

WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

PRESENTS

A Jubilee Concert to celebrate the
reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II



MEMORIAL BANDSTAND, WALMER GREEN

SATURDAY 4TH JUNE 2022, 7 P.M.

Walmer Town Council and The Jubilee

This is an important time in history and for seventy years whatever the troubles which have beset Britain and the world, despite the coming and going of so many Prime Ministers, Secretaries of State, wars and rumours of wars, we have had one constant reassuring presence to hold on to and look up to - Queen Elizabeth II. Never intrusive, but always a reassuring, supervisory presence - and from time to time no doubt providing a calming influence on the politicians of the time.

The sudden abdication of her Uncle in 1936 changed her destiny and her future life was settled without being subjected to the concerns of an electorate. The other side of this coin however, is that she is stuck with us and must shoulder the burden of responsibility for the well being of the whole of the Commonwealth and the United Kingdom who look to her for inspiration and reassurance, that all will be well. A burden that few of us could - or would - even contemplate let alone carry.

And on top of all her public duties, as a mother she has also had to cope with her family and all the trials and tribulations that brings. Her privileged position has ensured that, unlike most families, every move is watched, commented on and analysed.

But today is not about any of that - it is a day for celebration - The Queen became the UK's longest-serving monarch on 9 September 2015, surpassing the 63 years, seven months and two day-long reign of her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria.

In 10 days time she will pass the record reign of King Rama IX of Thailand and will then become the second longest serving Monarch just behind Louis IX of France who reigned for 72 years and 110 days.

Our town is a very small corner of her Kingdom - but a corner which has played a significant part in the history of Britain - most recently as part of Britain's front line against invasion and as the home of Her Majesty's Royal Marines - a corps which has been in the forefront of defending the nation from its enemies for over 350 years.

She is our Queen, the Defender of faith and the Head of our Armed Forces - but most importantly she is a warm, loving mother, beloved by everyone who meets her and for the last seventy years she has been the perfect figurehead for this nation and the Commonwealth of Nations which has sprung from us.

Although this Jubilee Concert tribute - which includes the best of our local talent - can only be a small token of appreciation, swept along in the torrent of love and goodwill which is pouring towards her Majesty from all corners of the globe, we are proud to be able to offer it as our thanks for her contribution to our world.

Marguerite Beard-Gould, Chairman Events Committee, Walmer Town Council



HM The Queen and
Lord Boyce



A Message from Lord Warden



As Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports it gives me great pleasure to make this small contribution to the Souvenir Programme for the concert being produced by Walmer Town Council to mark this year's historic Platinum Jubilee.

HM The Queen Mother used to love Her annual visits to Walmer Castle ~ thus Walmer ~ and it is most likely She would have told Her Majesty The Queen about Her times there.

Likewise, whenever I have the opportunity to do so, I mention to Her Majesty the Cinque Ports and Walmer Castle - so HM is very aware of the affection in which She is held by all in my Admiralty and always shows a lively interest in what I have to say.

I have no doubt that Her Majesty would enjoy the Jubilee Concert that is planned, which includes local children and residents and, if I have the chance in the future, I will ensure She is made aware of the efforts of Walmer Town Council to celebrate this significant moment in the history of Her reign.

Admiral of the Fleet the Lord Boyce
KG GCB OBE DL
Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports



Programme

Introduced by Graham Cooke

The Jubilee Band

Ukelele Band with Steve Smith

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Rebecca Robinson

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Gary Cordes with the Children
of The Downs C of E Primary
School

The Jubilee Band

Rebecca Robinson

The Downs C of E Primary
School Choir

Lynn Archer/ Mike Scurfield

The Handelians

The Handelians

Dancing Queen

Leaning on a Lamppost

Swimmin with the Wimmin

We'll Meet Again.

White Cliffs of Dover

Lambeth Walk

The Conga

Secret Love

Oh What a Beautiful
Morning

Anything You
Can Do

Zadok the Priest

Praise my Soul the
King of Heaven

The Jubilee Band

Milanollo

The Downs C of E Primary
School Choir

The Lord's My Shepherd

Mike Scurfield

Kiss Me Goodnight
Sergeant Major

Lynda Barrett-Mercer.

