

The Queen's Birthday Beacons

On 21st April, to mark this unique occasion, beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories.

This is being organised by Bruno Peek, who organised beacon lighting to mark the Golden and Diamond Jubilees. NACO is supporting this initiative and encourages Councils to take part.

Bruno has produced an official 'Guide to Taking Part'

<https://www.cla.org.uk/sites/default/files/Queen%E2%80%99s%2090th%20birthday%20beacons.pdf>

At the time of writing, 255 locations for the beacon lighting had already been confirmed and the list is growing daily. Within the brochure you'll find a guide to registering your beacon lighting so that it can be acknowledged in the list of Councils, organisations and individuals taking part.

There are three types of beacons that can be lit for this occasion - the traditional Bonfire Beacon, the Beacon Brazier mounted on the top of a wooden post, many of which have already been erected and lit for previous similar events, or the gas fuelled Beacons produced for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and VE Day 2015.

Bruno is suggesting that the beacon lighting event on 21st April could be as large or as small as is wished. It could be a public occasion or a private event with family and friends celebrating, especially if someone may also be sharing their 90th Birthday that day. If Councils are running the event then they might wish the beacon to be lit by a local 90 year old, health and safety permitting.