

**Marlborough Area Board –
Fund towards celebrations for the Jubilee / Olympics**

1. What is the event / initiative?

Marlborough Town Council in collaboration with the Marlborough Brandt Group, a local international charity which in 1981 set up the link between Marlborough and the town of Gunjur in The Gambia, West Africa, will invite the community of Marlborough to the lighting of a celebratory beacon one of a line of beacons across Wiltshire and Berkshire.

A nearby Barn with a marquee attached will provide the venue for food (a pig roast), drink, music and dancing and we have the permission of the local landowner for young people to camp for the night. We particularly want to invite representatives of different Commonwealth countries living in the area to attend to celebrate HM Queen’s 60 years as Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth. We have been working with HM The Queen’s Pageant Master, Bruno Peek to encourage the lighting of 2012 beacons across the Commonwealth.

We are working with the Parish Councils of Milton Lilbourne and Inkpen in Berkshire who are planning the beacons at Martinsell and Inkpen respectively.

2. Where is the event / initiative taking place?

At Barbury Castle, close to the Ridgeway. We are hoping that similar beacons will be lit at Martinsell, overlooking the Vale of Pewsey and Inkpen beacon so that each beacon will be seen from the other. We have been in touch with the Milton Lilbourne Parish Council and the Mayor of Hungerford to encourage these other beacons to be lit.

3. When will the event / initiative take place?

On June 4th 2012 from 6.00 pm

4. What are the Community benefits / links to Community Plan?

The planning of the event will bring together the Town Council with the group responsible for the Town's link with Gunjur in The Gambia and the local farming community. The current Mayor is visiting Gunjur at the end of March. The event itself will bring the community together in celebration of HM Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We are determined that the event should be as inclusive as possible focusing on young and old, people from different ethnic backgrounds, particularly from other Commonwealth countries. Already school children in the Marlborough area are undertaking an "audit" of people's countries of origin under the auspices of the Marlborough Brandt Group's Global Education Centre.

We plan to provide free transport to get people to the celebration four miles from the centre of the town to ensure that there are no barriers to attending.

5. What is the desired outcome of this event / initiative?

There will be greater social cohesion between young and old, and people from different ethnic and social backgrounds.

6. Who will Project Manage this event / initiative?

Marlborough Town Council in collaboration with The Marlborough Brandt Group which has a volunteer body of some 20 people and the Manager of Temple Farm who has committed himself to the construction and lighting of the Beacon.

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding?

We have had quotations for the hire of the barn and a marquee and furniture and toilets, with a hog roast, and traditional jazz band, which, with the estimates for publicity (printing of flyers, postage) total £3,400

We shall be selling tickets and estimate we shall raise £2,500 from ticket sales

We will be asking for sponsorship and hope to raise £400 in sponsorship of the event.

We are requesting a grant of £500 from the Marlborough Area Board.

8. Additional information