

Plumpton Parish Council July 2023 Meeting

Final report on the Coronation Celebrations on 7 May 2023

Summary

Plumpton Parochial Church Council and Plumpton Village Society successfully delivered the Village's Coronation celebrations and attached is the report and photographs of the day which were included in the July 2023 Plumpton & East Chilton News.

The village were appreciative of the ability to come together to celebrate this big event in our history and there was much excitement given Queen Camilla moved to Plumpton at the age of 4 and grew up in Plumpton, living at the family home of The Laines by the Half Moon and attending Dumbrells School in Ditchling. The BBC South East News that evening toured around local celebrations and this included a short clip of our event on the Village Green, including a reference to Queen Camilla.

Parish Council Involvement

Plumpton thanks go to Plumpton Parish Council Events Committee (PPCEC) for overseeing the celebration preparations and providing a budget of £550 to enable the event to happen. A special thanks go to Councillor Alison Gardiner as Chair of PPCEC and to Councillors Niki Shefras for unveiling the Coronation Tree on the Village Green and to Councillors Jim Brown and Nick Satchell for their help on the day.

The Parish Council increased the budget by £220 to cover the cost of a toast to the King and Queen and this was proposed by Rob Banks as our outgoing District Councillor. A vote of thanks was given by Lee Stevens on behalf of the village for all his good work and dedication during his period of service, which was followed by a resounding applause. 12 bottles were left over after the event and the bottles were taken back for a full refund and £52.56 has been refunded to the Parish Council.

Budget and Final Costings

Plumpton Village Society managed the overall budget, and the final position is attached. Reverend Anne authorised the Church team to spend an additional £50 expenditure for the day. The final costings came in at £25.08 under budget and therefore this amount has been paid to the Church to cover half of these additional costs and to bring the financial position to a balanced position.

Next Steps

This final report and record of the celebrations are to be noted at the full Parish Council meeting on 11 July and the responsibilities of PPCEC to be concluded and activities ceased until the next large Community Event, whenever that may be.

Lee Stevens
Chair, Plumpton Village Society 5 July 2023

Plumpton Village Coronation Celebrations on Sunday 7 May 2023

King Charles III and Queen Camilla, who was brought up in Plumpton, were crowned at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6 May. Plumpton Parish Council, in conjunction with our Parochial Church Council and Plumpton Village Society organised a fitting event for a new Carolean Age, for the Village to come together to celebrate the Coronation at All Saints Church and Plumpton Village Green.

The celebrations started with a special Coronation Service at All Saints Church. The Service was led by The Venerable Martin Lloyd Williams, Archdeacon of Brighton, and Lewes and of course our own Rev Anne Dunlop.

The Village Green was a bit squidgy underfoot but undeterred, tables and chairs were found to give a seat for everyone. The team led by the Church, put on a splendid afternoon tea for everyone, including scones, jam and cream and delicious cakes.

The children of the village were fully involved by creating delightful crowns at Plumpton Primary School, Honeybees and Ladybirds and Coronation prizes were given to each age group. Shadow Cakes created cupcakes and biscuits for the children to decorate in red, white, and blue.



Then to the formal part of the afternoon. A new Coronation Tree at the front of the Green was unveiled, a red Hawthorne called Paul's Scarlett with deep pink flowers late Spring and red Haws in Autumn. Rob Banks outgoing District Councillor gave a toast to the King and Queen and the Coronation Cake made by Jenny Honess, was cut by The Venerable Martin Lloyd Williams and which villagers enjoyed together with a truly wonderful selection of homemade cakes from bakers across the village.

The event was rounded off with talented young dancers from Turning Pointe on the stage as the ground was too wet, followed by a beautifully sung song from Ella Meredith-Jones and a moving instrumental piece from her Mum Liz. Then popular songs from Paddy Phillips, accompanied by Dom Ponsford on guitar and Simon Ward on drums. It ended with community singing of traditional songs and of course God Save the King, led by the Plumpton Kings Singers who came together for one day only.



Plumpton Celebrations featured on BBC Southeast News that evening. With thanks to Tim Honess and Kate Gold for the photos.



Plumpton Village Coronation Celebrations

Final Actual Costings to Budget

Coronation Village Party Costings					
Based on 300 Adults and 100 Children 3pm to 6pm					
	PVS		Church		Notes
	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	
Income					
PVS Funding	100.00	100			Money in PVS Account
Church Funding			100.00		Money retained by Church to cover adult food and extra costs total £170
Parish Council Funding	435.00	435	135.00	135	Money received from PPC, into PVS Account £570.00
	<u>535.00</u>	<u>535.00</u>	<u>235.00</u>	<u>135.00</u>	
Banquet Rolls	75.00	72.89	0.00	0.00	3 banquetting rolls
Napkins	30.00	29.96	0.00	0.00	400 napkins
Adult Party Food	0.00	0.00	120.00	0.00	£170 paid by Church for extras and price increase since January quote.
Coronation Cake (Jenny Honess)	0.00	0.00	75.00	70.00	£75 was max depending on coronation decoration. Came in below budget.
Childrens Party Food	120.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	£60 for cakes/biscuits decorated by children on day. £65 children drinks and snacks.
Childrens Cornation Memento's	50.00	38.54	0.00	0.00	Special Coronation pack of Sunflower seeds given to every child in village.
Fizz for the Toast	220.00	219.10	0.00	0.00	£219.10 fizz cost. 12 bottles left over returned. £52.56 Refunded to PCC
Micellaneous Expenses	40.00	44.79	40.00	44.64	PVS Songsheets/childrens games and Church flowers
	<u>535.00</u>	<u>530.28</u>	<u>235.00</u>	<u>114.64</u>	
		4.72		20.36	Church to receive surplus available in budget
					£25.08 paid to Parochial Church Council to bring balance to zero
					SB: as at 05/07/2023