Bruno Peek  LVO OBE OPR
Pageantmaster

MORE THAN 35 YEARS OF ORGANISING NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL EVENTS
Organised Events

In recent years, people in the UK and around the world have joined together to celebrate and commemorate unique national and international historic events.

Bruno Peek has been responsible for a large number of the biggest celebrations of this kind for more than three decades. Some of the most memorable spectacles and occasions, including celebrations for the official opening of the Single European Market, the arrival of the New Millennium, Her Majesty The Queen’s Golden Jubilee, the Battle of Trafalgar bicentenary, Enjoy England - Celebrate St George’s Day, Fly a Flag for our Armed Forces, the Royal British Legion Poppy Party Weekend and The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons, the annual Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth, 50th and 70th Anniversary VE Day Beacons and The Queen’s 90th Birthday Beacons have been influenced and successfully organised by him.

For more than 35 years Bruno Peek has conceived and organised events on the international, national and local stages involving:

- Town, parish, borough, district, metropolitan, city and county councils.
- UK and foreign governments’ departments and organisations.
- Voluntary, professional and charitable organisations.
- International, national, regional and local media.
- Leading Members of The Royal Family.
- Ministry of Defence.
On Her Majesty The Queen’s 90th Birthday, 21st April 2016, Bruno coordinated the lighting of over 1,250 beacons throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories in celebration of this important milestone in The Queen’s life.

Her Majesty The Queen, accompanied by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall, lit the Principal 90th Birthday Beacon at Cambridge Gate, Windsor Castle, early that evening, with all other beacons being lit directly after.

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales invited all those attending, to raise three cheers for The Queen, along with the singing of Happy Birthday, with music being provided by the Regimental Band of the Coldstream Guards.
2015 **VE Day, 8th May.**

On VE Day, 8th May 2015, Bruno coordinated the lighting of over 250 beacons throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories in celebration of the 70th Anniversary of VE Day.

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2015 **Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth, 9th March.**

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2014 **Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth, 10th March.**

In 2014 Bruno and his team conceived and coordinated Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth, an international celebration of the Commonwealth family.

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2012 **London Olympics 2012 Ritz Hotel celebration dinner.**

Following the hugely popular and successful London Olympics in 2012, Bruno organised a celebration dinner in the fabulous William Kent Room at the Ritz Hotel, London, for a number of Chinese gold medal winners.
2012 The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons - 4th June.
More than 4,200 beacons were lit in the UK and around the world as part of a weekend of celebrations to mark Her Majesty The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. Millions of people watched on television as The Queen lit the National Beacon on the Mall, London, at around 10.30pm, after the live BBC concert in front of Buckingham Palace.

2011 Great Poppy Party Weekend - 10th-12th June.
Hundreds of events took place around the country to raise money and pay tribute to the work of the Royal British Legion as it marked 90 years of providing welfare for our armed forces. From barbecues and barn dances to masked balls and pool parties, the nation celebrated and gave thanks.
2009 Fly A Flag For Our Armed Forces - 22nd June 2009.
Unique Armed Forces Day Flags were raised together at 10:30am on Monday 22nd June 2009, in every local authority area throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and various other locations around the world, ‘Honouring Britain’s Armed Forces, past, present and future’.

2008 The Millennium Flame.
Norman Kaphan, Chief Barker, The Variety Club of Great Britain receives the Millennium Flame at the Guildhall, in the City of London on 4th November 2008.

2008 Flying the 2012 Olympic flag.
Local Authorities, youth and other organisations throughout the United Kingdom and Channel Islands take part in the ‘Flying The Flag’ project on Sunday 24th August 2008, in celebration of the Olympic Games being handed over from China to the United Kingdom, to start the official count-down to the 2012 Games in London.

2009 The Loving Cup of England.
During 2009, the Loving Cup of England attended various events around England, and was officially accepted by England Bowler, Monty Panasar, and was used at the House of Commons on 23rd April 2009, to lead the National ‘Toast to England and St. George’ that day.

2009 The Millennium Flame.
The Millennium Flame which has been kept alight by many and various charities and organisations for the last 10 years was officially presented to His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent, at the Guildhall, London on the 18th May 2009.

2008 Torpoint Army Cadet Force.

Hereford and Worcester Army Cadets, Castle Green, Hereford.

Monty Panasar - Patron of Enjoy England and Bruno Peek OBE MVO.