Don't Dilly Dally on the Way

The Jubilee Band

The 1960's

Landmark Choir

A Life Lived with Grace

Landmark Choir

"Sing"

Lynda Barrett-Mercer

My love is like a Red Red Rose

The Handelians

Jerusalem

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Sound Recording

All Choirs and Artists

We'll Meet Again

The Downs C of E Primary
School Choir / All

National Anthem



We'll Meet Again

We'll meet again,
Don't know where,
Don't know when
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day

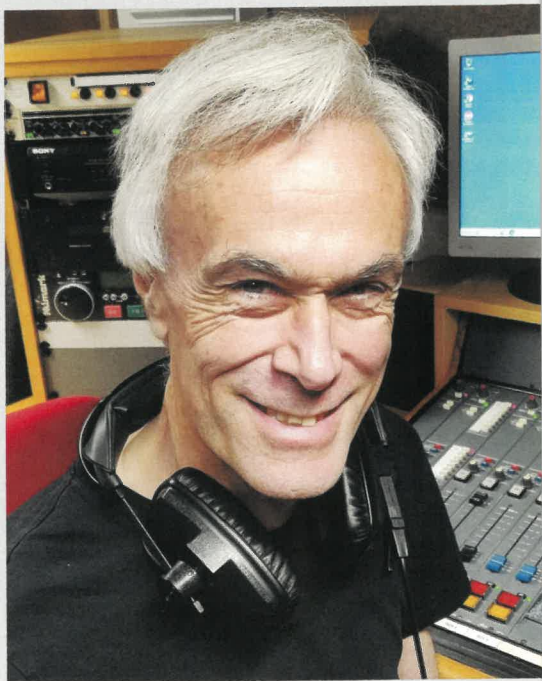
Keep smiling through,
Just like you always do
'Til the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away

So will you please say "Hello"
To the folks that I know?
Tell them I won't be long
They'll be happy to know
That as you saw me go
I was singing this song

We'll meet again,
Don't know where,
Don't know when
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day

The Presenter Graham Cooke

Graham Cooke has worked for the Voice of Peace in Israel, Radio Jackie in London, Radio Nova in Italy, Contact 94 in France and Blue Danube Radio in Vienna, before becoming the Programme Controller of Radio Caroline, Breakfast show presenter and newsreader in the 1980s. He later joined Invicta Radio in Kent and Breeze AM in Essex before becoming the BBC Radio Kent's Breakfast presenter for a short time. This led to an opportunity to join BBC Radio Kent as a journalist where he worked for over 20 years, winning a number of prestigious awards. Since his retirement from the BBC, he helped set up the new Caroline Community Radio in Essex, programming their very popular music playlist. In addition, he has been a supporter over the last 4 years of Caroline North which broadcasts from the radio ship Ross Revenge once a month, doing presentations and tours of the historic ship, when his busy schedule allows. Other things that Graham has been doing during the last few years are providing voice overs for local films and compering local events.



Graham is also the presenter of the prestigious Royal Marines Trail film which had its premiere at the Royal Marines School of Music in Portsmouth and is a highlight of the Deal Music and Arts Festival later this year. But, not content with all that Graham has recently created his own internet radio station, RADIO JUPITER, playing classic hits and hot new releases 24 hours a day.

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Rebecca Robinson



Rebecca is a professional singer/songwriter based in East Kent. Classically trained she has performed at such prestigious events as the Birmingham International Tattoo, both as a soloist and alongside other classical performers.

She has also performed at many high-profile military events with the Royal Marines and the Brigade of Gurkhas, and in the Netherlands with the Dutch Band of Liberation.

Rebecca began her musical career at a young age as a country singer before moving onto performing a wide range of pop, country and other contemporary songs all over the South East. In recent years Rebecca has starred in two extremely popular shows as part of a duo. Yesterday Once More, the Karen Carpenter Story and The Magic of the Musicals.

