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a view from our Parish





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In planning this publication, the Lynsted with Kingsdown Society Committee took as their inspiration the many national and local celebrations of ‘royal events’ in 2012. As we dug more deeply, we discovered how such events have touched on the lives of local people in and around the Parish.

The story really begins with our thanks to the generosity of many families who have shared with us their images, stories and documents to add to our on-going Heritage Project. The sub-group has added some further research, to help us understand what the conditions were like in our Parish as ‘royal celebrations’ became honoured locally right up to the modern day.

Where our references are historical, we have kept in the text the older Imperial measures and currency styles. So, 2l.2s.2d. reads as 2 pounds, 2 shillings, 2 pennies. Areas of land before 1965 can be expressed as 2a.2p.2r. (acres, perches, rods).

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Historical Backdrop

Under the veneer of royal celebrations there have been some turbulent social, technological, economic and political changes. These changes go some way to explaining how our community celebrations have evolved and been delivered to the present day. Spread through time, these ‘Royal landmarks’ can help us to understand the changing world in which the events took place.

The first modern (“National”) Jubilee took place on 25th October 1809, marking 50 years on the throne for George III (1769-1820). This was not a Royal initiative but one promoted by the Committee of Merchants and Bankers in the City of London¹. Although named “national” by some, the focus was, in the main, restricted to London Boroughs including fireworks at Frogmore House, Windsor, and formal dinners across the colonies. This was an early sign of the slow re-alignment of power and authority away from inherited and church wealth and their patronage. Increasingly, the emerging commercial and industrial classes came to dominate our modern times. Throughout Victorian times, there emerged growing middle-classes (the “middling sort” – neither aristocrats nor labourers) focussed largely on the growing towns and cities where administration and exploitation of Imperial wealth and trade grew hand in hand. Close to home, celebration in Faversham (October 26th) included bell-ringing all day, a Mayoral procession to church where Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Joshua Dix before 2,000 people, including all the officers from the Ospringe Barracks. A formal dinner took place in the Assembly Rooms (10s. 6d. per ticket- over £30 in today’s money). Principals included Stephen Rumbold Lushington, Esq. M.P., of Norton Court². Elsewhere in Kent, there was a Ball at the Court Hall in Maidstone with banquet and church readings. Subscriptions for the poor amounted to £150 distributed as cash, bread and coals³. In Canterbury there was a 21-gun salute, troop marching, Divine Service, music, feasts and all shops shut to promote church attendance. Similarly in Rochester, Sandwich, Sevenoaks, Kemsing, Staplehurst, Yalding, and Dover (50-gun salute). Ships of the line on the Nore (Shoebury to Sheerness) and the Downs fired salutes (“feux de joie”). Some charity was shown to the local poor, including food. The church also figured through publication of sermons from the growing commercial centres of Leeds, Sheffield and Huddersfield⁴. Some charity was also shown on Portsmouth prison hulks – 6,715 French prisoners got 3d. each; 186 Dutch prisoners got 6d. each – the donation was made “in consequence of the humanity shewn by Marshal Mortier to the British sick and wounded after the battle of Talavera.”⁵.

Inequality, poverty and lawlessness.

In the early 19th century, there was a yawning chasm between landed gentry, the church (who were major land-owners too) and an impoverished poor. Some were able to exploit economic growth to become part of the ‘nation of shop-keepers’, but there were casualties too. In the early 1800’s, rural poverty was most acute in the south and midlands. Mass unemployment by the 1830s followed the end of the Napoleonic Wars (which caused rampant inflation⁶), the mechanisation of agriculture, and the impact of terrible harvests (1829 and 1830 especially). This is the period of the Tolpuddle Martyrs and widespread demand for the abolition of threshing machines and other mechanisation. Riots took place, ricks were burnt, crime increased (e.g. poaching, highwaymen and mob rule), and Justices of the Peace and ‘overseers’ were beaten up. It should be remembered that JP’s had to mete out justice within their own communities – there were many acquittals, but also some severe penalties – see below! Unrest in Kent began in 1830 and spread widely – characterised as “Swing” riots because of the threatening letters sent to farmers from a fictitious “Captain Swing” protesting against the new threshing machines. Riots persisted longest in Kent⁷. Generally, rural workers were regarded as the lowest form of life - never to be trusted, low bred, and illiterate and a burden that landowners could no longer support.