Bradley Walsh and Bruno Peek OBE MVO with the Millennium flame at the Guildhall, London, 18th May 2009.
2008 Enjoy England Celebrate St. George’s Day.
The campaign continues for its second year throughout England, involving Local Authorities, communities and various organisations from all walks of life and culture in England today.

One of the official events organised as part of the Government and MOD 25th Anniversary Commemorations of the Falkland Islands conflict.

2007 Loving Cup of England.
The Loving Cup of England toured the 50 cities of England from the 5th of February through to the 23rd of April 2007 as part of the Enjoy England Celebrate St. George’s Day campaign.

2007 Enjoy England Celebrate St. George’s Day 23rd April.
The first national coordinated celebration of St. George’s Day.

2006 Official opening and rededication of Nelson’s Monument, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

2007 Inaugural National St. George’s Day Banquet - 23rd April.

2008 The Loving Cup of England.

2005 The Trafalgar Weekend.
A weekend of national celebrations commemorating the 200th anniversary of Vice Admiral Nelson’s victory at Trafalgar, including the lighting of the National Beacon, alongside HMS Victory at Portsmouth by Her Majesty The Queen, and the four Principal Beacons in other parts of the UK by other Members of The Royal Family.

2005 Nelson’s Farewell to Norfolk.
A costumed pageant commemorating Vice Admiral Nelson leaving his home county of Norfolk to fight the French and Spanish at Trafalgar in 1805. The event was attended by HRH The Duke of York and General Sir Michael Walker, Chief of the Defence Staff.

2005 60th Anniversary of the End of World War II.
A dinner party attended by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh and World War II Victoria Cross and George Cross Holders.

2005 Lowestoft Seafront Air Festival.
Director of Communications. This event attracted over two hundred and fifty thousand people over the two days and the Guests of Honour were Air Marshal Sir Clive Loader and Air Vice Marshal Andy White.

Conceived and organised the event on May 3rd in 14 towns in the East Midlands as part of Market Towns Week. During the event, Bruno organised the ‘world’s first’, 24 hour, non stop, Maypole dance marathon at Spalding, Lincolnshire.

2002 Her Majesty The Queen’s Golden Jubilee.

2000 Nelson Returns to England at Great Yarmouth.
November 6th and 7th. A costumed pageant recreating the 200th anniversary of Nelson’s landing at Great Yarmouth, following his glorious victory at The Nile in 1800. His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh was Patron of the event, and the Guest of Honour was The Secretary of State for Defence, The Rt. Hon. Geoffrey Hoon MP.

Bruno was awarded an OBE in Her Majesty The Queen’s Birthday Honours in June 2000 for these projects.

Bruno was appointed a Member of the Royal Victorian Order (MVO) in Her Majesty The Queen’s special Golden Jubilee Honours in August 2002 for these projects.
1998 **Fire over England and The Great Armada Pageant.**

July 19th. The lighting of a chain of more than 400 beacons and the organising of associated community events to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the sighting of the Spanish Armada off the English coast. August 6th and 7th. The Great Armada Pageant, recreating the 400th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth I review of the troops at Tilbury, prior to the invasion of the Spanish Armada. Kate O’Mara played the part of Queen Elizabeth I.

Fire over England in 1988 and Beacon Europe - European Unity Celebrations in 1992 were highly successful events, marked by the lighting of beacons and the organising of thousands of associated community activities and celebrations. These historic events involved governments, local authorities, voluntary organisations, commercial companies and communities across the UK and the 12 countries of the Single European Market. The two events laid the foundations for Beacon Millennium.

 Bruno has been responsible for conceiving and organising seventeen major mass participation events in the last decade and in 1990 was made a Freeman of the City of London and a Member of The Polonia Restituta by The President of Poland.

During his time as a Pageantmaster and events organiser Bruno has used his extensive experience in dealing with the local, regional, national and international media, encouraging their involvement, along with acting as a catalyst for event promotion and publicity. This included two ‘live’ New Year’s Eve broadcasts networked throughout the UK and many appearances on TV and radio programmes such as The Wogan Show; BBC Breakfast, GMTV, the Derek Jameson Show and Richard and Judy to name but a few. His events have also attracted a huge amount of coverage in the local, national and international press.

1996 **The Great British Poppy Chain.**

The central part of The Royal British Legion’s 75th Anniversary.

