

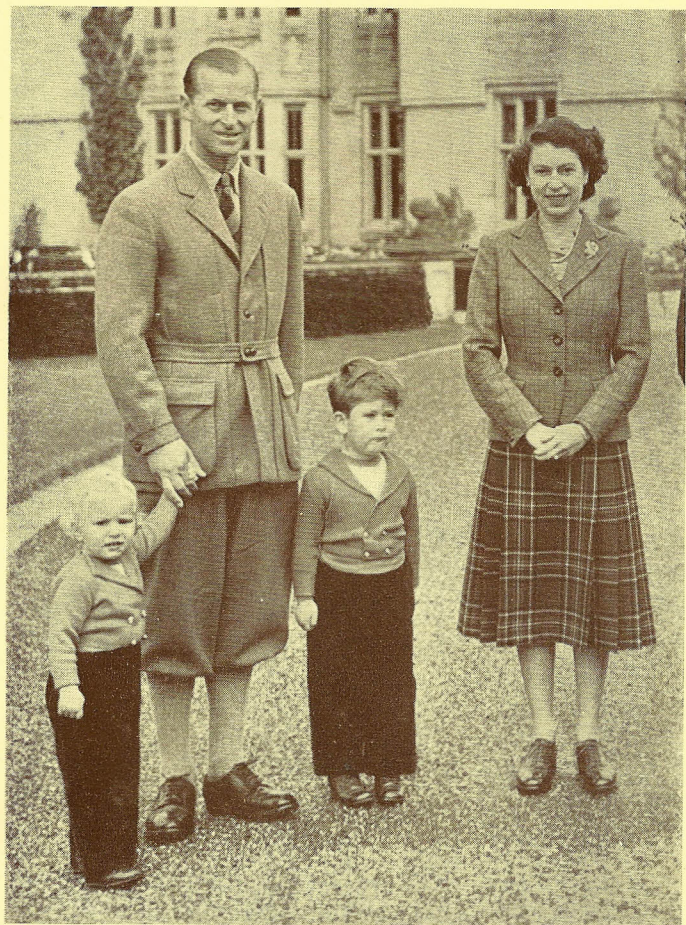
The Coronation of
Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II



Croxley Green
SOUVENIR PROGRAMME

JUNE 2nd, 1953

SIXPENCE



CROXLEY GREEN celebrates Her Majesty's Coronation with a procession, entertainment on the Green and the traditional planting of an oak.

Location

Except where otherwise shown all events will take place on the Green and there will be two separate arenas.

Large Arena .. Cricket pitch and area adjoining.

Small Arena .. Small area near the Victory Oak.

Fireworks .. Area near Croxley House.

Formation of Procession

The Procession will assemble at Harvey Road School ground and move to the Guildhouse for the start at 3.0 p.m.

The Children's Fancy Dress Parade will follow the main procession from the Guildhouse to the Green and then proceed to the Large Arena for judging.

The Main Procession will continue via The Green, Baldwins Lane, Lancing Way, Malvern Way, Girton Way, Winton Drive, Winton Approach, Watford Road to All Saints' Church, and on to the Green.

Judges

Children's Fancy Dress Competitions

The Misses Barton Smith

Pillow Fights and Sporting Events

W. S. Maxwell, Esq.

Entries

(No entrance fees)

Children's Fancy Dress Competitions

Entry forms are available from Schools or Coronation Committee Secretary, Mrs. Ritchie, 9 Green Lane, Croxley Green. The children must bring entry forms with them.

Pillow Fights and Sporting Events

Entries at the Arena on the day.

Refreshments

Refreshments will be available both on and adjoining the Green at reasonable charges.

A Marquee and seats will be provided for Croxley Green residents of 70 years of age and over and tea provided free of charge. Applications to be made to Mr. G. Wilcox.

Car Park

Look for the signposts indicating site of Car Park. Cars must not be parked elsewhere on the Green, or on the roadway adjoining. Please use the Car Park provided. No charge.

First Aid

First Aid treatment will be available to anyone requiring attention. Trained nurses in attendance.

Secretary - Treasurer

The Secretary and the Treasurer will be available to all requiring information, in a mobile office parked on the Green.

Grand Finale

Bonfire and Firework Display including special Coronation set pieces will conclude the celebrations.

