating two special menus to celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

**Mestizo's Sunday Brunch:** From noon - 4pm, every Sunday, enjoy a spectacular traditional Mexican Sunday Brunch, made especially on the 3rd June, as H.M The Queen's flotilla travels down the River Thames. Our TV screens will show this once in a lifetime event. Raise a traditional Mexican toast from a selection of over 200+ tequilas on display and enjoy freshly made tacos, eggs any style; traditional dishes of menuda, pozole, birria & tamales plus a choice of 7 other authentic Mexican main courses and a choice of desserts, from £19.99 per person.

Mestizo will celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a Mexican twist on some traditional British classics. For example a Mexican take on fish and chips, or a Mexican afternoon tea. For more information contact Mestizo on 020 7387 4064 / [eat@mestizomx.com](mailto:eat@mestizomx.com)

## **Jubilee Hampers from Corrigan's Mayfair**

This Jubilee bank holiday, spend a perfectly relaxed afternoon in the sun, or an evening in the park with Corrigan's Picnic Baskets. To honour our monarch the dishes will showcase the best of British, such as coronation chicken, English asparagus with soft egg yolk dressing, poached British salmon, seared beef with horseradish and summer berries with lavender cream. Each picnic basket is freshly prepared to individual specifications and is ideal for all events that London has to offer this summer. Available from £75 the basket includes: seven dishes, half a bottle of champagne and mineral water, crockery, cutlery, glassware and a blanket. For more details call 0207 499 9943 or email [reservations@corrigansmayfair.com](mailto:reservations@corrigansmayfair.com)

## **Events and Entertainment**

### **Richmond Park Celebrations**

Richmond Park, April - June 2012

Richmond Park is a historic hunting ground of Prince's and King's and also Her Majesty The Queen's childhood home. To celebrate the Jubilee the council will organise special events including displays, performances as well as hands on exhibits and activities. There will also be parties, pageants and other events including a royal connection exhibit displaying the monarchy's relationship with Richmond upon Thames throughout history. For more information contact Angela Ivey on 020 8487 5047 /

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### **Union Flags Return on Regent Street**

Regent Street, London W1, 28 May - 8 June 2012

Regent Street, London W1 will bring back its breath taking display of union flags to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. While London sleeps, the flags will be suspended from red, white and blue bunting and will hang from 22 crossings, commencing at the BBC building, north of Oxford Circus, a sky of flags will lead down to Piccadilly Circus in the south. The gigantic flags were hugely popular when first displayed to celebrate the Royal Wedding of William and Kate in 2011. Popular with Londoners, UK and international visitors alike, the flags are a fitting and patriotic tribute to one of London's most iconic shopping streets - and to British Culture - in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. For more information contact Rufus Stone on 020 7287 9601 / [rufus.stone@sisteris.com](mailto:rufus.stone@sisteris.com)

### **May Makeover Month**

Oxford Street and West End, 30 May 2012

New West End Company and Westminster City Council have paired up to makeover Oxford Street and the West End in preparation for the expected 25 million visitors during the summer. West End retailers have been set the challenge to donate 1,000 staff and a total of 60,000 staff volunteering minutes in the '60 Minute Makeover Challenge'. During this spruce up retailers will provide the finishing touches to Oxford Street by; deep cleaning every section of pavement (a total of 25,774.25 metres), cleaning 1,500 metres of shop window glass, polishing 1,500 metres of store frontage, give advice to 50 businesses on trade waste, resurface Oxford Street from Vere Street to James Street, jet wash street furniture, replant five trees on the cross rail site and remove cross rail barriers. For more information contact Hannah Adam on 0207 282 0118 / [hannah.adam@raincommunications.co.uk](mailto:hannah.adam@raincommunications.co.uk)

### **Alternative Diamond Jubilee**

Museum of London Docklands, 31 May 2012

Museum of London Docklands have organised an adult evening event in order to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. The event starts at 6.45pm with performances from, 'chap hop' sensation, a fusion of hip hop and steampunk, Professor Elemental, Vicky Butterfly (burlesque artist), Hilary Davidson (fashion curator) and activities from knitting to magic. The museum bar will be open and the dress code is fin de siècle finery and steampunk chic. Tickets start at £5, for more information contact Nicola Kalimeris on 020 7814 5511 / [nkalimeris@museumlondon.org.uk](mailto:nkalimeris@museumlondon.org.uk)