The Jubilee Band

Brian Short **MUSICAL DIRECTOR and DRUMS**

Richard Ansell **KEYBOARD**

Steve King **BASS**

Adrian Brown **GUITAR and VOCALS**

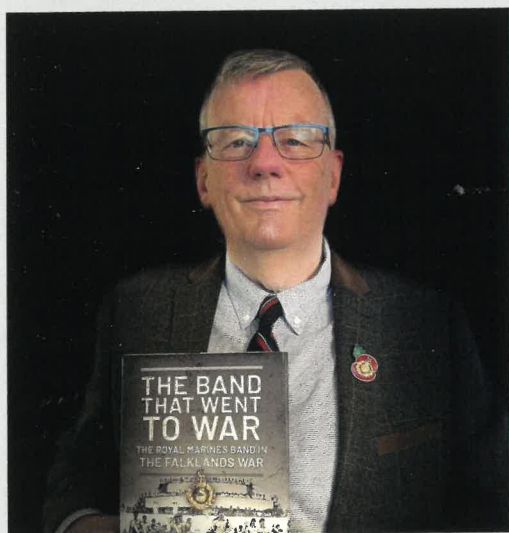
The Jubilee Band has been put together for this Platinum Jubilee Concert.
The leader is musician Brian Short.

Originally from Plymouth, Brian came to Deal in 1987 as an instructor at The Royal Marines School of Music, where he taught drums and percussion. Although a musician by trade, in 1982 he was required to go to the Falkland's war as a Medic aboard the cruise ship Canberra. The story of his war experiences have been published in 'The Band That Went To War'.

This is not the first Jubilee celebration that Brian has taken part in. For the Queen's Silver event he was on Plymouth Hoe facing west towards the open Atlantic, this time for the Platinum Jubilee he will be facing east towards the English Channel!

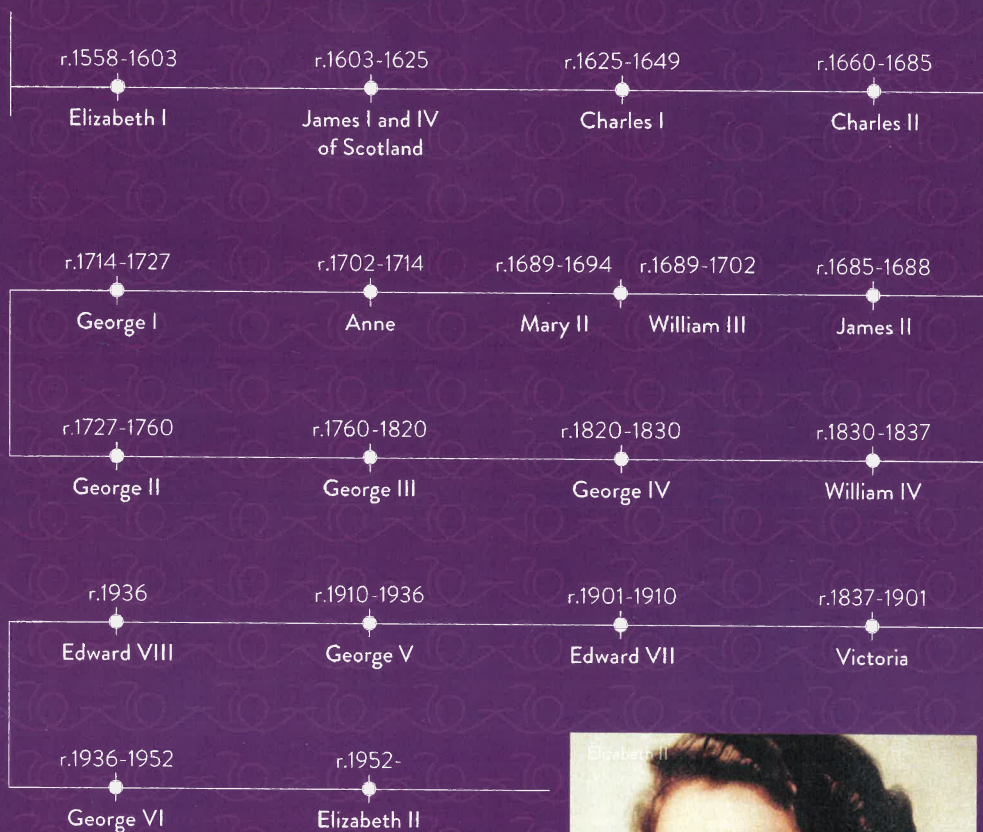
Brian Short is the driving force behind the RM Sergeant's Mess Annual Pantomime.