Against this unrest, the ‘parish constable and watchman systems’ (part-time and often unpaid) could not cope. The first Kent County Constabulary (Maidstone) didn’t start until



January 14th 1857, with 222 officers and men, under the Chief Constable, John Henry Hay Ruxton (buried at Hawkhurst)– an army man with experience of overseeing two convict ships and setting up penal colonies in Australia. Twelve Superintendents travelled by horse and cart. By 1850 a Superintending constable was appointed in Faversham by local magistrates⁸. The effectiveness of these constables was often hampered by vested interests locally – magistrates/Justices of the Peace had more in common with the land-owners than the workers. Landowners continued to use gamekeepers, stewards, bailiffs and other servants to impose their own ‘rule’ as they had always done – so why would they want to pay for the employment of an independent constable (who was almost invariably recruited from farmworkers and trades)? As crime rose, so too did the demand for local police.

So, “celebration” was not in the mind of Lynsted or surrounding rural parishes. A newspaper report⁹ tells us about Christmas-Eve 1817 in Lynsted, when 450 people received the “unprecedented... liberality” of Mr Francis Smith¹⁰. “The single persons received a small loaf, a pound and a half of beef, and half a gallon of potatoes; and the largest family, consisting of a man, his wife, and eight children, four large loaves, twelve pounds of beef, and three gallons of potatoes.” Bear in mind the population of Lynsted in 1801 was 796 and in 1829 it was 890. This burden on local economies led to demands for the reform of the poor-houses/workhouses that had existed since the mid 1600’s.

In 1834, the Poor Law Amendment Act was passed – creating “deterrent houses” into which men would pass with all their family if they fell on hard times. “The main demands for a reform of the poor laws came from landowners in [the] rural south where poverty was at its worst. The Act was implemented efficiently and rapidly there”¹¹. The cost of supporting the poor of the Parish continued to fall on the landowners – but they wanted increased coercion and reduced costs through more intensified use of the long established poor houses.

In 1835, the stark poverty facing rural communities came into sharp focus in Lynsted when “200 country labourers and others, armed with bludgeons, proceeded in a body on the 4th May to the parish of Throwley, and from thence to Rodmersham, Lynstead and Doddington” . Their anger was directed against the “relieving officers appointed under the Poor Law Act” who were trying to enforce the ‘deterrence’. Bumpit was a workhouse at that time; and from 1836, a Union Poor-house was built in Faversham¹³ to which 500 people could be removed from surrounding parishes.

It is not surprising that celebrations of Queen Victoria’s Coronation (28th June 1838) was observed patchily. Engagement of parishioners was minimal - although examples of charity did exist.

Contrast this with a report in 1850¹⁵ about the concentration of wealth accruing to the Rev Archdeacon Crofts through prebendal income, tithes and great tithes – including Lynsted (£627.13s.10¹/₂d. - £55,000 today), and Rectoryships across huge areas of this part of Kent amounting to £6,217.5s.0d (£620,000 in today’s money). Lynsted’s position was again several times referred to in sceptical comments in the press about the hypocrisy of the Church and its patronage systems.

It wasn’t until the 1894 Local Government Act that local government on a ‘popular basis’, which first begun in 1835¹⁶, came to include the formation of rural Parish and District Councils to help deliver specific areas of civic responsibility that had hitherto been shared haphazardly by overlapping bodies. Consequently, the life of Lynsted Parish changed significantly in matters of local responsibility for sanitation, lighting, allotments, burials, libraries, wash-houses and many other day-to-day needs of communities at that time. The Act stipulated that formal transfer of responsibilities to Borough Councils should take place on or after 8th November 1894. The terms of the Act stipulated that a “Parish Meeting” be called in order to set up a Parish Council. In Lynsted, this meeting took place at the Board Schools, Lynsted, on Tuesday, December 18th 1894. The first chairman was Sir Roper Lethbridge, but soon after he stepped down as Lady Lethbridge fell ill and died a year later. Captain Vallance was vice chairman and then chairman.



An overview of records

Starting with the coronation of Queen Victoria on 28th June 1838, the Kentish Gazette reports a select dinner in Greenstreet at The Dover Castle, with passing reference to “rural sports” being cancelled due to rain.