### **The Epsom Derby**

Epsom Downs, 2 June 2012

The Queen will begin her Jubilee celebrations by attending the Epsom Derby, held at Epsom Downs in Surrey. One of the cornerstones in England's Flat Racing calendar, horses and riders will compete in a gruelling mile and a half contest and marks the 233rd annual running of the Derby horse race. Multi-platinum selling mezzo-soprano Katherine Jenkins will sing the national anthem at the event, which is expected to draw crowds of more than 125,000. The Derby dates back to 1780, and is ranked as the greatest flat race in the world. With winnings of £1.25m, it has one of the biggest prizes in UK racing. Grandstand tickets to the Investec Derby Festival start from £45. For more information contact Olivia Hall on 0207 385 8819 / [olivia@jscsport.co.uk](mailto:olivia@jscsport.co.uk)

### **Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant**

Battersea Park, 3 June 2012

One of the largest flotillas ever organised on the river, with over a thousand vessels from all corners of the Commonwealth. Thames sailing boats, naval and fishing vessels, barges, skiffs and more will make their way down seven and a half miles of river decked out in bunting, flags, and streamers; and led by The Queen herself. The Jubilee Gun Salute will take place as the flotilla passes London Bridge. Spectators can camp out a spot at any of the parks, cafes, pubs or restaurants along the river to catch a view of this once-in-a-lifetime event. One particularly good spot will be Battersea Park, which is hosting the Queen's River Pageant and offers family-friendly activities all day with a great view of the flotilla. The lead vessel is expected to pass under Battersea Rail Bridge at 2.30pm and reach Tower Bridge at 3.30pm. The last vessel passes through Tower Bridge at 5pm. After that, the boats will begin to disperse. For more information contact Mike on [mike@batterseapark.org](mailto:mike@batterseapark.org)

### **Viewing platforms for the Diamond Jubilee Flotilla**

Millbank Towers, 3rd June 2012

Altitude London is to transform its five Millbank Tower venues into spellbinding viewing platforms for the Diamond Jubilee Flotilla. These towers are the tallest buildings on the riverside, providing jaw-dropping views across London and the Thames making it the perfect venue to watch the eagerly anticipated Diamond Jubilee Pageant. On offer are a range of packages, guests can choose from a 'Street Party in the Sky', 'Ultimate Hamper Experience', a 'Gospel Music Brunch' or the 'Exclusive Diamond Package' which includes a three course fine dining menu and Champagne reception. Package prices start from £49 per person, for more information contact Peter Kerwood on 0845 500 2929 / [peterkerwood@altitudelondon.com](mailto:peterkerwood@altitudelondon.com)

### **The Big Lunch**

Nationwide, 3 June 2012

An annual nationwide event that will take on a special importance during the Diamond Jubilee, celebrations of all sizes across the country encourage people to host street parties or events in local public spaces in what is ostensibly an effort to get people to sit down and have lunch with their neighbours. For more information on how to attend or create a Big Lunch contact the Big Lunch on 0845 850 8181 / [info@thebiglunch.com](mailto:info@thebiglunch.com)

### **Exclusive Grandstand Seating**

Inneventive, Sugar Quay Jetty, 3 June 2012

Inneventive are proud to offer exclusive grandstand seating on the Sugar Quay Jetty, located on the north shore of the River Thames, this private jetty will provide magnificent views of the Diamond Jubilee Pageant. Enjoy the pageant from this exclusive private viewing platform, either in a group or individually. Grandstand tickets are priced from £149 per person and include a donation to the Thames Diamond Jubilee Foundation. For more information contact Inneventive on 0207 518 2480 / [events@inneventive.co.uk](mailto:events@inneventive.co.uk)

### **BBC Concert in Buckingham Palace**

Buckingham Palace, 4 June 2012

Buckingham Palace is hosting the concert to celebrate the Jubilee. The event is organised by Gary Barlow and will include Shirley Bassey, Alfie Boe, Jools Holland, Jessie J, JLS, Elton John, Tom Jones, Lang Lang, Annie Lennox, Madness, Paul McCartney, Cliff Richard, Ed Sheeran and many more. Tickets have been allocated however hot spots surrounding the palace will be streaming the event live. For more information visit the BBC official site at