He still enjoys playing music and can often be found drumming in various local venues.





Queen Elizabeth The First to Queen Elizabeth The Second



The Downs Church of England Primary School Choir, Walmer

The school has a popular KS2 choir which began in 2011. Within a year the choir won the Heart Radio Kent Schools Christmas Choir of the Year competition.

The choir has also been a finalist in the KM Walk to School Song Competition. However, the main emphasis and pleasure for the children of the choir has been performing and supporting local community events and organisations and helping, together with the school's young musicians, to raise money for many charitable organisations in the last 11 years.

They have been involved in Deal Festival, Revelation Music productions, local church events and also visited care homes and Deal Victoria Hospital.



A well deserved rest

Over the last 11 years the school has worked hard to provide and develop musical opportunities for all their pupils with whole class lessons from a specialist music teacher. This has allowed all pupils to explore the many aspects of the subject in greater depth.

Lessons range from music appreciation to playing instruments and even composing and performing their own music.

The school also provides private individual tuition in woodwind, brass, cello, piano and keyboard. A new lunchtime guitar club has just been introduced and the school also has a samba band.

The children are delighted to be taking part in this special Platinum Jubilee Concert and to have the opportunity to share their joy in singing with local people.

Anna Gaches, Music teacher at The Downs CEP School.



Hard at work rehearsing in the Playground

The Deal Ukulele Club

Increasingly becoming one of the most popular musical instruments both across the country and here in East Kent is that handy sized instrument the Ukulele.

So popular locally, that a club which started life in 2012 when two local ladies, Rose Dowd and Sue Blaskett, who were performing as a singing/guitar duo called Driftwood, acquired a couple of ukuleles, now has over 70 playing members and an impressive list of over 100 songs.

As they became more proficient, they wondered if there were any others who might like to jam with them and - as an added incentive - invited people to join them in the bar at the Royal Marines Association Club on the Strand in Walmer.

Before long there were so many ukulele players joining them that they had to find larger premises to meet and eventually, several moves later, they have found a home in the Landmark Centre in High Street, Deal.

The club meets every Friday morning from 10 am to noon, and welcomes players of all abilities and none. Beginners are especially welcome, so, if you've ever wanted to play this fascinating little instrument - or if you simply want to know more about how easy it is to become a proficient musician - please come and see us, or just call Steve on 07867 978600.



Lynn Archer



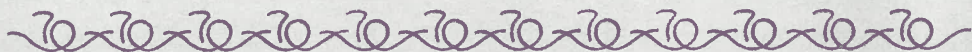
Lynn Archer was born in Deal and cannot think of living anywhere else!

She was stagestruck at the age of four and has loved performing ever since. Lynn has spent some fifty five years as a stalwart of several local dramatic societies where her talent has been recognised and she has been cast in many fantastic roles, acting, singing and dancing.

A versatile performer Lynn is capable of playing both dramatic and comedy roles.

She explained: "There is nothing better for me than playing dramatic parts but I also love comedy because it's a real tonic to hear an audience enjoying themselves and to know that I have played some small part in brightening someone's life".

That's why Lynn and all our talented performers tonight, are delighted to be able to perform again after such a long break and particularly on such a special occasion.'



