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One Minute's Silence 8pm Sunday 18 September in Goring & Streatley



National one minute's silence at 8pm this Sunday evening

- Goring and Streatley's farewell to the Queen -

The organisers of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Goring and Streatley, along with our local church leaders, feel that many people who joined together as families and friends to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years' reign on such a joyous occasion on 5 June, and other people too who didn't attend the street party, may like to unite briefly once more to pay their respects on Sunday evening in a simple, but symbolic way.

The church bells will ring

The bells will ring from 7.45pm and cease at precisely 8.00pm to mark the beginning of the period of national silence. At 8.01pm the bells will resume while people make their way home or go on to do other things.

A line of people joining our villages

It is suggested that for this minute of silence residents assemble to form a continuous single line along the pavements, for the whole length of the two High Streets between Streatley traffic lights, over the river bridge to Red Cross Road, Goring. If people stand approximately in the same place as they sat for the Platinum Jubilee street party, it would help spread people out and avoid congestion. People who didn't attend the street party could stand anywhere there is space, being careful not to overspill onto the road.

A torchlight farewell

At 8pm, almost an hour after sunset, it will be quite dark so people may like to bring a lantern or a candle to make it a torchlight event, which would be a very poignant and memorable way to say farewell. They could also bring along their Union flags, not to wave this time, but just to hold and make the connection with those happier times in June. It is hoped that gathering together as a community in this way will be remembered as another special Goring & Streatley event, marking the end of this historic second Elizabethan era.

God Save the King

Simon Carter DL, Paul Bradstock OBE DL, Ron Bridle BEM, Rev'd Ben Phillips & Fr Kenneth Macnab

PS: Preceding this event, between 7.15 and 7.45pm, there will be an opportunity to sing a few hymns and the newly adapted National Anthem and also to reflect quietly together in St Thomas' Church, Goring.

Please note in the time available it is not possible to make this an organised gathering with a road closure and marshals etc, so people will attend at their own risk.

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