[www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00nh923/features/concert-tickets](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00nh923/features/concert-tickets)

### **Lighting the Beacons**

Nationwide, 4 June 2012

A network of 2,012 beacons will be lit across the UK and Commonwealth. Beacon chains were once used for communication (such as advance warning of impending attacks) but today symbolise unity across vast distances. The Queen herself will light the National Beacon as she did in 2002 for the Golden Jubilee. Some example of the events already registered include a beacon at the highest school in Britain, Flash Church of England Primary School in Staffordshire (has only ten pupils); 60 beacons will be lit along Hadrian's Wall, one for each year of her reign; church tower beacons will be lit on the battlements of the Tower of London, St James's Palace, Lambeth Palace and the Palace of Holyrood House in Edinburgh. Check your local area news for events that may be taking place in your community.

### **Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral**

St Paul's Cathedral, 5 June 2012

There will be a formal carriage procession from St Paul's Cathedral, along Whitehall to the Palace following the thanksgiving service, offering a chance for Her Majesty's subjects to line the route and cheer support as the Jubilee celebrations draw to a close. This event will be attended by The Queen and other members of the Royal Family including the Prince of Wales, Duchess of Cambridge, Prince William, Princess Catherine and Prince Harry. To conclude the procession The Royal Family will gather on the balcony of Buckingham Palace to greet the crowds and watch the RAF flypast. For more information view [www.2012queensdiamondjubilee.com](http://www.2012queensdiamondjubilee.com)

### **The Bingham, Richmond**

5 June 2012

Guests will enjoy a quintessentially British afternoon overlooking the gorgeous scenery of the River Thames at the edge of the garden, with classic food, drinks and games. The menu will follow a "Best of British" theme featuring miniature favourites including: Fish and Chips; Eton Mess; and Cream Tea. Jugs of Pimms will be served, plus there will be non-alcoholic fruit cocktails for children. The garden will be decorated with patriotic bunting fit for an English country occasion. There will also be children's entertainment. Contact Alison Hull on 020 7313 4501 / [alison@luxep.com](mailto:alison@luxep.com)

### **Talk-Tourism Jubilee Tour**

London knowledge specialists, Talk-Tourism have put together some special events, for an organised tour, to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. Ticket holders will venture into the home of Thames Waterman, who will escort Her Majesty during the river pageant, visit the Cinema Museum to watch a special showing of the young Queen in an authentic 1950's setting, discover buildings that The Queen has visited or have played an important role in her reign and enjoy a river cruise on the Thames with the well informed tour guides. For more information contact Ian Kirby on 020 3137 1109 / [ian.kirby@talk-tourism.co.uk](mailto:ian.kirby@talk-tourism.co.uk)

## **Hotel Packages**

### **Queen Elizabeth II Royal Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

St Ermin's Hotel, April - August 2012

The four star deluxe St Ermin's Hotel in St James's Park is offering a majestic three night Jubilee stay including full breakfast. The package includes a tour of Westminster Abbey (scene of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953); a royal afternoon QETea devised by executive chef, Vedat, in the hotel's

library; a regal picnic - and a welcome pack of flags, hats and royal jubilee souvenirs, from £999 for two sharing a deluxe room. The St Ermin's Hotel is also just a 5 minute walk from the River Thames and Westminster Bridge making it an ideal venue for the Diamond Jubilee weekend itself. Contact Pippa Evans on 07545 522292 / [pippa@wixhill.co.uk](mailto:pippa@wixhill.co.uk)

### **Athenaeum Hotel Jewel of an Offer**

Athenaeum Hotel, April - 6 June 2012

To celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Athenaeum 5-star Hotel has created a jewel of an offer. Guests, who book two nights in a deluxe guest room, usually costing £299, will receive a third night just £60. Guests will also enjoy complimentary drinks, snacks and coffee from the mini-bar, free Wi-Fi and children under 12 may eat for free, when dining with an adult. Contact Tamsin Graham on 020 7351 2227 / [tgraham@aprcommunications.com](mailto:tgraham@aprcommunications.com)

