



Join the Platinum Jubilee celebrations!

This year Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service.

To celebrate this, [The Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend](#) takes place from next Thursday (2 June) until Sunday 5 June.



Local celebrations include:

- A number of [events being hosted by West Sussex Libraries](#), including Royal Storytimes, Hunt the Missing Corgis, Royal Afternoon Tea and other free events for people of all ages. Our Libraries are also supporting [The Big Jubilee Read](#), which celebrates writing from across the Commonwealth with 70 great reads from Queen Elizabeth II's 70 year reign.
- Meals on Wheels customers will be receiving lemon drizzle cake as part of their meal to celebrate the occasion.
- Many West Sussex schools are holding celebrations for pupils before the start of half-term next week.

Check out photos from when the Queen has visited West Sussex over the years on our Platinum Jubilee webpages on the link below.

You can also find details of the Plant A Tree for the Jubilee scheme, see where events are taking place near you, and read blog posts by our Record Office archivists on past royal visits to West Sussex.

[Click here](#) to find opening times and emergency contact details for county council services over the Bank Holiday.

Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee!

Making caring visible, valued and supported

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6-12 June 2022

Unpaid friend and family carers across West Sussex could be missing out on benefits and funding that can help them and their dependants.

Along with the NHS and Carers Support West Sussex, we are supporting Carers Week, which runs from 6 to 12 June, to help make caring

visible, valued and supported.

The aim is to highlight the help available to people who may not identify themselves as a carer, despite taking on caring responsibilities for their relatives and friends who need their support.

More about Carers Week

Take part in a free historic event

People from across the world will come together for a free Transatlantic Ties Symposium at the University of Chichester on Saturday 11 June.

The symposium will mark the end of the [Transatlantic Ties project](#), and will be a day of lectures and presentations exploring the shared history of West Sussex and the United States.

To book a free ticket click on the link below.



Organised by our West Sussex Record Office, the symposium will run from 10am to 4.30pm with lunch and refreshments provided.

A new Transatlantic Ties website will also be launched at the symposium showcasing the results of this research including digital access to the archives and online learning resources.

The project came on the back of the discoveries surrounding the [Sussex Declaration in 2017-18](#) at West Sussex Record Office.

The rare copy of the US Declaration of Independence is one of only two ceremonial parchment manuscript copies in existence. The other is housed in The National Archives in Washington DC.

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Celebrate Sussex Day



Thursday 16 June marks the 15th anniversary of Sussex Day, a way for residents to celebrate the county's rich heritage.

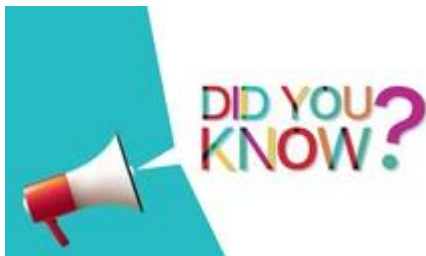
Our Libraries and Record Office are both holding events on Sussex Day – see below – or check out our [Experience West Sussex website](#) to discover lots of ways to enjoy our wonderful

county all year round!

- Libraries are partnering with Chichester Cathedral to welcome best-selling crime-writer **Elly Griffiths** as part of this year's [Festival of Chichester](#). Elly will talk about the latest book in the Dr Ruth Galloway series, 'The Locked Room', and about her novels which are set in West Sussex. Tickets for the live event at 7pm in Chichester Cathedral cost £10 or you can attend via a live stream online for £5. Book via [Chichester Box Office](#). Tickets are non-refundable and there's a 50p booking charge per online transaction.
- **West Sussex Unwrapped III: Chichester Festival Theatre at 60** is a free online event taking place at 7pm where you can discover the history of this famous theatre as it celebrates its 60th anniversary. The talk will last about an hour with an opportunity to ask questions via the chat box. Book your free ticket via [Eventbrite: West Sussex Unwrapped Live](#).

More news

- This June and July, [residents from across the county are invited to their nearest County Local Forum](#). The forum is a place for locals to meet their county councillors and ask any questions they have on county council-related business. [Click here](#) to see who your local councillor is.
- Take part in a free scams awareness webinar so you can learn more about online safety. It will take place on Wednesday 29 June at 1pm and [you can book here](#).
- The next [full council meeting of West Sussex County Council](#) will be held from 10.30am tomorrow (Friday 27 May) at County Hall, Chichester, with the meeting also being webcast live via our website.
- An illustrated talk entitled 'Was Chichester a city of culture in 1962?' will be held at our West Sussex Record Office and online via Zoom on Tuesday 31 May at 7pm. For in-person attendance, costing £8 (£7 for WSAS members), phone [01243 753602](#) to book and pay by debit/credit card. For remote attendance, costing £5, book via [Eventbrite: Was Chichester a City of Culture in 1962?](#).
- Our West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service has welcomed [six new retained \(on-call\) firefighters into the service](#) after they successfully completed their two-week initial training course.
- Our West Sussex Trading Standards, in partnership with Sussex Police, [has found UK sellers advertising prohibited knives for sale to UK customers on some online marketplaces](#). 16 banned knives, including swords, a blowpipe and flick knives were found on global online marketplaces.
- [A children's home in Worthing is the latest in West Sussex to be rated outstanding by Ofsted](#). It's a significant achievement for Bright Star children's home, which re-opened last year having been completely re-built with state-of-the-art facilities.



It's [Volunteers Week from 1 to 7 June](#). We'd like to thank the 1,000 plus volunteers who support council services on a daily basis.

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