



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Press Release

LIGHT-HEARTED LINE DANCE LAUNCH

Line dancers at Sandown's Broadway Centre helped launch projects to celebrate the programme of Platinum Jubilee events being planned for the Town, with a light hearted line dance on Valentine's Day, involving the Sandown Mayor Paddy Lightfoot and Christchurch's Rev Mark Williams and lined dancers wearing heart themed costumes and hats.

Events being planned include a Jubilee Jive, a Thank You for Volunteers in the Town, a Church Service, events involving local school children and the school, a project with the Historical Association, a Tree Planting with Green Town Volunteers, and support to the Sunday Lunch.

Mayor Paddy Lightfoot said 'The Town Council recently approved the Budget and allocation have been made for a comprehensive package of projects embracing the whole community, and we are looking for match funding to increase the range of activities for the Jubilee.'

Rev Williams added 'It was good to launch the Jubilee Project on a day associated with relationships and kindness, as well as the environment and health, with St Valentine being associated with bees, travel and other concerns'.

A special competition was organised for the best dressed dancer and the Mayor and Rev Williams presented a certificate and bottle of wine to winner Mary Birch, with chocolates for all involved.

Katrina Kelly, of Line Dance IOW, concluded 'We've always supported local causes such as the Independent Lifeboat, and all of our members want to be involved in celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Queen's reign – it was heartening to see dancers that rose to the occasion and move to the beat!'



Line dancer Mary Birch collecting special award from Sandown Mayor Paddy Lightfoot.