



The Coronation of King Charles III Saturday 6th May 2023

Cowbridge (Ancient Borough) with Llanblethian Town Council is seeking ideas for marking the event in Cowbridge.

Buckingham Palace has announced that the Coronation of His Majesty The King will take place on Saturday 6th May, 2023. The Coronation Ceremony will take place at Westminster Abbey, London, and will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Ceremony will see His Majesty King Charles III crowned alongside The Queen Consort.

The guidance received so far for marking the event is:

- Street parties and local get-togethers to be held on Sunday 7th May, under the banner of the Coronation Big Lunch.
- Supporting the local community will be encouraged on the bank holiday of Monday 8th May, with the Big Help Out, in which people will be urged to get involved in local volunteering projects.
- Beacons are not to be lit. The reason given for this is that the “Coronation will take place less than a year after The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacons were lit, and are therefore anxious to ensure that the events planned for May 2023 have a markedly different look to those of June 2022.”

Cowbridge received its first charter in 1254 when Henry III was King. Since then Cowbridge has witnessed the coronations of 32 sovereigns from Edward the first in 1272 to Queen Elizabeth II in 1952.

Cowbridge witnessed the coronation of King Charles I in 1625 and King Charles II in 1660.

Now in 2023 we will witness the coronation of King Charles III.

We don't know the extent to which previous coronations were marked in Cowbridge, although the History Society no doubt can shed light on that.

Ideas to mark the event so far are a Dinner Dance and a Cowbridge History Exhibition.

Others will no doubt have good ideas. If you do, please let us know about them. It would be good to set up a working group of local residents to put ideas into action. If you would like to be a member of such a group please let us know.

You can contact the town council via enquiries@cowbridge-tc.gov.uk or cllrjandrew@cowbridge-tc.gov.uk or 01446 773385 or 07964 829780.

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