

SULGRAVE VILLAGE PICNIC ON CASTLE GREEN TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN RICHARD FONGE'S ADDRESS

Good afternoon Sulgrave. Have you finished your marmalade sandwiches!!

Firstly I would like to thank the team who have put this event on, with a special thanks to Maureen Jeffries for her extra input of ideas and enthusiasm, and therefore it gives me great pleasure to present her with this bouquet of flowers from her fellow organisers.

In celebrating this unique occasion of seventy years on the throne, let us not forget the late Duke of Edinburgh, who was by her side for sixty nine of those years.

Firstly Ma'am can we thank you for your duty and service to the nation, and also to the Commonwealth and indeed the world.

We thank you Ma'am for your diligence and dedication in all that you do.

We thank you for your determination to carry out all your many duties.

We thank you Ma'am for your devoutness .Your faith has sustained you through the many ups and downs of your reign.

We thank you for your demeanour and dignity. So visible at all times.

Finally we thank you Ma'am for your delightfulness . Those old newsreels broadcast last Sunday showed a young Princess who was delightful to see. That joy and delight was never more evident than the other week, when you made an appearance at The Royal Windsor horse show, and your face lit up at the sight of horses. A reassuring sight to us all after weeks of uncertainty.

Therefore will you all raise your glasses with a toast to Her Majesty the Queen.

This was followed by three cheers, then Michaela sang the National Anthem, accompanied by Ian Sanderson on the fiddle.

Richard Fonge