Moving on to 1897, we have records that include several comical accounts surrounding the erection of the Jubilee Pump on Greenstreet Hill to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The ill-fated pump sits opposite the Dover Castle, and started life on top of an old cesspit! In 2008, the Pump fell victim to a speeding motorist who succeeded in demolishing it! More of that later.

We also have a photograph taken during Empire Day celebrations on 24th May 1904 in New Gardens, Teynham. Empire Days began in 1902 and were regularly celebrated but only became an annual event in 1916. By the 1950s it became clear that Empire was breaking up as a result of strengthening desire for self-determination. The original purpose was to remind children of the importance of “Empire” and its growth. It is arguable that the true value to children was the early break from school! This celebration was later replaced by British Commonwealth Day.

The shift in our national identity was matched by other changes in social structure. In Lynsted Parish, the history of royal celebrations also illustrates a change from a deferential attitude towards local figures of titled or landed authority to a more ‘popular’ and democratic approach in which leadership is provided by ordinary individuals and local institutions (not only through Parish Councils, but through schools, voluntary and other



Empire Day, Newgardens, Teynham , 24th May 1904

social groupings). Our Parish Council was a significant player throughout this period, and their membership profile changed over time. In earlier celebrations, the numerous shop-owners and craftsmen trading along Greenstreet in particular were also heavily featured. Their role has diminished in recent years.

In the early 1900's, simply moving around the parish was not as we

might imagine today. Tarring the Greenstreet stretch of road was not achieved easily. Proposed unsuccessfully by Lynsted Parish Council in April 1907 it took several years before Kent County Council moved. Tarring the stretch between Greenstreet and Lynsted School didn't happen until the 1920s (at the same time as the stretch between Erriot Wood and Doddington.). Our earlier records show how important horses and vans were to move people and kit to any community event. In 1926 there were 1,715,000 motor vehicles; by 1997 this figure was 26,974,000. In a Road Transport Census Report of 1935, the average passage of all vehicles was 11 per hour; in 1954 this figure rose to 159 per hour; that figure grew by 500% by 1998 to roughly 800!

Accelerating changes in communication technology had two significant impacts. Firstly, the royal family was brought into our homes. The first Christmas radio broadcast was made by George V in 1932. The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II (1953) brought the Royal Family to



our living rooms through television and again through her televised Christmas messages that began in 1957.

Secondly, telephones arrived slowly in the Parish for only a few homes¹⁷. In much more recent times, easier communications have helped communities to organise themselves and support many more interest groups. The Lynsted with Kingsdown Society is one example alongside the many other groups who have each worked together (often with overlapping membership) to share skills and capital equipment, obtained with the help of grants from various sources (often from local and central government).

Our most complete written records cover the Silver Jubilee (King George V) and Coronation celebrations (for George VI) in 1937. We also have records and photographs for the Coronation of June 1953 but only very limited records covering the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee celebrations in 1977 and, through the Parish Newsletter, a few Golden Jubilee records (4th June 2002 in Lynsted with Norton Primary School). Bringing the record bang up to date, we have a visual record of the largely impromptu but very successful and colourful Ludgate Lane Street Party (29th April 2011) where Lynsted village celebrated the marriage between HRH Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton. For 2012, we have included a 'scrap-book' of images from Cellar Hill street party (4th June 2012) and an event that took place in Park Farm Orchard (5th June 2012).

One theme runs through all these events through to the current day – the importance of the largely unsung heroes who have taken it upon themselves to run celebrations on behalf of our Communities, in particular, the children of the Parishes.

Over the period, it is interesting to note that event insurance began at £1 in 1937. In recent years, the more 'corporate' approach has led school authorities to demand significant indemnity insurance, and Kent County Council with Swale Borough Council govern permissions on licensing and public gatherings.



At a time of great political & social upheaval, and severe poverty across Kent, the Queen's Coronation took place in the Abbey Church of St. Peter, Westminster, on Thursday, the **28th of June 1838**. Our account comes from a report in the Kentish Gazette of 3rd July. It rained.



In Canterbury, “the citizens being unwilling to co-operate with the new Council, the original project of giving a dinner to the poor inhabitants of the city was abandoned”. At the ‘last minute’, the Mayor issued invitations to a “public dinner” together with fireworks – without this intervention, it was remarked that even Canterbury might not have marked the Coronation. There were haphazard nods in the direction of ‘public celebrations’ but few people knew about them!