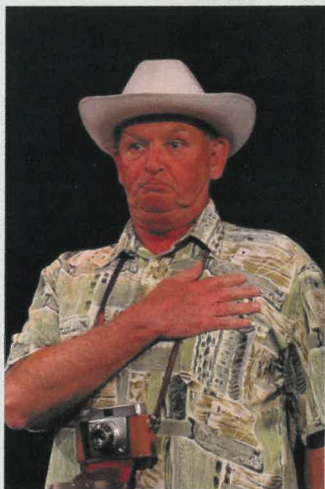
Mike Scurfield

Mike is a graduate of the prestigious Royal Marines School of Music where he majored in trumpet and violin.

After a long career with the Royal Marines Mike was invited to visit the Middle East to teach music and while there he performed with the highly regarded Jazz and Swing band Freetime.

On his return to England Mike's musical theatre and acting talents led him to study at Nonington College and after graduating he has had a successful career appearing in many pantomimes and has been in great demand for other productions both locally and all over Britain.

Mike now works as an actor, musician, singer and entertainer and has, like all our artists, volunteered his services for free in order to support this special celebration concert, to pay tribute to Queen Elizabeth and to help local people to have a fantastic day out.





Lynda Barrett-Mercer

Lynda Barrett-Mercer- The English Rose, has been singing since she was three years old. Classically trained, she performs a varied repertoire from opera, operetta, musicals, standards and classic pop songs and she is delighted to be singing this old time music hall song and this beautiful traditional Scottish ballad written by the poet, Robert Burns in 1794.

She recently moved from Surrey where she performed up to six shows a year, and is delighted to be cast in the upcoming production of HMS Pinafore at The Astor Theatre in November, as well as co-directing The Wizard of Oz in Folkestone, which is opening soon. She is thrilled to be able to take part in this Jubilee Concert to wish Her Majesty a very happy 70th Jubilee.



Gary Cordes

Gary lives with his family in Deal and, after spending a lifetime taking roles in amateur musical theatre shows, has developed a second career as a singer, presenter and actor alongside his work as a lawyer.

He regularly entertains in care homes locally with his swing, musical theatre and music hall set and is a member of Deal Savoyards where he will play Ralph Rackstraw in their production of HMS Pinafore at the Astor Theatre in November.

Gary loves performing in the community and takes part in local cabaret shows often for local charities. He has also appeared in two Dover Castle WW1 Commemoration concerts.

He regularly entertains as a soloist with Maddie's Landmark Show Choir, most recently at Deal Market on Christmas Eve and for the Dementia Cafe at the Age UK Deal Centre. Gary has been featured in a documentary on Channel 5 and has also appeared in many commercials and music videos.

He recently appeared on the Smithsonian channel as General MacArthur in an episode of Combat Ships which was filmed at Chatham Dockyard and in the latest Sidemen (You Tubers) Silent Library challenge video as a potter which now has over 7 million views!



The Landmark Show Choir

The Landmark Show Choir was first established in Deal by Maddie Cordes ten years ago.

Maddie's vision was to create a real community choir, open to all, encouraging those who haven't sung since leaving school or only sing in the shower or in the car to re-discover the joy of singing and experience the fun of singing popular music with others.

It's an open access choir for adults aged 16 plus, both men and women. In line with the philosophy of the choir, there's no audition and no prior experience is required. Music is taught mainly by ear with scores available on request for those who like to read the notes.

The choir sings a range of fun and uplifting music from songs from the shows through to pop and gospel and has performed many times in the community, helping to raise money for charities, both national and local ranging from the Pegasus Play Scheme and Martha Trust through to Breakthrough Breast Cancer and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

As their fame has spread the choir was delighted to be invited to perform at the Deal Festival's Burning of the Boats production; to sing at the Marlowe Theatre and meet the "9 to 5 The Musical" cast backstage and provide the backing vocals for the Elvis Presley tribute act Elvis Pricely at one of his King and Country shows.

The choir meets every Friday from 6-7.30pm at the Landmark Centre, High Street, Deal and new members are always welcome.



