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The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty The Queen Consort

This second edition of the newsletter contains information concerning celebratory and community events that will take place over the Coronation Weekend between Saturday 6 and Monday 8 May 2023. The aim of this newsletter is to update on the sequence of events that have been announced as part of a weekend of celebrations, and to help signpost further information, for the benefit of local and community leaders, and event organisers in Norfolk.

The Lady Dannatt MBE, HM Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, has said: '*Let us come together to celebrate, help others and honour the unsung heroes who have gone the extra mile for their communities*'. Read the EDP's recent interview with Lady Dannatt [here](#).

National Sequence of Events – update including helpful information

The Coronation – Saturday 6 May 2023. The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort will take place at Westminster Abbey on the morning of 6 May 2023.

The BBC has announced that it is to suspend the licence fee as part of a one-off dispensation for the King's coronation weekend. The move will allow venues to screen the live Coronation ceremony coverage on 6 May and the Coronation Concert on 7 May without needing to buy a TV licence.

Examples of venues cited by TV licensing include community spaces, such as churches and town halls, as well as commercial premises such as concert halls, performing arts venues and cinemas. The dispensation also applies to any outdoor venues that have the facilities to screen the coverage. A number of Norfolk towns have already confirmed plans to live-stream the Coronation. Other venues are expected to follow.

The Coronation Big Lunch – Sunday 7 May 2023. The Coronation Big Lunch is an initiative at which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together. Spearheaded by the Eden Project, information and planning packs are now available [here](#).

The Big Help Out – Monday 8 May 2023. Thousands of organisations – big and small – are getting together to mark the Coronation by giving everybody the chance to try volunteering for themselves and make a difference in their community. It is hoped that many Norfolk-based organisations and communities will take part. Details of county initiatives will be made available when known.

If you are a volunteer-involving organisation you are encouraged to register your event [here](#). Further details of events will be released by the Big Help Out organisers from 20 March 2023.

Coronation Champions Awards Scheme launched

In honour of Their Majesties' service to the country, Royal Voluntary Service (RVS) has launched the Coronation Champions Awards for volunteers, an official Coronation project. The awards will celebrate extraordinary volunteers across the country who have been contributing to their communities.

Her Majesty The Queen Consort has said: "*I am delighted to be launching the Coronation Champions Awards with the Royal Voluntary Service, to shine a light on the herculean efforts of our nation's volunteers. Up and down the country, millions of unsung heroes are contributing to their local communities, giving generously of their time and their talents to enhance the lives of others.*"

"If you know a volunteer who is making a difference, please be sure to share their story. We would love to hear about them!"

The RVS is encouraging you to nominate volunteers over the age of 14 who may have overcome adversity or discovered creative ways to support their local communities within the last five years in one of the following categories: Supporting older people; Supporting young people and children; Crisis and welfare; Community; Sports, culture and heritage; Health and care; Sustainability and the environment; Animal welfare.

A total of 500 volunteers will be chosen as Coronation Champions and will receive a specially designed, official Coronation Champions pin and a signed certificate from Her Majesty The Queen Consort. There will also be opportunities for some of the Coronation Champions volunteers to attend one of the official Coronation celebrations, such as the Windsor Castle Coronation Concert or a Coronation Garden Party.

There are so many deserving individuals in Norfolk and you are strongly encouraged to nominate your Coronation Champion [here](#). Nominations close at 2359 hours on Sunday 2 April 2023.

Share your event on the national map

Members of the public and community organisations across the UK have been invited by the Culture Secretary to share how they will celebrate this historic milestone on a digital map launched this week.

Hosted on the government's Coronation website, the map is designed to encourage people to add their own Coronation Big Lunches, street parties, Big Help Out plans and other Coronation activities so others in the local community can find out about events near them and get involved. Click [here](#) to share your event.

Share your event locally

If your event is a public event and you would like it promoted more widely, please contact your local media outlet and the Eastern Daily Press (newsdesk@archant.co.uk). The media will be keen to promote such events and initiatives that contribute to the themes of community cohesion and volunteering.

Norfolk Lieutenancy – here to help

The Norfolk Lieutenancy is keen to help and support local events and activities in any way that it can. All matters relating to the Norfolk Lieutenancy, including invitations, can be addressed to:

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