Travel on the day

With such a high profile event involving The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh on what we hope is a very special occasion the morning will see a number of road closures and disruption to public transport around Bromley town centre. We’ve laid on park and ride from Norman Park using vintage buses and these will run from 6 am to 6 pm – the service will stop from 1030 am to 11 am as The Queen arrives and visits the town centre. Trains into Bromley will run as usual though demand will be high and the bus service into the town centre will be suspended until after lunch. The Hill and Westmoreland car park will be opened all day. The Glades, Bromley the Mall and Civic Centre NCP car parks will close from 9 am to 2 pm.

You can find out more information on road closures and travel arrangements at www.bromley.gov.uk/diamondjubilee

Bromley celebrates DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR
15 May 2012

We can now let you have the details of Her Majesty and The Duke of Edinburgh’s visit to our borough, which will be on Tuesday 15 May as part of our Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The theme of our celebration is fashion and Queen’s Gardens and the Glades Shopping Centre will be transformed with fashion exhibits celebrating British fashion designers from the last 60 years and predicting fashions of the future. At 10.30 am on the day the Royal car will arrive from Buckingham Palace and drive along Tweedy Road and Kentish Way to the entrance of Queen’s Gardens where The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will commence a tour of the celebrations within the town centre. The Royal couple will make their way through Queen’s Garden’s, The Glades, Market Square and High Street when they will visit exhibitions, demonstrations and interactive installations and will meet invited guests. Residents will be able to view the arrival of the Royal party along Tweedy Road and Kentish Way or can line the High Street ready to welcome the Royal couple to the borough when they drive down the High Street. Market Square and High Street will contain giant TV screens with live streaming of the events taking place in Queen’s Gardens during the morning and there will be live music and roving entertainment in these areas from 9 am onwards. Queen’s Gardens and The Glades fashion exhibition areas will open to the public at 12 noon.

Find out more about this exciting event at www.bromley.gov.uk/diamondjubilee

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60 years and sparkling

Through the local media couples who celebrate their 60th anniversary this year have been invited to take tea with Her Majesty and His Royal Highness during their visit. Businesses who’ve traded in Bromley for 60 years will also attend the celebrations and there will be a presentation from Alastair Collier from E W Payne the jewellers in Bromley High Street just as his father did for Prince Charles when he opened the Churchill Theatre in 1977.

A fashionable event

Budding young designers have won a competition to design outfits for Her Majesty and The Duke of Edinburgh as part of the borough’s Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The designs will be made into full size outfits and will be viewed by the Royal couple during their visit. Pupils from Burnt Ash Primary and St Vincent’s Catholic Primary schools won the borough-wide competition. The Queen’s winning outfit includes a blue diamond themed dress, with matching hat and handbag and The Duke of Edinburgh’s winning outfit has a navy blue, gold and black scheme with a top hat. The winning designs will be viewed by the Royal couple in The Glades during their visit and will then be moved into Queen’s Gardens for the public to see when the event opens at 12 noon. After the event Bromley Museum in The Priory, Orpington will exhibit the pieces for the summer after which time they will be presented to the young designers for them to keep for posterity.

Bishop Justice Secondary School pupils have created an exhibition on the influence music has had on fashion over the last six decades, which will be displayed in The Glades during the event. A large 3-d carpet bedding crown can also be viewed in Queen’s Gardens. This crown was designed by a primary school child and will remain in situ for the duration of its natural life. Coolings Garden Centre kindly sponsored the creation of the design into the 3-d interpretation.

Dates for your diary

Bromley Festival

29 July 2012

An exciting event celebrating heritage, sport, art and culture is taking place in locations around Bromley town centre.

Priory Gardens, Orpington

26 May 2012 11:00 - 16:00

Family event to include BMX stunt bikes, gymnastic display, dog show. Childrens fun fair rides, refreshments and more!

PLUS Drum Head service organised by the Royal British Legion.