

LIEUTENANCY OFFICE
COUNTY HALL
EXETER
DEVON
EX2 4QD

Direct Line: Exeter (01392) 383042 – Please ask for Mrs Rosalie Robison
Email: Rosalie.robison@devon.gov.uk

7 January, 2016

Steve Jordan
Head of Paid Service & Executive Director
South Hams District Council

Dear Steve

The Patron's Lunch, The Mall, June 2016

I would like to tell you about an event which is being planned for the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday in 2016. The focus of the event will be a celebration of the longevity and the breadth of Her Majesty's patronage of over 600 organisations in the UK and around the Commonwealth since 1952.

As The Queen's commitment to a life time of service is cause for national celebration, on Sunday 12th June 2016 the Mall will be home to a magnificent event, The Patron's Lunch; a classic British 'street party' style lunch for 10,000 guests. This lunch will host attendees from charities and organisations to which The Queen acts as patron, with further tickets available for a public ballot. Members of the public will also have the opportunity to enjoy the celebrations via big screens in St James' Park and Green Park. The lunch will take place at the end of a weekend long celebration to mark Her Majesty's 90th birthday, starting with a service at St Pauls Cathedral on the Friday 10th June, followed by Trooping the Colour on Saturday 11th.

It is not just on the Mall that it is hoped the celebrations will take place. Hopefully this will inspire communities around the Country to host their own lunches and street parties in celebration. I would ask that you encourage your communities to get involved, bringing The Patron's Lunch to life across the County and re-igniting the community spirit.

The three core themes to this project are:

Charity; a fundraising platform for over 300 charities of which The Queen is patron,
Celebration; a chance to publically celebrate and honour her commitment to service,
Community; engaging communities all over the country.

In addition to any community fundraising efforts, The Patron's lunch event itself will raise money for a newly created Patron's Fund, to support the charitable organisations to which