The Deal & Walmer Handelian Choral Society

The Deal & Walmer Handelian Choral Society (The Handelians) was founded in 1946 by local doctor, James Hall, his wife Cynthia, and Ernest Stride, a professor at the Royal Marines School of Music in Walmer. In a country immersed in post war austerity, the choir rehearsed in a studio at Dr Hall's home, and performed in local churches. Everything was done on a shoestring, with a 'wanted' ad appearing in the Mercury on March 28th 1947: "vocal scores



of oratorios, cantatas, operas and part songs etc. by any composer." It is hard to know whether Dr Hall could have envisaged that we would still be going strong 72 years later, or that we would survive a global pandemic that devastated the world of music, and prevented us from performing for two years.

Dr Hall (1899 - 1975) was a remarkable man: a respected doctor, an enthusiastic amateur conductor and a renowned Handelian scholar. The award of his OBE was announced in the 1946 King's Birthday Honours list, for his service as the "lifeboat" doctor. His obituary in The Times on the 18th February 1975 concluded that, "Few men can in their time have refreshed so wide a variety of bodies and minds."

The Handelian logo was designed by our first President, Sir Gerald Woods Wollaston, who read the coronation proclamation at Temple Bar on 7th June 1952, and stood close to the Queen as she was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

A symbiotic and productive relationship formed between The Handelians and the Royal Marines School of Music during their residency in Deal from 1950 - 1996. The Handelians enjoyed access to a fine orchestra, and trainee service musicians gained valuable exposure to choral music.

In 1959, The Society became the first English choir ever to sing at the Halle Handel Festival (then behind 'The Iron Curtain'). In the 1970s we performed with the Dutch Handel Society in Amsterdam Cathedral, and with choirs in Deal's twinned towns of Vlissingen and St Omer. In 1985, the tercentenary of Handel's birth, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother (then Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports), agreed to be our Patron for the year.

Today, The Handelians has 52 members; we are a friendly, non-audition choir, which sings choral music ranging from baroque to contemporary. We perform three concerts a year in Deal & Walmer, and would welcome new members in all voice parts.

Musical Director Chris Lockyer

Walmer Town Council Events

Walmer Town Council is proud of its long heritage of creating and providing innovative and exciting events for the people of Walmer to enjoy.

While the pandemic regulations temporarily ended large scale public gatherings we are delighted to be able to tell you that we are back in business and already planning events for later this year and next year.

Apart from the annual Brocante , our first return after the ending of public gathering regulations was a Christmas Carol concert held in the open air on Walmer Green.

Some 500 brave souls defied awful weather to celebrate the birth of Christ and none of them wanted to leave at the end.

So far this year we have introduced a new event, The Best of Kent Food and Wine Festival and of course, today's wonderful Jubilee concert where many local artists, choirs and musicians were delighted to be able to use their talents to congratulate Her Majesty.

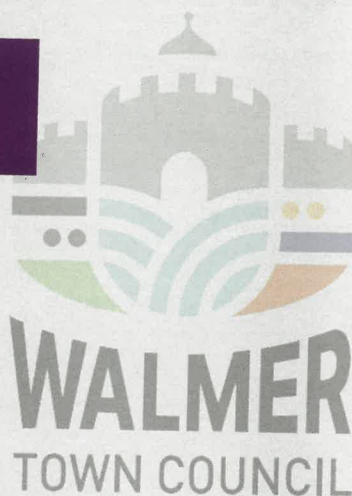
Plans are now afoot for this year's Brocante, for the return of our Children's Festival featuring the spectacular kite flying demonstrations; this year's Christmas Carol Concert on Walmer Green and also a return of our Sports Spectacular in 2023.

All events will be free and all are our way of showing Walmer Town Council's commitment to the mental and physical well being of our residents.