1995 **Beacons, Bonfires & Street Parties.**

Organised as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations of VE Day.

1992 **Beacon Europe.**

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Her Majesty The Queen, accompanied by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, lit the Principal VE Day Beacon at Windsor Castle at 9pm that evening with all other beacons being lit at 9.32pm.
Sunbury and Walton Sea Cadets.

VE Day beacon.

Unst.

VE Day beacon.

Stirling.

Woodhorn.

Farnham Castle.
Aberdeenshire - The Battle's Over is played on the pipes.

The VE Day Beacon.

East Antrim.

South Tyneside.

Melton Mowbray.
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His Excellency Kamalesh Sharma, Commonwealth Secretary-General, raised the Commonwealth flag outside the Great West Door of Westminster Abbey, London, before the start of the annual Commonwealth Observance.
In 2014 Bruno and his team conceived and coordinated Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth, an international celebration of the Commonwealth family.

Commonwealth Day 2014 saw more than 500 Commonwealth flags raised throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man by local authorities, charities and community groups. It was the largest, single raising of the Commonwealth Flag in the organisation’s history.

The flag was taken during the morning to the top of the four highest peaks of the United Kingdom by four charities: Help for Heroes (Ben Nevis, Scotland), Walking with the Wounded (Mount Snowdon, Wales), Cancer Research UK (Scafell Pike, England) and Fields of Life (Slieve Donard, Northern Ireland).

That afternoon, Her Majesty The Queen ‘broke’ the Commonwealth Flag outside the Great West Door of Westminster Abbey, London, before attending the Commonwealth Observance there.
On August 3rd 2012, Bruno organised and hosted a traditional English Banquet for a number of Chinese delegates at the Ritz Hotel, London, in celebration of The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee.

The drinks reception took place in The Queen Elizabeth Room, with the banquet being held in the William Kent Room.

A number of the delegates attended the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games.

Bruno also had the pleasure of welcoming a Chinese team of bike riders that day, who arrived in London after cycling from Beijing, China, to London. This amazing journey took them just over five months.
Our country has a long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations with the lighting of beacons - on mountain tops, churches, castle battlements, town and village greens, country parks, estates, farms and along the beaches surrounding our shores.

In 1897 beacons marked Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee, and in 1977 and 2002 they were lit to commemorate the Silver and Golden Jubilees of Queen Elizabeth II. One of the highlights of her Diamond Jubilee celebrations came on Monday 4th June 2012 when more than 4,200 beacons were lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, the Commonwealth and overseas Realms and Territories, and other countries around the world. It was a key element in a weekend of national and international celebrations.

The first beacons lit were in Tonga. These were closely followed by the one in Canberra, Australia, ignited by the country’s Prime Minister, and others in places such as Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Gambia, Jamaica, Malta, New Zealand, Pakistan, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Vanuatu, South Africa, Zambia, Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, British Indian Ocean Territory, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Saint Helena, Turks and Caicos Islands, Nicaragua, China, Greece, the Republic of Ireland and the Tree Tops resort in Kenya, where, on 6th February 1952, Her Majesty learnt that she had become Queen.

Many of those taking part used their events as a way of raising funds for local or national charities and as an opportunity to celebrate with family, friends and colleagues.

The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, whose supporters were responsible for lighting over 650 beacons for The Queen’s Golden Jubilee in 2002, encouraged their supporters once more ten years on.

Beacons were lit by groups as diverse as Flash Church of England Primary School, Staffordshire, which has only seven pupils and is the highest school in Great Britain, and Great Yarmouth Borough Council, who lit...
their brazier on the Golden Mile. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors invited their members to light their beacons on the 47 sites used in 2002. And a huge bonfire was lit by the Malvern Hills Conservators on top of the ancient Worcestershire beacon site.

There were three types of Beacons - Bonfire Beacons, Beacon Braziers and Church Tower Beacons fuelled by bottled gas. Gas beacons were lit on church towers, the battlements of HM Tower of London, Lambeth Palace, London; Bishopthorpe Palace, York, and at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Scotland. There were beacon celebrations at Killyleagh Castle, Northern Ireland, on the Duke of Westminster’s three estates in Sutherland, Cheshire and Lancashire and on the Caravan Club’s managed sites all over the country.

Hadrian’s Wall Heritage sited 60 beacons along the length of the wall, each one representing a year of The Queen’s reign. Huntingdon Town Council, Cambridgeshire, had their beacon on Castle Hills and Trinity House ignited beacons at 15 lighthouse sites.