### **Spa Met Loves The Queen**

Metropolitan London Hotel, May - 31 August 2012

Sixty years on the throne and hasn't she aged well! Mere subjects looking to achieve that magisterial glow look no further than the Metropolitan London's Diamond Jubilee spa package. Comprising of a reviving Ginger and Manuka honey tea, a soothing foot bath and followed by the King of Treatments, a Dr Perricone Performance facial. End the relaxation with an anti-oxidant smoothie and a Dr Perricone gift. From £130 the package includes Ginger and Manuka honey tea on arrival, a relaxing foot bath, 75 minute Dr Perricone Performance Facial, and a COMO Shambhala anti-ageing smoothie. Contact London Metropolitan Hotel on 020 7447 5750 / [metropolitan.lon@comoshambhala.bz](mailto:metropolitan.lon@comoshambhala.bz)

### **Royal Stay at the Radisson**

Radisson Edwardian Hotels, May 21 - 11 June 2012

Enjoy a royal stay at any one of the Radisson Edwardian Hotels this summer. From £150 per room, guests can enjoy a luxury stay in any one of its 13 London hotels. The Radisson package includes a complimentary souvenir book, a full English breakfast and a Diamond Jubilee themed champagne afternoon tea. Enjoy savoury dishes including coronation chicken sandwiches; and traditional English cakes and pastries. For more information contact Helen Parker on 0845 0941 007 / [helen@mason-williams.com](mailto:helen@mason-williams.com)

### **Become a Queen for the Night**

St. James Hotel and Club, 1 June - 5 June 2012

The St. James Hotel and Club is a close neighbour of Buckingham Palace making it an ideal place to spend the Diamond Jubilee. The hotel is offering two very special Queen's Jubilee packages which start from £398.00 in a superior room. The first package includes an overnight stay, a delicious buffet breakfast, a one way chauffer driven transfer from or to Heathrow Airport, London City Airport or Eurostar Terminal, traditional afternoon tea for two and a jubilee tea box gift (to the value of £50) from Fortnum and Mason.

For a real treat, stay three nights in the penthouse suite which has a private terrace and views that reach Westminster and the London Eye, a full English breakfast each morning and jeweller, Susannah Lovis, Diamonds to borrow for a night (worth up to the value of £25,000). You will be invited to Susannah Lovis's boutique in the nearby Burlington Arcade, to hand select the jewels you wish to wear on the night, whilst sipping chilled champagne. Susannah Lovis will lend you vintage pieces of jewellery and diamonds from the 1950's, when The Queen first took to the throne For more information contact Anita Raben on 077 4800 3195 / [anita@apr-agency.com](mailto:anita@apr-agency.com)

### **Quintessential Diamond Jubilee package**

London Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, June 1 - 21 August 2012

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee the London Hilton hotel has created three celebratory packages.

**The Quintessential Diamond Jubilee experience:** from £239 per room guests can enjoy an overnight stay in a newly refurbished deluxe room with views of Hyde Park and London City, a champagne served breakfast and an exclusive 'Diamond Jubilee' afternoon tea.

**Divine Diamond Jubilee package:** from £350 per room guests can enjoy an overnight stay in a newly refurbished deluxe room with views of Hyde Park and London City, a champagne served breakfast and a dinner with wine in Michelin-starred restaurant Galvin at Windows.

**The London celebration package:** from £199 per room guests can enjoy an overnight stay in a newly refurbished deluxe room with views of Hyde Park and London City, a chocolate afternoon tea for two



and dinner for two at Podium Restaurant. For more information contact Ashleigh Brayshaw on 020 7096 6269 / [ashleigh.brayshaw@hilton.com](mailto:ashleigh.brayshaw@hilton.com)

## Definitive Diamond Jubilee

The Ritz Hotel, 2 June 2012

The only Royal Warrant holding hotel, The Ritz, has created an exclusive programme to celebrate the Jubilee. Priced from £2,200 per person the Definitive Diamond Jubilee package includes, three nights sumptuous accommodation in a Louis XVI inspired room, a Diamond Jubilee inspired gift delivered each evening, complimentary diamond jewellery cleaning, an English breakfast each morning, two tickets to Live at The Ritz for a special Diamond Dinner Dance with, four course dinner, dancing and live music from Peter O'Donnell and his four piece band, held on Saturday 2nd June 2012, two tickets to an exclusive black tie, return transfers to HMS Belfast to watch Her Majesty lead the Thames Diamond Jubilee pageant, both held on Sunday 3rd June 2012, Diamond Jubilee afternoon tea for two. A 'London Pass' for two and return transfers for two to The Strand to view the procession, both held on Monday, 4th June 2012. For more information contact Amber Aldred on 020 7300 2243 / [aaldred@theritzlondon.com](mailto:aaldred@theritzlondon.com)

