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Arts Council England Supports Festival in Rutland to Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Rutland Community Ventures has been awarded £5,000 from the Arts Council's Let's Create Jubilee Fund to support the Rutland Jubilee Festival in June. The festival will offer a wide range of activities in locations across the county. Anyone can attend. There's something for everyone. And no experience is required!

2022 is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrating 75 years on the throne. To mark this unique occasion, Arts Council England have established the *Let's Create Jubilee* fund which is supporting arts and crafts activities and events across the country during June – starting on Jubilee weekend [3rd to 5th June] and then throughout the month.

Locally, Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation have been looking after the award process, and early in 2022 they asked artists, craftspeople, musicians, dancers, and community organisations to come up with ideas to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Oakham-based Rutland Community Ventures successfully bid for and won a grant of £5,000 to help support a Jubilee Festival in Rutland.

To avoid a clash with the many other events planned for Jubilee weekend, the Rutland Jubilee Festival will take place in the last week of June, nicely rounding off the month's celebrations. The programme of activities includes a primary school choir afternoon; a storytelling coffee morning; many schools working together to create a large collage depicting Queen; open music group rehearsals; and open access workshops where participants will make a Jubilee Garland of felt flowers.

The whole week will be rounded off with an *Across the Decades* Jubilee Concert at Oakham Castle in which Uppingham Jazz & Soul Band will play tunes taken from each of the seven decades of the Queen's reign. At the concert the Collage and Jubilee Garland will be presented to the Queen's representative Dr Sarah Furness, Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland.

RCV Associate Director Sue Ball said: "We are really looking forward to celebrating this unique occasion. There's something for everyone, and our goal is to involve as many local people as possible in our community arts and crafts festival, which is why the activities are offered either free or at a low price of admission. From mid-May why not check out social media, the local press and Stamford in Rutland Sound for details and join in."



Sue's partner director Tony Gray commented: "We are grateful to National Lottery players, Leicestershire and Rutland Community Foundation, and Arts Council England for making it possible for us to run this community festival. Their funding enables us to subsidise all the activities and pay the artists, specialists and the local groups for their participation and support."

Notes to editors

Rutland Community Ventures (RCV) is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company based in Oakham whose mission is to conceive, develop and deliver innovative community projects. The company works with local organisations on projects which: actively support and enhance the health & wellbeing of those living in its community and those facing personal, health and other life challenges; use web, digital production, media and production skills in support of community projects and organisations; and document and share the memories, experiences & stories of individuals, families, groups and communities living in Rutland.

RCV has successfully delivered projects funded by the National Lottery, the Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund, Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation, and Rutland County Council as well as local businesses, community groups and charitable organisations. Example projects and video can be found on our website. www.rutlandcommunityventures.uk

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