

PRESS RELEASE



Brixham prepares for next year's coronation celebrations with 40 Free Public events and activities

Following on from the recent announcement that the Coronation of King Charles III will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May, Brixham Future CIC is delighted to announce that preparations for 'Back to the 1960's' – Coronation of Charles III Celebrations - are almost now finalised.

John Brennan, Chair of Brixham Future CIC says, *"The theme is the 1960's. It was such a significant historical period a new age of optimism and `cold war` conflicts. Brixham's 'Back to the 1960's' event will be delivering 40 free public activities including parades, exhibitions, displays, concerts, music, dancing and church services to inform and entertain locals and visitors alike. It is an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the best in our country. The main arena of the 5-days celebrations will be the Brixham Town Square directly behind the town's main bus station. It was originally funded as a Town Square by European Regional Funding. It is the only site in Brixham with capacity to entertain large crowds in a safe and secure environment.*

In delivering the celebrations, support has come from Brixham Probus Club, Brixham Town Council, Brixham Museum, Brixham Library, Royal British Legion, Women`s Institute, South Devon Players, Chamber of Commerce, Middle Street Traders, Christians Together in Brixham , Brixham Rotary Club, Brixham Probus Club, Brixham Yacht Club, Baptist and Methodist Churches and numerous individuals.

A spokesperson for Brixham Future CIC added, *"Our thanks must be extended to everyone involved. A five-day programme has been finalised and highlights will be shortly released. The full printed programme will be circulated shortly to every local household and Information Point. The formal launch will be on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at the Brixham Yacht Club from 5.30pm, followed by a Quiz on the 1960's at 8pm.*

The Brixham Community Parade will take place on Friday 5th May. It will be assembling at 10am at the 'Man & Boy' statue and marching off at 10.30am via Fore Street to the Town Square opposite our bus station. The Parade will be led by a Pipe and Drums Band. In the Square at 11am, a short service of Thanksgiving will take place with Community Singing at 11.30am. Numerous local groups will participate. It will be a joyous and fun occasion and all will be welcome."

Attractions

On Coronation Day, Saturday 6th May the Brixham Theatre will host a live FREE transmission of the Coronation Service from Westminster Abbey in London. The time is to be confirmed.

The famous Riviera Singers will be performing a selection of musical pieces in a tribute to the 1960's with two FREE concerts in the Methodist Chapel in Fore Street on Thursday 4th May and Friday 5th May at 4pm to 5pm.

Each day will also have different activities in the Town Square, Fore Street or Prince William Square. with smaller entertainment or static displays such as 1960's vehicles or music etc.

There will be on Friday 2pm, 1960's Fashion Parade in the Town Square. All entries are welcome - just turn up in your 1960's attire and attract admiring glances. Prizes are available for the winners.

There will be three FREE films in the Brixham Yacht Club at Overgang Road, Brixham on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 2pm -4pm.

The spokesperson added, *"On Saturday 6th May Coronation Day we will provide a 1960's dance in the Scala Hall (7-11pm). Entrance is free but donations are welcome. There will be dance attractions and varied musical talent in what promises to be a great night out for those who wish to dance the night away."*

Rev. Yates from the Church of England added, *"We would like to welcome everyone, irrespective of faith, to the Formal Thanksgiving Service for the reign of HM Queen to be held on Sunday 7th May at All Saints Church from 7pm. The service will include music from the Brixham Orpheus Male Voice Choir & Brixham Town Band."*

Brixham Future CIC, will be encouraging the general public and businesses to 'dress-up' themselves and their premises in 1960's clothing and appearance to add to the carnival atmosphere. It will also be publishing and distributing **20,000 copies** of brochures and leaflets in Torbay to mark the occasion.

The government have declared an additional Bank holidays on Monday 8th May to mark the historic coronation. In Brixham , we are preparing to have a fun filled long and enjoyable Coronation weekend.

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Photo`s from the late Queens Jubilee Celebrations in Brixham available.