Charities lit beacons at the top of the four highest peaks in each of the UK’s four nations: Scafell Pike, England (Cancer Research UK), Ben Nevis, Scotland (Help for Heroes); Mount Snowdon, Wales (Walking with the Wounded) and Slieve Donard, Northern Ireland (Fields of Life). Fields of Life alone raised nearly £75,000 from their event to build a new school in Uganda, providing a lasting legacy from their involvement.
Finally, the diamond-shaped National Beacon located on the Mall, London, was lit by Her Majesty The Queen at around 10.30pm at the conclusion of the BBC Jubilee Concert in front of Buckingham Palace.

The Queen lit the National Beacon by placing the Jubilee Crystal Diamond into a special lighting pod located on the stage. The diamond had previously been held for five weeks within the White Tower of HM Tower of London for safekeeping, and during its stay there, was seen by over 100,000 visitors, 80% coming from overseas.

A unique leather-bound book listing all the Beacon locations for The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons was given to The Queen after the event as a permanent reminder of the historic celebrations.

Following the enormous success of The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons, Her Majesty The Queen appointed Bruno as Lieutenant of The Royal Victorian Order (LVO).
The nation got into party mood in the summer of 2011 for a very serious cause – to support the welfare and campaigning work of the Royal British Legion as it celebrated its 90th anniversary. Communities around the country marked nine decades of achievement by joining in the Great Poppy Party Weekend from June 10th-12th, with a host of events that combined fun, comradeship and togetherness.

There were barbecues, fancy dress events, karaoke nights, masked balls, barn dances, games evenings, dress down days at school and many other wonderful and inventive ways of partying. Our aim was to encourage local authorities, community groups, organisations and companies throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man to make it a memorable occasion for all those taking part.

Hundreds of parties raised valuable funds to further the welfare work of the Legion as it continues to help millions of beneficiaries - soldiers, sailors and airmen/women who have served their country at home and abroad, often at enormous personal cost to themselves and their families.

Many events were held in homes and gardens - breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner, pyjama party, games night, cocktail evening, murder mystery, bridge and card games, toga and pool parties - for family, friends and neighbours. Others took place in the local pub, hotel, restaurant and town/village hall, and on village greens and market squares.

Some local authorities twinned with councils abroad, invited communities from overseas to join their celebrations - providing a chance to savour wine and food from those countries too.

Whatever the event, wherever people celebrated, we asked them to combine the occasion with a raffle, auction or donation to raise funds for the Royal British Legion, and to use it as an opportunity to thank the organisation for its 90 years of work caring for those who have served our country.
2009 Fly A Flag For Our Armed Forces.

As originator and coordinator of 'Fly A Flag For Our Armed Forces' Bruno and his team achieved having a unique Armed Forces Day flag flown in every local authority area throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, at 10-30am on Monday 22nd June 2009, 'Honouring Britain's Armed Forces, past, present and future. The Flags were left flying until Monday 29th June, and on taking them down, were presented to a local veteran. The scheme was also expanded to cover areas where our countries servicemen and women serve overseas, including in Afghanistan, Kuwait, the Falkland Islands, Brunei, Gibraltar, The Indian Ocean Territories, St. Helena, Germany and Norway, which added great to the poignancy of the event. The Prime Minister lent his support to this initiative, both in encouraging Government Departments to participate and by accepting a flag personally outside Number 10 Downing Street, before being flown from there that day.

The media coverage, both nationally and locally was tremendous, and raised the profile of Armed Forces Day which took place on the 27th June, to a level that otherwise would not have been possible. Nonetheless, the real symbolism of the event, was in enabling our countries serving people and veterans to know that they have the support of the country behind them, and this could not have been better exemplified than by these flag flying events being led by the Lord Mayor’s, Mayor’s and Leaders of local authorities throughout the land, and attended by people of all ages and from all walks of life.

The project was coordinated on behalf of the MOD and was brought in on time and under the budget allocated for this unique event.
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During its tour of the various cities and events taking place throughout United Kingdom during the year 2000, the Flame was carried from the Tower of London.