“About half-past one o'clock in the morning the neighbourhood of the Cattle Market was in a state of great alarm, from the discharge of what appeared in the silent hour a spark of artillery. The somnolent inhabitants rushed from their beds and threw open the windows, and expressed to each other the dread with which they were inspired. The cause of alarm was soon however explained. A party of the policemen had got a small cannon which they were firing off remind the inhabitants, suppose, that the coronation day had commenced, and 21 discharges, which shook the houses on the Terrace, and awakened every living creature on each side the market, were made. This prefix to the amusements of the day having concluded amid the grumblings and execrations of the disturbed slumberers, nothing further occurred to interest the public until nearly twelve o'clock, when the cannon again bellowed out notifications.”

The Day Begins with a Bang!

“The Museum, in Guildhall-street, was opened gratis, but the fact was unknown till the afternoon, when the place was thronged with visitors. A very handsome subscription was made in the city by the corporation officers, to which the Dean and Chapter contributed £10. This money was disposed in the purchase of fifty legs and shoulders of mutton, which at twelve o'clock were distributed among poor women, by lot, in Mr. Solly's field, near the Dane John. This amusing scene was not publicly announced, and notwithstanding that hundreds were present, many hundreds more were ignorant of it until long after it had concluded.”

“At four o'clock a public dinner took place at the Guildhall. ... About one hundred dined, and the company was of mixed politics, the Radical party greatly preponderating. Banners of both parties— the purple and orange, and the blue—floated in the Hall..... There was no patriot flag —no “Church and Queen.” Some toasts were given against the background of party-political tensions. But, “the ball in the evening ... proved a total failure. Between two and three hundred persons were expected, but scarcely eighty presented themselves at the shrine of Terpsichore.”

Mr. Davey, fruiterer, displayed a “transparency inscribed with the following harmonious and original distich. It is too good to be lost to posterity:

“May discord cease between Whig and Tory,
And all unite for Queen Victoria.”



In Greenstreet: "The Dovor (sic) Castle Inn here presented a gay appearance, having in front a crown, V R, and two stars of Brunswick, made of the choicest flowers, encircled by a stupendous wreath of laurels. Three royal salutes were fired immediately the flash was seen from Sheerness, which announced that our gracious Queen had received England's Crown, which was within five minutes from the precise time. At eight o'clock three more salutes were fired, and a company of 40 sat down at the Castle, and spent one of the pleasantest evenings ever remembered within the walls. Many appropriate toasts were drunk by as true and loyal hearts as Englishmen can boast of. The wines provided for the occasion were of excellent vintage. The church bells rang a merry peal from sun-rise to sun-set and the heavy rains which fell nearly all day entirely prevented the rural sports so eagerly anticipated".