PROGRAMME

Order of Procession

1. COURT OF ELIZABETH I
2. THE MUMMERS
3. LITTLE MISS MUFFETT
Townswomen's Guild, Evening Section
4. SING A SONG OF SIXPENCE
International Friendship League
5. DING DONG BELL
Methodist Women's Guild
6. HUSH A BYE BABY
Croxley Girl Guides
7. HUMPTY DUMPTY
Durrants' Parents' & Teachers' Assoc.
8. OLD KING COLE
Guildhouse, Women's Section
9. TOM, TOM, THE PIPER'S SON
International Friendship League
10. OLD WOMAN WHO LIVED IN A SHOE
1st Croxley Scouts
11. SIMPLE SIMON
British Legion, Women's Section

Croxley Green Coronation Oak of Elizabeth II

PROGRAMME

Order of Procession

12. COCK ROBIN
Croxley Guild of Sport
13. OLD MOTHER HUBBARD
Co-operative Women's Guild
14. LONDON BRIDGE
Croxley Boys' Club
15. BAA BAA BLACK SHEEP
Croxley Labour Party
16. QUEEN OF HEARTS
All Saints' Church
17. MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY
Croxley Horticultural Society
18. JACK AND JILL
Croxley Conservative Association
19. LITTLE BOY BLUE
Croxley Young Conservatives
20. RIDE A COCK HORSE
Roman Catholic Community
21. PIED PIPER OF HAMELIN
Croxley Green Residents' Association
22. CROXLEY GREEN'S CORONATION QUEEN
and her retinue

to be planted by two of our oldest residents.

PROGRAMME



TIME-TABLE

3.00 Procession leaves the Guildhouse.

NO. 1 ARENA

3.30 Children's Fancy Dress Parade.

4.15 Crowning of Croxley's Queen.

4.30 Maypole.

4.40 Display by Guides and Sea Rangers.

5.00 Musical Pony Ride.

5.15 Pageant.

6.40 Display by Girls' Life Brigade.

7.00 Display by Scouts.

7.35 Mummers.

8.00 Girls of St. Joan of Arc Convent
Highland Dancing Display.

8.30 Square Dancing.

9.00 Broadcast of The Queen's Speech.

9.30 Square Dancing.

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TIME-TABLE

NO. 2 ARENA

- 3.00 Dog Obedience Display.
- 3.45 Punch and Judy Show.
- 4.00 The Mummers.
- 4.30 Punch and Judy Show.
- 5.00 Pillow Fights.
- 5.45 The Mummers.
- 6.15 Tossing a Bale of Straw.
- 6.45 Pillow Fights.
- 9.00 Broadcast of The Queen's Speech.

AREA NEAR CROXLEY HOUSE

- 10.00 Grand Display of Fireworks
including Coronation Set Pieces
and Bonfire.
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ELIZABETHAN PAGEANT

SOME may think that this title is a little too grandiose for this humble presentation, rather should it be called "Elizabethan Patchwork", but whatever the title, the motif is the same. Our presentation shows a few scenes from the life of Elizabeth I in parallel with that of our own Queen Elizabeth II.

Each ascended the throne at a time of strife, each grieved the loss of a dearly loved parent, each was so young to bear so great a burden. The first Elizabeth was destined to tread a very lonely path, but she gathered around her men of courage, ability and culture.

Manhood flowered to its full, noble deed outshone noble deed, and all in the name of "England", for to Elizabeth I this country was her life, she was England.

When told of the Armada which Spain was building, she pointed to King Henry VIII's sword which hung on the wall, and with lips compressed demanded, "Give me my father's sword."

Admirers surrounded her but no man was destined to sit by her side, for as she herself said, "Some man may forget that I am England, and England is not a wife but a ruler. The crown stands alone and let no man forget it." Still, she was a woman, and had her tempers and jealousies, she brooked no rivals, and, in order that she herself should never have to acknowledge a fairer face than her own, she refused to look in a mirror and ordered that no mirrors should be hung where she might look in them.

Today our Queen has the love not only of her kingdom but of a husband, children and family. Her youth and charm has stirred all. Once more may the "chivalry and

flower of the manhood of England" stir. Deeds of "derring do" may no longer be the thing, but honest toil, sound commonsense: these can be offered to our Queen and Country. We pray that with loyalty and pride—pride in achievement—the splendid honour that is our heritage may continue throughout this new Elizabethan era.

"The King, my father, always told me that had he been given his choice he would have asked to be a Yeoman of England. With the Yeomen of England lies the spirit of our Country and in that spirit is such greatness that it could beat the entire world, come what may."

So said Elizabeth the First.

On her 21st Birthday, Elizabeth the Second said:

"I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our Great Imperial Family to which we all belong. But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do. I know that your support will be unfailingly given."

On this Coronation Day may all of us dwelling in this small corner of our "green and pleasant land" start the new era with our own flags flying and the definite determination to keep to the Croxley Green tradition of "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might".

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

CORONATION WEEK DIARY

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST

Special Services in all Churches and
Chapels.

MONDAY, JUNE 1ST

Short Vigil Service in preparation for the
Coronation, at 8 p.m. in All Saints' Church
conducted by The Rev. A. C. E. Suffrin, M.A.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND

Croxley Celebrations on the Green.
Planting of an oak on the Green at
3.45 p.m. to commemorate the Coro-
nation of Queen Elizabeth II. The oak
will be planted by two of our oldest
residents.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JUNE 4TH & 5TH

Croxley Theatre Club. *She Stoops to
Conquer*. Guildhouse, 7.45 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH

Gala Dance by Croxley Theatre Club.
All Saints' Hall, 7.45-11.45 p.m.

