



## June Duck is Celebration Duck

The people of Reepham came together on Saturday and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

During the week leading up to the Jubilee weekend, an exhibition by the Reepham Archive Group, showing past celebrations in Reepham, was on display at the Bircham Centre.

Despite the poor weather over the weekend the rain did not dampen the community spirit in Reepham. Unfortunately, the Pageant Parade, which was organised by Reepham Church, had to be reduced to a small procession to St Mary's where a civic service of thanksgiving was held.

Some hardly souls camped on Stimpson's Piece overnight and FUNFORCE provided excellent family entertainment on the field on Saturday afternoon and in the Pavilion on Sunday.

The Jubilee Tea Party, which catered for 250 people, went ahead in three different venues at the Town Hall, St Michael's Church and the Scout Hut. The tea parties went very well with many people thanking the organisers for an enjoyable afternoon. There was a real sense of the community coming together to celebrate the Queen's 70-year reign. Dr Rose Barnes, Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Norfolk, attended the church service and also joined in the tea party at the Town Hall, to represent the Queen.



All 250 rounds of sandwiches were provided and made by The Lions Club. The sandwiches were very tasty and fresh, and the cakes, sufficient for 250 people, were provided by Reepham WI. The food looked and tasted great and was presented in an impressive way. Everyone had enough food and drink. A few people even brought a bottle of bubbly!

Live music was provided at the Scout Hut by the Norwich Ukulele Society and there was a sing song accompanied on the piano and plenty of flag waving at St Michael's. Events ended with a rousing singing together of the National Anthem.

The weekend's events were organised by a number of Reepham organisations, who have met regularly to plan the various activities. Reepham Town Council and the Bircham Centre have worked together since October of last year to organise planning meetings in preparation for the celebrations. They were very well supported by the Reepham Lions Club, the Rotary Club, Reepham Festival of Light Committee, the Reepham branch of the Royal British Legion, Reepham Tennis Club, Reepham Church, FUNFORCE and Reepham Scouts – who, kindly, loaned their hall for one of the tea parties, which allowed the Pavilion at Stimpson's Piece to be used for the family activities.

The raffle and other fund-raising activities raised a total of £540 for local Reepham charities. The organisers would like to thank Taverham Garden Centre, Robertson's Butchers, the Reepham Farm Shop and Deli, the Blakemore Foundation (on behalf of the Spar shop), Philip and Claudia Lowe, Reepham Coop, Mott's Pharmacy and Reepham Home Hardware who generously donated prizes. Thanks also go to Dee Taylor who knitted three superb Corgi soft toys, which were auctioned and raised a total of £70.