



# Town Talk - July 2011

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## The Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace

Wednesday 29 June 2011

### A report by Cllr & Mrs John Small

The excitement of getting ready and the relief when the car arrived on time meant our special day had arrived. We had a pleasant and uneventful journey to London and were soon at Hyde Park Corner. We joined the queue at 2.45 pm and were soon inside the Palace, and it was incredible to think that we were now on the inside looking out at all the faces pressed up against the railings. We walked across the courtyard, up red carpeted steps and through the Palace, which brought us out onto the terrace and the gardens.



We were welcomed with a cold drink and then walked across to admire the beautiful lake, before joining the crowds to watch the Queen arrive with the Duke of Edinburgh. We were fortunate to be able to watch quite closely as she chatted with the chosen few. She then went off to have tea in the Royal Tea Tent, and we went off to have our tea. This consisted of a variety of delicate sandwiches (without crusts) and a selection of delicious cakes. We then resumed our tour of the gardens, and it struck us that it was

such a tranquil place, despite the fact that it was actually in the centre of our capital. A welcome ice cream followed, served by waiters walking the grounds.

All too soon it was time to leave. It was such an unforgettable day, the myriad of colours of the beautiful dresses, hats, uniforms and national costumes set to a background of music supplied by the military bands to entertain us. The weather was lovely, but above all, our highlight was to see our Queen so closely. She looked beautiful, so serene and always smiling at us all. We feel very honoured to have had the opportunity to attend the Royal Garden Party and we shall treasure the memories of a quite magical day always.

*Cllr and Mrs Small were chosen at random to represent the Towns and Parishes of Dorset, here pictured outside the Palace.*

### *The writings on the wall for graffiti...*

The Council is promoting an initiative to help our residents combat graffiti. A graffiti removal kit has been purchased and the contents, including personal protective equipment, are designed to tackle graffiti on a variety of surfaces. Available to hire from the Help Centre for a small cost of £2 to cover the cost of replacing the consumables, with a £10 refundable deposit. All we ask is that you sign a disclaimer form and return the kit within 5 days.

The Town Council feels that this is another way in which we as a community can empower ourselves to enjoy a better environment in which to live.

If your property has been defaced by graffiti and you wish to hire this kit, then contact the Help Centre.



## August

### Recess

Please note that that the Town

Councillors go on recess during August, so there will be no council meetings apart from

Planning on 16 August 2011.

The Town Council offices will continue to operate as normal during this period

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