The other celebrations recorded in Kent included: **Hackington.** Sunday-school children ate beef and plum pudding, followed by "lightsome games". **Wingham.** Mr. Dadds gave his "labouring men roast beef, plum pudding, and strong beer. The wives and families of the men ... partook of tea and cake. The whole group amounted to a hundred". **Goodnestone.** At the residence of Sir Brook Bridges, "the poor of the neighbourhood were feasted by the hospitable owner" – including children of the **Eastry Union** [poor house]. **Barham.** The Rev. Ashton Oxenden fed 200 of his poor parishioners with "hot roast beef and smoking plum pudding". **Ashford.** "A public dinner was given to the poor in the High-street on a long line of tables seating nearly 500. The National School children were treated with cake and a glass of wine. A dinner of the inhabitants and gentry of the neighbourhood took place at the Saracen's Head. ". **Godington.** The Rev. Mr. Toke invited to his family mansion, 32 people of the adjoining parish of Great Chart, whose "united ages amounted to [2,450] years". **Boughton.** J. Lade, Esq. entertained all his workmen and their families with "good substantial fare". The children connected with the Sunday and Charity Schools were given between 30 and 40 tickets (2s.), to be spent "at the White Horse, in beer, bread, and cheese, and any portion of it to be enjoyed by their families. A few shilling tickets were given the next day to widows. **Faversham.** "Ringing of bells, music, firing of guns, colours and oak boughs decorating a great many of the houses, the shops in general being closed the whole day. The children of the various schools were entertained with tea, plum cake, &c. The labourers of John and Charles Neame, Esquires, had a holiday, and assembled with their wives and children, about 400 in number, at Selling Court. They were supplied with bread and cheese and strong beer, finishing their festivity with cider and spirits. The public dinner presided over by Mr. Chittenden, in the absence of the Mayor, was "a wretched piece of conviviality". **Whitstable.** "Ringing of the bells and the excellent hand of the Catch Club meeting a number of friends at the Bear and Quay inn, where pence were thrown from the windows among the children." **Sarre.** The clergymen and the agricultural residents united to make the day one of general rejoicing among the poor. **Margate.** "At an early hour the ringing of the bells announced the festive day. Triumphal arches were erected, and flags floated on every public, as well as on many private, buildings, producing a beautiful appearance. Our worthy deputy, F. W. Cobb, Esq., caused to be distributed upwards of three butts of beer, in tickets of one pint to each person, thereby avoiding the drunkenness usually attendant upon such joyous occasions. At four o'clock upwards of 150 gentlemen sat down to a most excellent dinner at the Royal Hotel Assembly Rooms". At one o'clock upwards of 1200 children and old people sat down to a dinner on the pier of old English fare—roast beef, plum pudding, and ale, the expense was defrayed by a subscription. The poor in the Union were also regaled with roast beef pudding, besides some beer. A party of Margate ladies, 26 in number, thinking it wrong to be behind their husbands in proofs of loyalty (who were dining at the Royal Hotel), dined at St. Peter's." **Ramsgate.** "The children of the various charity schools, amounting to 1200, had a sumptuous dinner prepared for them in the garden of R. Townley, Esq. Albion-place. A public dinner also took place at the Albion." **Deal.** "At five o'clock upwards of fifty of the principal gentry and tradesmen sat down a sumptuous dinner provided by Messrs. Bleaden and Co., the spirited proprietors of the Royal Hotel". Dover. "At noon a royal salute was fired by the Artillery on the heights. The depots of



the 43d and 69th Regiments formed on the beach—then fired a *feu de joie* alternately with a second salute in three divisions, by the Royal Artillery; after which the line presented a general salute, the bands playing " God save the Queen and three times three hearty cheers being given by the troops, they proceeded to dinner at their quarters. A double line of tables extending three eights of a mile along the front of the Marine Parade, and covered with roast beef, plum pudding, &c. was prepared for twenty-two hundred juvenile recipients of the schools the town". **New Romney.** "The bells rang at intervals, throughout the day. The inhabitants, men women and children, also strangers working here, were regaled through the liberality of the Corporation".

The Golden Jubilee Celebrations (1888) were not celebrated in Lynsted, Greenstreet, or Teynham. Although celebrations did take place in the urban centres of Sittingbourne and Faversham.

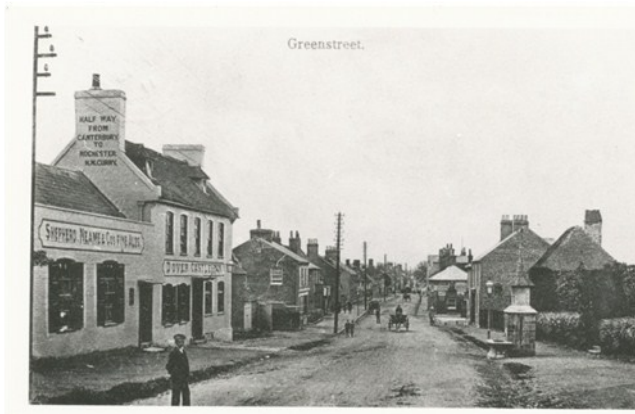




A comedy of errors

(The bulk comes from research and records compiled by Tom English when he was Chairman of Lynsted Parish Council. Other additions come from newspaper records)

Saturday, **8th May, 1897** saw a joint meeting at the Wesleyan School Room, Greenstreet, between Teynham and Lynsted Parish Councils. Lieut-Col. Tyler (Chairman of Teynham PC) presided to consider how to mark the Diamond Jubilee in the absence of formal celebrations on Jubilee Day (22nd June 1897).



