

## Stewartry Beacon to mark the Queen's 90th



We are lighting a special beacon to mark the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Her Majesty is turning 90 on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, with beacons being lit across the country to celebrate the occasion.

The Stewartry's beacon will be lit on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 2030** by Lt Colonel Sir Malcolm Ross GCVO OBE, Lord Lieutenant for the Stewartry. The beacon is to be sited on the hill to the east of **Whitehill Farm, Parton, Castle Douglas, DG7 3NE**.

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE**

### Location



People from Crossmichael, Parton, Castle Douglas and the surrounding area are welcome to attend. Parking will be signed from the A713 with a short but steep walk to the beacon through farm fields. Please note parking is in a field so be prepared and of course dress appropriately. We also ask that you follow our access code when on the estate - details attached.

**PLEASE ARRIVE BY 2000 TO ALLOW TIME FOR THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND A FEW WORDS BEFORE THE LIGHTING OF THE BEACON AT 2030.**

## ACCESS CODE

The estate welcomes responsible public access but would like to provide the following guidance:

1. Access to any part of the estate is taken at your own risk
2. No motorised vehicular access is authorised on the estate private roads. Vehicles left on entrances must not prohibit timber lorry or other estate, emergency vehicle access.
3. Use of the roads by cyclist walkers / runners is welcome but for horse riders or any organised event we ask you seek authority well in advance. Authority can be sought from The Estate Office (Details at the bottom of this page) or via our forest manager Colin Kennedy at Scottish Woodlands Ltd. 01556 502 754
4. We are a business and as such associated hazardous operations may be taking place on any part of the estate at any time:
  - i. Forestry Operations (In particular harvesting or chemical spraying) – Obey all signage and avoid these areas.
  - ii. Game Shooting (1<sup>st</sup> September – 31<sup>st</sup> January) / Deer Stalking (All Year): Obey all signage and avoid these areas. Deer control takes place throughout the year and as such signage may not always be displayed. As a guide usual hours of operation are dawn and dusk. We also ask that you do not climb deer high seats. Please contact the estate Wildlife Manager – John Cowan 07920093027 or the Estate Office (Details at the bottom of this page) should you have any access-associated questions.
  - iii. Farming – Stay clear of heavy machinery, livestock and farm buildings.
5. There are a number of residential properties / farms on the estate. Please respect people's privacy / businesses and stay clear of houses / gardens / farm buildings.
6. Please do not disturb wildlife and leave the environment as you find it i.e. do not start fires, do not drop litter, and leave gates as you find them.
7. Please keep dogs under proper control. They should be kept on a leash or under very close control.
8. Biosecurity is a set of precautions that aim to prevent the introduction and spread of harmful organisms. These may be pests, pathogens or invasive species. Please ensure all footwear, equipment (i.e. bikes etc.) is clean on entering the estate and on leaving the estate. Although vehicular access is only possible on public roads, these road pass through the estate, and as such we ask that you also keep your vehicle clean; do not let mud or organic debris accumulate on tyres, wheels, or under wheel arches.

FURTHER DETAIL ON ALL OF THE ABOVE IS AVAILABLE ON THE ESTATE WEBSITE:

[WWW.BARWHILLANTYESTATE.CO.UK](http://WWW.BARWHILLANTYESTATE.CO.UK)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION**

The Yerburgh Family

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **The Queen, Accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall will light the Principal Beacon to Celebrate Her Majesty's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April.**

To celebrate The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales will invite Her Majesty The Queen to light the Principal Beacon on 21<sup>st</sup> April at Windsor Castle. This will be followed by the lighting of a number of Beacons along the Long Walk, Windsor Great Park, including one at the Copper Horse, and then over 1,000 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK overseas Territories and a Commonwealth Country to celebrate this landmark birthday.

Many different organisations are taking part from all areas of the local community by lighting Beacons, including Town, Parish and Community Councils and Youth Organisations. Beacons will be lit at churches, on farms, country parks, village greens and on country estates. Lighthouses, National Trust and English Heritage properties are also taking part.

The Army Cadet Force are taking special gas fuelled Beacons to the top of the Four Highest Peaks in the UK:

- . Ben Nevis – Scotland (1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Highlanders Army Cadet Force)
- . Mount Snowdon – Wales (Clwyd and Gwynedd Army Cadet Force)
- . Scafell Pike – England (Cumbria Army Cadet Force)
- . Slieve Donard – Northern Ireland (2<sup>nd</sup> NI Battalion Army Cadet Force)

Bruno Peek, LVO, OBE, OPR, Pageantmaster, The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Beacons said, "It has been an enormous privilege to be able to organise this amazing community event to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen. I am delighted to see so many different organisations playing their part."

The Beacons on top of the Four Peaks will be lit at 7.15pm with all other Beacons being lit By 8.30pm that evening.

Her Majesty The Queen has lit the Principal Beacon on all the Following Occasions:

The Queen's Silver Jubilee - 1977  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day - 1995  
Beacons for the Millennium – 1999  
The Queens Golden Jubilee – 2002  
The Trafalgar Weekend Beacons – 2005  
The Queen's Diamond Jubilee – 2012  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day – 2015