On the 21st April it was used to undertake the ‘Loyal Toast’ at a special Dinner organised by Bruno, celebrating Her Majesty The Queen’s Birthday, which took place in the Regal Room, the Cliff Hotel, Gorleston Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, and on 23rd April - St. George’s Day, it was taken for the second time, to the House of Commons, London, for a special St. George’s Day Reception which took place there, and was attended by many Members of the House of Lords and Members of Parliament from both sides of the House.

On its arrival, it was officially received at the entrance of Westminster Hall by the current Miss England, and was paraded into the reception where it was used to toast, ‘England and St. George’.

On the 26th April, the Cup attended a St. George’s Day Service, at Blundeston Church, Blundeston, Suffolk, and was used by all who were there, to take ‘Holy Communion’, the first time the Cup had been used in this way.

During the year, the Cup was also presented to Monty Panasar, Patron of Enjoy England. - Celebrate St. George’s Day.
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On 4th November 2008, the Millennium Flame was ceremonially carried into the Guildhall, in the City of London, accompanied by a choir as it was processed into the Banquet that evening and was officially handed over for safe keeping to Norman Kaphan, Chief Barker 2008, The Variety Club of Great Britain, who have taken over the responsibility of keeping the Flame alight for one year and a day, as a ‘beacon of hope’ for all children around the world.

2008 Flying the Flag - 24th August.

The 24th August 2008 was an historic moment for the United Kingdom. A first in the history of the Olympic Games, hundreds of two uniquely designed, iconic London Olympic Handover Flags were raised in communities throughout the United Kingdom and Channel Islands, from the most northerly point in the UK, to Land’s End in Cornwall, the most southerly point. Flags were also raised in Lowestoft, the most easterly point in England and the Isles of Scilly, the most westerly point, along with other unique locations such as the

Left to right: Boris Johnson, Mayor of London; Bruno Peek OBE, MVO; Norman Kaphan, Chief Barker of Royal Variety Club at The Guildhall, City of London.

Pittenhead House, Scunthorpe, north Lincolnshire.

Unst, Shetland Islands.

Unst in the Shetland Isles, the most northerly point in the UK, to Land’s End in Cornwall, the most southerly point. Flags were also raised in Lowestoft, the most easterly point in England and the Isles of Scilly, the most westerly point, along with other unique locations such as the

Sir Chris Bonnington on Scafell Pike, Cumbria.

The Needles, Isle of Wight.
Tan Hill Inn, Richmond, North Yorkshire, the highest pub in Great Britain, from the Summit of Scafell Pike, the highest mountain in England and from a Windmill in Norfolk, to name but a few, marking the moment when the United Kingdom became the next host nation of the Olympic Games in 2012.

Bruno initiated this unique idea of involving the whole country in the historic handover of the Games from China to the UK, and with his team, coordinated this project on behalf of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, and after the event, was congratulated by Lord Coe, Chairman of LOCOG, for delivering this successful event on time and under budget.

Flying The Flag gave Local Authorities and communities a unique opportunity to come together in one common celebration, which in turn resulted in enthusiastic responses, press cuttings and photographs of so many hundreds of local activities on the day across the UK.

Bruno coordinated the Enjoy England Celebrate St. George’s Day campaign for the second year running, and many various events, large and small, took place throughout England that day, including the celebration organised by Islamic Relief, re-confirming that the Enjoy England Celebrate St. George’s Day Celebrations are open to all those living in England.
2008

The Loving Cup of England. During the build-up to St. George’s Day on 23rd April 2008, the Loving Cup of England visited various locations throughout England and abroad, including a special event on 14th March 2008, held at the George Salta Collegiate Academy, West Bromwich, Birmingham, organised by the Greets Green Partnership, and attended by families and members of the Sikh, Hindu, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Yemeni and African Caribbean communities - re-confirming that the Loving Cup of England brings, the peoples, families and communities of England together in common celebration of all that is good in living in England today.

During that evening, the Loving Cup of England was paraded into the event, escorted by traditional Sikh Dhol Drummers, and Bruno was presented with a unique Frock Coat, designed, and made from silk and gold thread, by local craftswomen from the Sikh community.

From the 14th to 16th April 2008, the Loving Cup of England visited a number of Associations on the Island of Malta, and during its stay, was officially presented to The President of Malta, HE Dr. Edward Fenech-Adami, at the Presidential Palace in Valletta, highlighting Malta’s association with St. George and the George Cross. (This was the Cup’s first overseas visit).


Miss England, Miss Georgia Horsley enters Westminster Hall, London.

