

# Diamond jubilee

## News IN BRIEF

### Enjoy Music for Awhile

**SAVERNAKE:** Music for Awhile, an evening of music by JS Bach and Handel featuring soloist Julia Doyle will be held in St Katharine's Church on May 19, 7pm. Tickets from Mrs Elise Hudson, 9 Durley, Marlborough SN8 3AZ.

### Charity cabaret

**WOODBOROUGH:** Cabaret night tomorrow, 8.30pm at the Social Club, features an Everly Brothers tribute act, the Temple Brothers and Vicky Lambert as Dusty Springfield. Call (01672) 851579. In aid of the Finlay Foundation and club funds.

### Open gardens

**SHARCOTT:** The six-acre gardens at Sharcott Manor will be open to visitors under the National Gardens Scheme on May 2, 11am-5pm. Call (01672) 563485.

### Date with Dylan

**DEVIZES:** The work of poet Dylan Thomas will be the subject of a literary evening at Devizes Books on May 16 at 7.30pm.

Gazette hands out more than £2,000 to mark the Queen's big day



**FLAGSHIP FUNDING:** Lorraine Lamb, centre, with twins Matthew and Skye, and left, Alison Crockett and Nikki Montefiore, celebrating their Gazette grant (39028) PICTURE BY PAUL MORRIS

# Grants aid parties for the Jubilee

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A TOTAL of 23 community groups in the Gazette & Herald's circulation area will have a financial boost to their Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations this summer after successfully applying to our Community Fund.

Some 76 groups applied for help from the Gazette's Diamond Jubilee Events Grants scheme. A third of them were chosen for grant aid.

Although most applied for the maximum £250, limited funds meant most are getting £100.

Gazette editor Gary Lawrence said: "We are sorry that, due to the large number of applications we received,

so many had to be disappointed, but we hope they enjoy a wonderful Jubilee Day. The Gazette will be covering as many events as possible."

Jon Yates, director of the Community Foundation for Wiltshire and Swindon, which administers the G&H Community Fund, said: "It is very encouraging to see how many communities are coming together to celebrate the special day.

"Due to limited funds, we had to calculate how the money would be best spent to further this aim."

## Bunting to celebrate in style

FAMILIES in Upavon will use their £100 grant to flag up social events in their village, not just for this year's royal anniversary, but for the future as well.

The Upavon Bunting Group plans to decorate the village with mini flags this June and during royal events in years to come.

Behind the idea is Lorraine Lamb, from Chapel Lane, who has persuaded other mothers in the village to help her make the red, white and blue bunting.

Her four-year-old twins, Mattie and Skye, love the idea, she said, and can't wait for the fabric and tapes to arrive so they

can help make the bunting.

Mrs Lamb said the big problem was how to pay for the material and all the other bits and pieces needed to make large quantities of bunting.

"There are various events going on around the village and we will be having a street party for Chapel Lane and Jarvis Street in the garden of one of the big houses for which we wanted some really nice bunting," Mrs Lamb said.

"So we have decided to make it ourselves."

Mrs Lamb said the £100 from the Gazette community fund

would help cover the cost of the materials they need so a start can be made on making the strings of flags.

"We are still at the planning stage, but now we know we will be getting this money we can go out and buy the fabric, threads and the tapes that will be needed."

"We are going to start by making some patterns and then we plan to get people to come to sewing parties, to do the cutting, sewing and putting together the strings of bunting."

Mrs Lamb said it would bring the community closer to work together and have a good time.

## Groups receiving Gazette grants

### Devizes area:

- Devizes Townswomen's Guild, who are organising a tea party for their 50 or so members
- Chirton and Conock, who hope to have a barbershop quartet performing at their party
- Trinity Primary School, the new school at Quakers Walk, who want to bury a time capsule
- Devizes Contact a Family, who are holding a party for disabled children and their families
- Devizes and District Guides, who are giving commemorative badges to their girls.

### North Wiltshire area:

- Brinkworth Heritage Society, who will present commemorative mugs to all the children in the village
- Dauntsey, near Malmesbury, who are organising a party on their cricket field
- The Mill Race Activity Club in

### Calne, who want to buy a tree to plant to commemorate the jubilee

- Bremhill, Calne, where our contribution will turn a tea party into a special tea dance
- Compton Bassett, where our contribution will go towards new trees
- Calne Physically Handicapped Club, for their party at the Woodlands Social Club
- Residents of Dover Street, Chippenham, for help with their street party
- Residents of Kingsley Road, Chippenham, for help with their street party
- Cepen Park North Residents Association, Chippenham, to help pay for a tree to be planted by the Mayor
- Kington Langley residents, to help pay for commemorative mugs for the children

### Residents of Newall Tuck Road, Chippenham, towards a prize for the best-dressed house

- Market Quarter Residents' Association, Chippenham, towards their street party
- Friends of Kington St Michael School, towards a commemorative bench.
- Marlborough and Pewsey area:
  - Manningford village celebrations, to bring this disparate community near Pewsey closer together
  - Burbage's Picnic at the Palace event, towards children's entertainment
  - Good Companions Club, Burbage, towards a party for senior citizens
  - East Kennett, to help bring this spread-out village together on Jubilee Day
  - Upavon Bunting Group, towards materials for their own home-made bunting.