Childrens Festival

Saturday July 2nd 2022
Walmer Green
(Near the Sailing Club) 12-4

The Walmer Brocante	29 th August 2022
Christmas Carols	17 th December 2022
Best of Kent Food and Drink Festival	3 rd June 2023
Sports Spectacular	24 th June 2023



*An epilogue that meditates
on time in an address to
Queen Elizabeth I at the end of a court
performance in February 1599.*

To the Queen

As the dial hand tells o'er
The same hours it had before,

Still beginning in the ending,
Circular account still lending,

So, most mighty Queen we pray,
Like the dial day by day

You may lead the seasons on,
Making new when old are gone,

That the babe which now is young
And hath yet no use of tongue

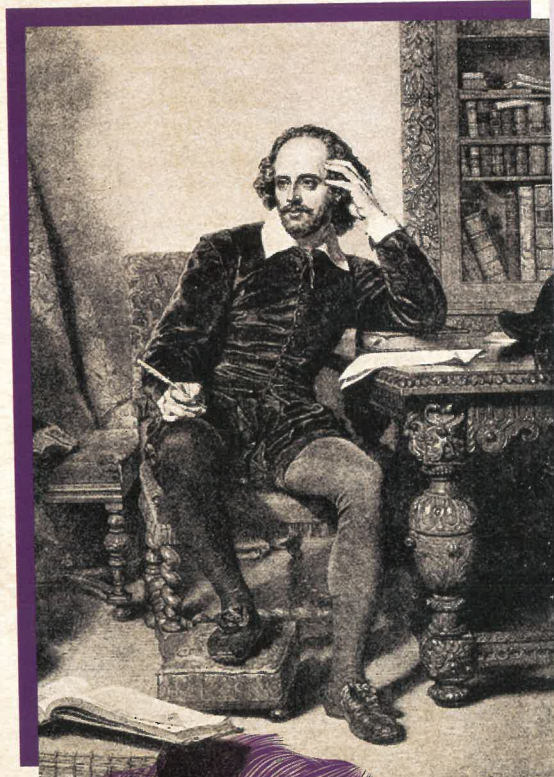
Many a Shrovetide here may bow
To that empress I do now,

That the children of these lords,
Sitting at your council boards,

May be grave and aged seen
Of her that was their fathers' queen.

Once I wish this wish again,
Heaven subscribe it with "Amen".

William Shakespeare



Jubilee Celebrations in Walmer

Walmer Town Council would like to acknowledge the help and support that has been received for this Jubilee Concert.

The Musicians, Artists and Choirs who gave their time so freely.

Special thanks to Brian Short for putting together The Jubilee Band

Choir Accompanist Chris Berriman and Mrs Kerry Ford, the Choir Assistant from The Downs C of E Primary School.

Sound Designer, Andre Simmonds of Mark 1 Music

Staging Carpenter, Steve Cook

The Bandstand Trust, Derek Lindars

Deal Music and Arts

The Walmer Town Council Events Committee and Walmer Town Council Staff

In addition, all who could not attend but offered support, good wishes and lots of advice and in particular all of whom have given their time freely particularly behind the scenes.

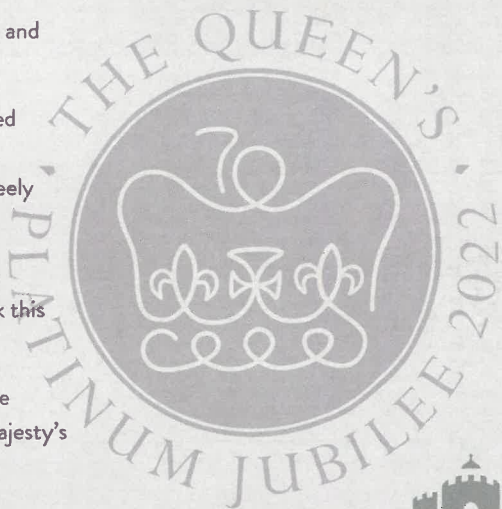
This concert is just one of a number of Jubilee celebrations that WTC have organised to mark this special occasion.

Jubilee trees have been planted and the Jubilee beacon was lit to celebrate 70 years of Her Majesty's reign.



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