Miss England with the Loving Cup of England and The Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire with a special "Round" of Evesham asparagus.
Service of Remembrance and Commemoration, Chapel of St. Peter & St. Paul, Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich.


The 25th Anniversary of the Falkland Islands conflict was commemorated 14th - 17th June 2007 and the Ministry of Defence, in association with other Government departments, various organisations and companies, arranged a number of events in London and elsewhere.

On Thursday 14th June, ‘Liberation Day’ in the presence of Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal accompanied by Vice Admiral Timothy Laurence and The Rt. Hon. Baroness Thatcher, Bruno organised a service of Remembrance and Commemoration in the Chapel of St. Peter and St. Paul, followed by a drinks reception in King William Colonnades hosted by the Royal British Legion, and the Heroes’ Dinner in the Painted Hall, the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, as the Nation saluted the Heroes of ’82.

The principal guests at these three events were Falkland Islands’ war veterans who were decorated for bravery following the conflict. The event was the first occasion at which so many of the Heroes had assembled together. The evening combined a mixture of colour, pageantry, music provided by the Royal Artillery Band, time for reflection - and a unique opportunity to salute those who fought so bravely to liberate the Falkland Islands twenty five years ago.

Westminster Hall, London, where it attended a special St. George’s Day Reception, and was presented to Andrew Rosindell MP, Chairman, of the St. George’s Day All-Party Parliamentary Group in the House of Commons, to be used to raise the ‘Toast to England and St. George’. During the occasion, Andrew Rosindell was also presented with a special ‘Round’ of Evesham Asparagus, by Her Majesty’s Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire, Mr Michael Brinton. (St George’s Day is the official start of the Asparagus season in England).

The event was attended by Members of Parliament from both sides of the House, Members of the House of Lords and other various dignitaries.

Following the Reception, the Loving Cup of England travelled from London to Liverpool courtesy of Virgin Trains, to attend the VisitBritain, Enjoy England Awards - Celebrating St. George’s Day, which took place at St. George’s Hall, Liverpool. At 9-30pm, Miss England led the national ‘Toast to England and St. George’, which was repeated in hundreds of pubs throughout England that evening. This Toast was coordinated/sponsored by and to the pubs through the British Beer & Pub Association and the Morning Advertiser.


Miss England with Virgin train staff at Waterloo Station, London.

Beacon at HM Tower of London - 4th June 2012.

The Princess Royal and The Rt. Rev. Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Woolwich.

The Heroes’ Dinner, Painted Hall, Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

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Enjoy England Celebrate St. George’s Day 23rd April.

There are more than 50 million people in this country. They are of multiple nationalities, come from various backgrounds, and practice different beliefs and family traditions; however, they share one important factor in common - England is their home, so Bruno came up with the idea of organising a national celebration of St. George’s Day, something that had not been attempted in the past, but was well overdue.

With the assistance of many others, including VisitBritain, a number of charities and commercial companies and voluntary organisations, Bruno set out to organise a national celebration of St. George’s Day. The event is ongoing and is called Enjoy England Celebrate St. George’s Day, encouraging all those who call England home, to come together on 23rd April 2007 and take part in the celebrations with family and friends at home, in a pub, restaurant, hotel or in the village hall etc, using their events to raise money for charity.

The national Banquet for St. George’s Day took place in the historic Banqueting House, Whitehall Palace, Westminster, London, on 23rd April 2007 and was attended by The Lord Mayor of Westminster, the High Commissioner of Malta, Ambassador of Slovenia, The Rt. Hon. Tessa Jowell MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, and many other guests representing different nationalities, cultures and beliefs. The Guests of honour for the evening were The Rt. Hon. Sir John Major KG, accompanied by Dame Norma Major DBE.

Those attending included Chelsea Pensioners, stars from stage and screen and visitors from overseas who enjoyed a sumptuous banquet of English food and wine, with background music played by the Band of The Grenadier Guards.

Bruno thought this would be an ideal vehicle to unite the people and communities of England together in a unique and colourful way.

During its Grand Tour of the 50 Cities of England, the Cup was officially received on behalf of the citizens of each City by the Lord Mayor, Mayor and others. The Cup (filled with English Apple Juice to enable young and old to take part) was drunk from by people from all walks of life, nationality and religion, thus bringing together people who live in England in one common celebration of peace and friendship - the aim and objective of the Enjoy England - Celebrate St. George’s Day Celebrations for 2007. The youngest person to drink from it was five years old with the oldest being ninety one.

