## **The Layham Platinum Jubilee Fete 2022**

Our Queen's Jubilee, 'The Platinum',
To celebrate and have some fun,
Gazebos standing, just in case,
The weather was to our distaste,
The playing field, with huge Marquee,
Big enough for all to see,
Our 'stand-in Queen' arrived by car,
She didn't have to come too far,
Chauffeur driven, with hood down,
The smartest car today, 'in town',

A competition, Hook a Duck,
Required dexterity and luck,
For youngsters with an aching heart,
To win the puppet, 'Baby Shark',
Next, the bar, for fizz and beer,
To quench the thirst and bring some cheer,
Plenty there for all, I think,
With Prosecco for a special drink!
And just beyond, the Barbecue,
To try a burger, as you do!
All the meat, from a recognised source,
Nothing but the best, of course,

A Yoga stand, enjoy the thrill,
Of standing very, very still,
A produce stall, with tea and cakes,
To satisfy those hungry aches!
A stall of treasures, well laid out,
To tempt some custom, I've no doubt,
And further on, a tattoo stall,
'Glitter' tattoos, there for all!

Next, a site for illustrating,
The noble art of royal crown making,
Penalty shoots at a special goal,
To suit all ages, young and old!
A tin can alley, knock them down,
You may get a medal, but not a crown,
Snakes and ladders, giant dice,
Good accuracy is my advice!
For the horticultural brigade,
Plants and produce well displayed,

A special stand of carpentry,
A good display, for all to see,
Wands with pens, and rings, it seems,
Based on Harry Potter themes!
Excellent photos on display,
Showing rural life today,

For those who wished to join the scene, Could take a 'snap' beside our Queen,

Donors' prizes, superb gifts,
Saw the raffle tickets 'shift'!
Helped to boost the event coffers,
So thank you all, for generous offers!
The lucky-dip the 'Tombola',
For many was quite popular,
Can you 'Name the Teddy Bear',
A chance for all of those that care,
The displayed art and pottery,
Practical ability, plain to see,
At the Brett Green gate, our 'First Aid 'team,
For safety we are all quite keen.

A stand of books, some old, some rare, For one to purchase, should one care. Just by the trees we found some room, For Mike, DJ, to play his tune! Our Keyboard player, hit the note, With pleasant background, got the vote,

The Arena set at centre stage. Where all the contests were engaged, Compère for the games today, Announcements made by David 'A', Ably spoken, loud and clear, So that we could easily hear, Results of all the races run. This day is turning out quite fun! Egg and spoon, a balancing act, Necessitating calm and tact, Careful progress, it's no joke, If you trip, and break the yolk! The sack race needs agility, Competitors actions great to see! Tug-of-war, the best of three, Great for spectators to see, Lower Layham won the bout, Giving them something to shout about, The Boules contest, again displayed, The calibre of the chaps that played, Lower Layham's victory, For those inhabitants, nice to see! John, with camera, walked tall, Recording these events for all!

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