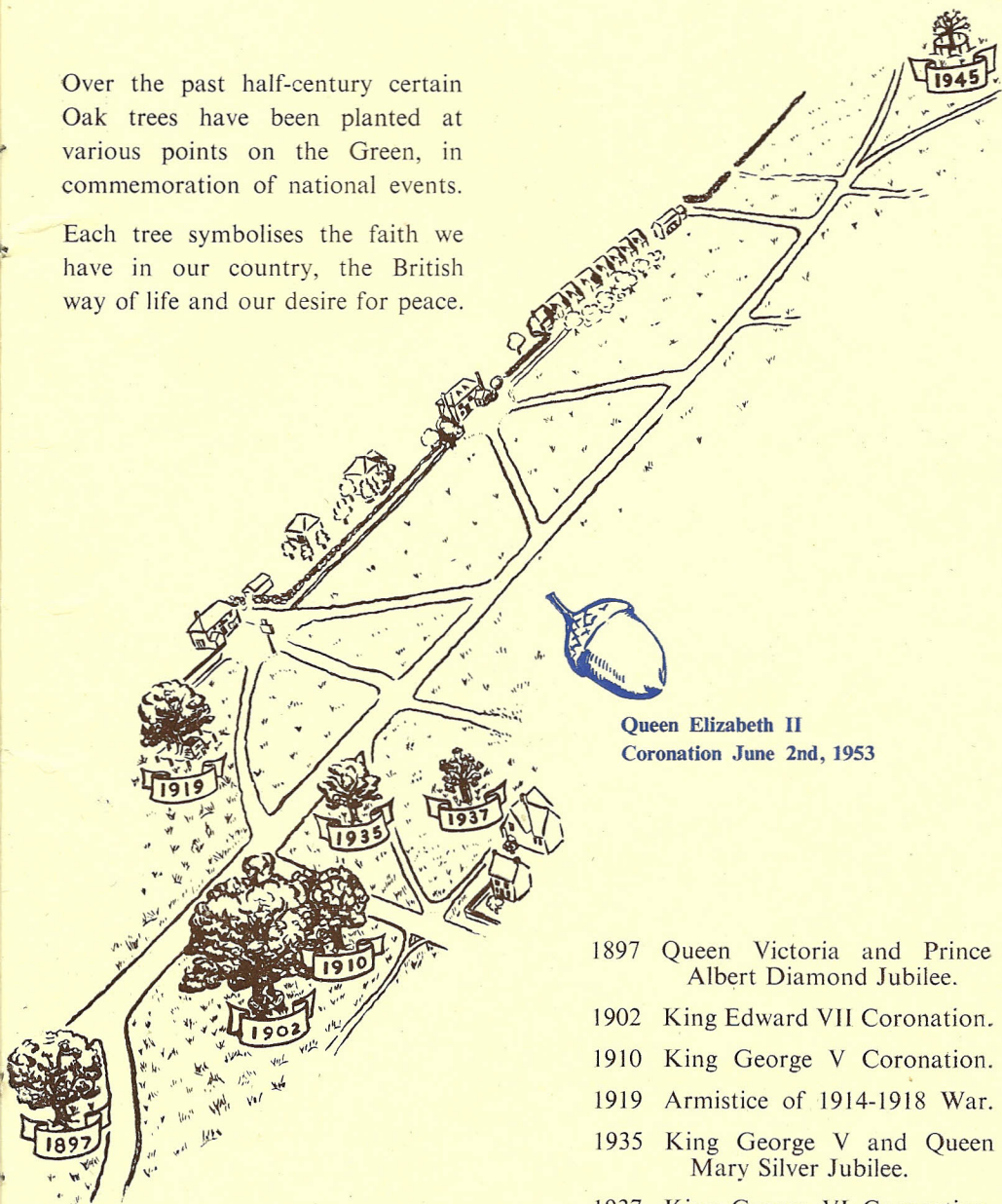
SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

United Open-air Service at Scotsbridge
Meadow, Rickmansworth. 3.15 p.m.

THE COMMEMORATION OAKS

Over the past half-century certain Oak trees have been planted at various points on the Green, in commemoration of national events.

Each tree symbolises the faith we have in our country, the British way of life and our desire for peace.



Queen Elizabeth II
Coronation June 2nd, 1953

- 1897 Queen Victoria and Prince Albert Diamond Jubilee.
- 1902 King Edward VII Coronation.
- 1910 King George V Coronation.
- 1919 Armistice of 1914-1918 War.
- 1935 King George V and Queen Mary Silver Jubilee.
- 1937 King George VI Coronation.
- 1945 Armistice of 1939-1945 War.

CROXLEY GREEN
SOCIETY

THESE Celebrations in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second have been arranged under the wing and guidance of the Croxley Green Society. Acknowledgment with gratitude is made to all who have contributed to make this programme possible.