The Cup made from solid silver guilt at a cost of £30,000 travelled over 6,000 miles and was drunk from by over 1,000 people during its journey around England, finishing up at the Inaugural National St. George’s Day Banquet which took place at The Banqueting House, Whitehall Palace, Westminster, London, where it was received by The Rt. Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Alexander Nicoll, before being used on Top Table that evening.

The Cup was escorted into the Banquet by the Sovereign’s Mace of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, escorted by two Halberdiers from the hospital carrying Halberds, proving a colourful and fitting end to its unique journey around England.

**2007**

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2006 The Opening of Nelson’s Monument.

Bruno was commissioned by the Norfolk Historic Buildings Trust to organise the official opening and rededication of Nelson’s Monument in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, on 15th August 2006. Nelson’s Monument, the first to be erected in England in Nelson’s honour following his victory at the Battle of Trafalgar on 21st October 1805, had undergone a detailed and costly refurbishment lasting several months, so The Trust were looking for a unique opening ceremony linked to its historical past, so Bruno originated and organised a colourful pageant around the base of the monument using individuals and various members of local historic societies etc, to music being played by The Band of The Parachute Regiment, thus providing those attending with a memorable spectacle.

2005 The Trafalgar Weekend.

His specific achievements and projects over the past 25 years include The Trafalgar Weekend, which took place on the weekend of October 21st - 23rd 2005, to commemorate Vice Admiral Nelson’s victory over the French and Spanish fleets at Trafalgar in 1805. His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales provided the Foreword for the promotional brochure used to encourage the involvement of participants. Conceived and organised by Bruno with a small team of people, the commemorations involved over 36 organisations and companies and resulted in more than 6000 community events including Trafalgar Night Dinners and Parties, using local British produce as the centrepiece of their meal, along with Services of Commemoration held in churches and cathedrals throughout the UK and Channel Islands over this Weekend. The first of over 1000 beacons was lit by Her Majesty The Queen alongside HMS Victory at Portsmouth. Bruno once again had the honour of handing Her Majesty the torch used to light the beacon at an event shown live on BBC television that evening.

Following this, HRH The Prince of Wales lit the Principal Beacon at Ballater, Scotland; HRH The Earl of Wessex lit the Principal Beacon at Killyleagh Castle, Northern Ireland; HRH The Princess Royal lit the Principal Beacon at HMS Cambria, Sully, Wales; HRH The Duke of York lighting the final Principal Beacon outside the Painted Hall, The Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, London. This was the first time that five Members of The Royal Family have ever come together to light beacons at the same time in different parts of the country.

Bruno also organised the Trafalgar Night Dinner in Great Yarmouth, attended by more than 670 people, including The Home Secretary, The Rt. Hon. Charles Clarke MP. The dinner was the largest of its kind throughout the UK that evening. The music was provided by The Band of The Grenadier Guards, and raised more than £7,500 for Seafarers UK and The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

2005 60th Anniversary of the End of World War II.

Bruno was invited by the Ministry of Defence to become a member of the Steering Group for the 60th Anniversary of World War II commemorations for that year with the proud responsibility for looking after the World War II Victoria Cross and George Cross holders that attended the commemorations and on July 9th, organised a special dinner party attended by the VC and GC holders. The Guest of Honour for the evening was His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.

On Sunday July 10th, in partnership with the VC GC Holders Association, Bruno organised the schedule and accompanied the VC and GC holders to the Service of Commemoration at Westminster Abbey, the Commemoration Lunch at Buckingham Palace and an afternoon event in Horse Guards Parade.


From January 1st 2001 to October 30th 2002 Bruno Peek led a team of 18 people to co-ordinate the lighting of over 2,000 beacons throughout the UK, Channel Islands, Commonwealth and 17 other countries around the world to celebrate HM The Queen’s Golden Jubilee on Monday June 3rd 2002.
Bruno had the honour of guiding Her Majesty through ceremony to light her National Beacon sited on the Queen Victoria Memorial, facing Admiralty Arch on The Mall, London. Beacons were lit from the Arctic to the Antarctic, from Tonga to Samoa, from the top of Mount Kenya to Nepal, from Lowestoft to Roch and from Kilkeel to Strabane. Many thousands of other events including garden and street parties were also organised on this day, bringing people, families and communities together in celebration.

