



FERRIBY DIAMOND JUBILEE FESTIVAL

The village survey carried out for the Parish Plan published in June 2011 showed a very clear majority in favour of holding another Ferriby Festival. The Parish Plan exercise also recognised that the Village Hall was highly regarded but that it was in need of considerable refurbishment and modernisation, which the majority of residents were prepared to support. As Chairman of the Village Hall Trust, Chris Swindin came up with the idea of linking these two findings by organising a Festival to raise funds for this important village asset whilst at the same time giving everyone the opportunity to come together in a spirit of community, friendship, spectacle and fun.

An appeal for volunteers resulted in a group of interested residents coming together to form a Committee to plan and co-ordinate the event. Under its Chairman, David Imrie, who has organised several previous Ferriby Festivals, the last being in 2004, the Committee has drawn up a comprehensive programme of events and activities to appeal to everyone. We took the decision to donate a proportion of the proceeds to another well regarded and deserving village charity, the North Ferriby Riding for the Disabled Group. We also decided that the Festival should take place around the weekend of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012 so that we could link North Ferriby's Festival with the national celebrations.



The North Ferriby Diamond Jubilee Festival will start with the preliminary rounds of a Challenge Quiz on Tuesday, 22nd May 2012 and will run until Tuesday, 5th June. We look forward to seeing large numbers of you at all the events.

We were delighted to hear that a group of our French friends from our twinned village, Le Pellerin, will be coming over to enjoy the Festival with us. Vive l'entente cordiale!



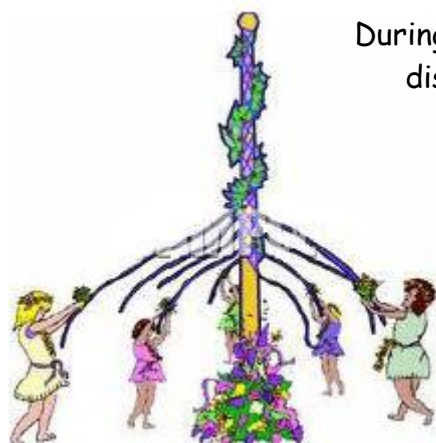
We have drawn up an entertaining and varied programme of events and activities which should appeal to all age groups. This includes a sponsored Soap Box Derby on the Humber Bridge, a children's football tournament and a craft fair; among the evening entertainments, following the Challenge Quiz, there will be a performance of two of Alan Bennett's "Talking Heads" monologues by the Ferriby Dramatic Society, a concert by MAD, a barn dance, a dinner dance and Teen Live!, a music competition for under-20s groups; there will also be a special Jubilee Service in All Saints' Church. Another element of the nationwide celebrations is the Big Lunch, on Sunday 3rd June, a street party for the whole village to be held on the school playing field (Parish Hall if wet), with games and entertainment by the school choir, the church bells and live music. For the over-55s there is a Tea Party, with entertainment by MAD, on the Bank Holiday Tuesday (5th June).

On the Bank Holiday Monday (4th June) we are looking forward to a huge Fun Day on the Riverside Walkway. Activities include a spectacular Flotilla on the river involving the Hull Sailing Club, Svitzer U.K. and SMS sea-going tugs, the Humber Yawl Club and the Humber Keel and Sloop Preservation Society, the



Sobriety from the Waterways Museum in Goole, Humber Rescue and the Terne, the yacht which won the 1920 Olympics - there will be sixty or more vessels. It is an interesting coincidence that, apart from one in 1928, the last similar regatta on the Humber took place at the time of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. There will also be a fly past by Stephen Chandler in his Bücker Jungmann biplane in authentic 1936 livery.

On land there will be Jorvik Viking re-enactments and interactive demonstrations of Viking life, the Ferriby Bronze Age boat replica will be on show, the Trinity House steel band and the Rackaback Morris dancers will perform for us, there will be a fancy dress competition, a pet show, a classic car display, a commercial car display, alternative Olympic games, French boules, pillory, climbing wall, bouncy castle, fairground rides and many other children's activities plus stalls, hog roast and other refreshments.



During the Fun Day the primary school children will give a maypole dancing display. In addition, we are arranging for them to take part in a story writing competition on the Olympics, which is the Summer Term's study topic, with prizes awarded for the best story and the neatest handwriting. The Parish Council will also be presenting each primary school child in the village with a commemorative mug.

The Fun Day will culminate in the lighting of the beacon (synchronised with those in Hessle, Barton-on-Humber, South Ferriby and Hull) as part of the national Diamond Jubilee celebrations, followed by a firework display. The Humber Bridge has agreed to illuminate the towers of the bridge to showcase the lighting of the beacons, and this will be seen for many miles around.

At the Duke of Cumberland there will be a 40s/50s tribute night starring Madeline Brown on the Saturday evening; on the Sunday there will be a Jubilee Breakfast, an indoor Big Carvery Lunch, and a Little Prince and Princess party for two- to ten-year-olds will be held from 5.00 to 7.00 p.m.

The programme and a page of important additional information about the Fun Day and the Big Lunch can be seen on www.nferriby.info/Festival2012.htm. If any village organisations would like to put on an additional event as part of the Festival, they are warmly invited to discuss ideas with David Imrie, telephone 635387 or Chris or Margaret Swindin, telephone 633848.

There are still opportunities for individuals and businesses to sponsor elements of the programme and we should be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to do this.

The Ferriby Diamond Jubilee Festival promises lots of fun for everyone and in order to ensure it is a great success we need everyone to join in as many of the activities as they are able, to come along and watch, buy an ice cream, enjoy a cuppa brewed by the Ferriby and Swanland Scout Group and, in short, help the Committee to meet its goals.