## Jubilee Celebration Package

Brown's Hotel, 2 - 10 June 2012

Brown's Hotel has a selection of celebratory offerings, for the extended Jubilee weekend. These range from a specially created Jubilee Afternoon Tea's and an exciting Jubilee accommodation package to a diamond pedicure in the Spa and Jubilee cocktails in The Donovan Bar.

**Jubilee Celebration Package** : two nights' accommodation in a Classic Room, Executive Room, Deluxe Room, Junior Suite, Classic Suite, Deluxe Suite or Signature Suite, English breakfast in HIX, Jubilee afternoon tea for two in the English tea Room, a welcome bottle of Ruinart Rosé Champagne, a copy of 'Our Queen' by Robert Hardman, commemorative Fortnum and Mason Jubilee plate, private appointment at Garrard, the oldest jewellery house in the world, with a bespoke tour of the store and the Diamond Jubilee exhibition in the Queen Mary room, the Jubilee celebration package is available from 1st June - 10th June 2012 and prices start from £495.

**Jubilee Afternoon Tea**: the English tea room will be serving Jubilee afternoon tea from 1st - 5th June. This includes regal pastries such as a crown jewels macaroon, Battenberg cake, lemon posset teacup, Lady Grey macaroon, pistachio cake and boozy trifle as well as the traditional offerings of sandwiches and scones. The price of the Jubilee afternoon tea starts at £39.50 per person.

**Jubilee cocktails in The Donovan Bar**: 2nd - 5th June, in celebration of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, The Donovan Bar will be presenting a selection of regal chase vodka & gin cocktails choose from 'Windsor's Diamond' made from saffron infused gin mixed with grapefruit bitters, hibiscus syrup served on an Absinth spritzed glass or 'Royal Plum'. For Champagne lovers, the 'Best of British' is a mixture of Chase William gin, chase rhubarb liqueur and fresh cranberry juice, topped up with Ruinart Brut champagne. All the Jubilee cocktails are £15 each.

**Diamond Pedicure in The Spa at Brown's Hotel**: The Spa at Rocco Forte's Brown's Hotel has created a unique and hugely indulgent pedicure using NuBo's Diamond Peel and Reveal called 'Diamonds on your Soles'. Whilst reclining on a heated treatment bed, guests can enjoy a complimentary cocktail. The pedicure starts with dry skin buffing followed by the unique NuBo Diamond Peel and reveal exfoliation the guest's feet are then soaked in a festive spicy milk bath before enjoying a pressure point foot massage. A fragrant, Frankincense foot wrap will make the feet feel soft before the nails are shaped and painted with a springtime colour of choice.

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## A Diamond Celebration

51 Buckingham Gate, June 2 - 5 June 2012

Moments away from Buckingham Palace and the nearby Diamond Jubilee events, 51 Buckingham Gate, which historically housed the overflow guests from the Palace, is perfectly located to soak up the royal spirit of the city. From £1,149, guests can watch the Diamond Jubilee Pageant on the Thames, led by Her Majesty in the Royal Barge. 51 Buckingham Gate will arrange top riverside views, in VIP seating opposite HMS Belfast, whilst enjoying a champagne picnic and live music from a string quartet. Guests can watch as the beacon is lit at St. James's Palace before a short stroll back to the hotel for Royal Afternoon Tea for two. Guests will enjoy a patriotic ensemble of goodies including Union Jack shortbread, Duke of York chocolate biscuit cake and white chocolate and gold leaf royal crowns and drop scones, taken from the Queen's recipe will complete the regal theme. Guests will return home on the 5th with two Diamond Jubilee mugs as a souvenir of what is sure to be a weekend to remember. For

more information contact Kath Kay on 020 7295 1100 / [kkay@prco.com](mailto:kkay@prco.com)



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