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2002 The Golden Jubilee Summer Party Torch Relay. The Millennium Flame that Her Majesty used to light the Millennium Beacon in 1999 is being kept alight and is currently travelling around the UK. In April 2002, with the involvement of Cancer Research UK and sponsorship provided by British Gas, the Flame left Great Yarmouth to commence its one-month long journey to London where it was used by Her Majesty to light the National Beacon on June 3rd 2002. The flame was carried by celebrities and individuals who have either suffered from cancer or are related to those who have suffered from the disease. The relay raised more than £100,000 for Cancer Research UK.

2002 Golden Jubilee Dinner. Bruno organised a special dinner for 650 guests on June 22nd 2002. Music was provided by the Band of the Royal Irish Regiment, complemented by a Fanfare Team of four Irish and four Scottish pipers. The evening was full of colour and pageantry and raised over £12,500 for Macmillan Cancer Relief.

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1999 & 2000

**Beacon Millennium.**

From August 1993 to December 31st 2000 Bruno Peek led a team of 15 people to co-ordinate the lighting of over 1,300 beacons on 31st December 1999 to celebrate the official start of the UK’s year-long Millennium Festival. A further 575 beacons were lit on 31st December 2000 to close the festival and the year 2000. All these beacons were associated with local community events both large and small and it is estimated that more than two million people throughout the UK attended these events. At 09:45pm on December 31st 1999 Bruno was granted the honour of handing the ceremonial torch to Her Majesty to light the National Beacon on the River Thames, London. The lighting of the three other National Beacons followed. The beacon lighting events played a high profile and important role in the BBC’s 24-hour live broadcast involving over 50 countries. Billions of people around the world saw the lighting of the beacon on the Thames - the largest ever lit in the UK, burning over one hundred litres of liquid gas per minute.

2000

**Nelson Returns to England at Great Yarmouth.**

On November 6th and 7th 2000 Bruno was Pageantmaster to the Nelson Pageant in Great Yarmouth. Featuring a cast of 400 people, the event recreated the visit of Vice Admiral Nelson to Great Yarmouth on November 6th 1800. It marked Nelson’s first step on English soil since the Battle of the Nile. He landed from the Grand Turk, a ship specially built for the successful television programme Hornblower. Nelson was taken to the Market Place, where he was given the Freedom of the Borough and was entertained by a choir of 150. Music was provided by the Band of the Royal Artillery Company.

2000

**Trafalgar Night.**

On October 21st 2000, as a prelude to the Nelson Pageant, Bruno organised a Trafalgar Night Dinner for 590 dinner at the Ocean Room, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth. The event raised £4700 for King George’s Fund for Sailors. Guest of honour was Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff. A baron of beef donated by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh was paraded to the top table by the Fort Cumberland Guard and music was provided by the Band of the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell.

1998

**Kisumu Children’s Home.**

Bruno raised £31,000 towards the building of a new Christian based children’s home close to Lake Victoria, Kisumu, Kenya, for ‘street children’ who were either addicted to sniffing glue, taking drugs or just made homeless through the death of their parents.

1996

**The Royal British Legion 75th Anniversary.**

In celebration of the Royal British Legion’s 75th Anniversary, Bruno Peek was commissioned by RBL to conceive and organise the Great British Poppy Chain. A 75-mile unbroken chain of poppies was laid between Cromer and Great Yarmouth in Norfolk on August 25th 1996 as part of the project, which raised over £391,000.

1995

**VE Day 50th Anniversary Celebrations.**

In December 1994, Bruno Peek was commissioned by HM Government through the World War II Commemoration Team to organise/co-ordinate the staging of street parties and lighting of beacons as part of the UK’s 50th Anniversary Celebrations of VE Day on May 8th 1995. In a matter of a few months more than 1,500 street parties and events were planned and over 2,000 beacons organised. The national beacon was lit in Hyde Park, London, by Her Majesty the Queen during a live worldwide television broadcast.

1992

**Beacon Europe, European Unity Celebrations.**

At midnight on December 31st 1992 more than 1,000 beacon signal fires were lit across the 12 countries of the European Community to celebrate the official launch of the Single European Market. Bruno Peek conceived and organised the whole project, from the design and distribution of the promotional literature, in various languages, to the worldwide publicity, and it is estimated that over five million people took part. Apart from the EC countries, Cyprus, Malta and Gibraltar took part, and all the participating capital city
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