Other members of the Lynsted Parish Council present were Messrs. R. Lake (chairman), J.F.Honeyball, H.T.Bensted, S.Streetfield, W.H.Crippen, W.J.Read and I.Holmes. A letter of apology was received from Lord Teynham, and a telegram from F.Gorell Barnes, M.P., was read, in which he stated he would agree with any decision made at the meeting.

Mr.Lake proposed a memorial through a convalescent home but Dr.Selby thought it was unnecessary, as the isolation hospital already dealt with convalescent people. The doctor

suggested a pump and drinking fountain, with a cattle trough, at a spot that benefitted both parishes. The site would be near the top of Teynham Lane (now Station Road) at a cost of about £100. By 29th May, the County Council approved the current site (subject to approval by the county surveyor, which is where some of the trouble began!). Lynsted got close to a “celebration” as reported in the Whitstable and Herne Bay Herald (3rd July 1897) — “There was no celebration in this parish on Jubilee Day, but, through the instrumentality of the Vicar, a fund was raised for the purpose of giving all the children of the parish a treat, and .on Tuesday last all those over seven and under fifteen years were taken to Whitstable for the day, whilst the younger children will be entertained at the Vicarage next week.” Donations were made by Lord Teynham, Captain & Mrs Vallance, Miss Osborne, Rev. T.J.Sewell, Mr. W.R.Dixon, Mr L. de Sart, Mr F.G.Barnes, MP, and Mssrs, R.M.Mercer, G.A.Filmer, G.H.Smith, E Barling, J.French, E.C.Millen, and Mr F. Honeyball. Other subscriptions were also made but not recorded. The prospect of the Jubilee Pump being erected jointly with Teynham at a cost of £120 was mentioned!

A “handsome design” was submitted by Aymer Vallance but by 21st August it was realised that the subscription fund (then standing at £105) was not enough for the whole of the proposed design. Aymer Vallance was asked to go back to the drawing board but on Wednesday a local ‘wag’ erected a comic pump near the intended site as if to say “get on with it!”. The official design was resubmitted on 2nd October.

In the meantime, a newspaper article (“In Memoriam”) of 19th February 1898, records the unfolding farce, which had already missed the 1897 Jubilee year. The bore-hole descended into an old cesspit – not good for a drinking fountain! Someone erected a black flag and miniature coffin, adding a black-edged placard that read:

In memoriam of the late jubilee pump.
To the mayor and Burgesses of Greenstreet,
lamenting the death of the Jubilee pump.
Sleep on, committee, sleep.



“Mourning bows adorned the pole, while, to give a realistic effect to the “memorial,” the tolling of a bell solemnly sounded the death knell of the Jubilee pump. If it be a fact that the scheme for erecting a pump in commemoration of the Queen’s Diamond jubilee has collapsed, the subscribers want to know if their money is to be returned or whether it is intended to retain the money in order that the pump may be completed ten years hence. Generally speaking, the suggested pump does not find favour with the inhabitants.”

At the annual concert of Greenstreet Cricket club, held on 23rd April 1898, “various songs were interspersed with several jokes in which local topics, and the never-to-be-forgotten Greenstreet Jubilee pump, of course, figured conspicuously”.

With “Open Season” now declared on the Jubilee Pump, a correspondent of 28th May 1898 wrote:

“Happening to be in Greenstreet the other day I strolled as far as the Mount, where a singular construction at the roadside catches the eye of the passers-by. The body is somewhat squatty in proportion, construction of stone; and it is surmounted by a long attenuated spire, vanishing almost to an invisible point, on the top of which perches a vane. The roof-work of the spire is of oaken tiles, suitably stained. But, unfortunately, the colour has not proved very fast; the recent heavy rains have been more than the colour can stand and at the time of my visit the massive stonework was disfigured by ugly stains, which had washed down from the needle-pointed spire, indelibly smearing it, after the fashion of a blotted page of a copy-book. Closer inspection revealed the fact that this quaint and curious structure is unfinished for although there is a drinking trough at the side nearest the road yet at present there is not any means of raising the water to fill it – for I understand that a well has been sunk at this spot, and that it was intended to erect a pump over it. But the requisite gear for raising the water still remains to be put in.

And when it is completed I must confess that I fail to see how any human being, unless possessed by telescopic arms, will be able to hold a pail under the pump on one side and manipulate the handle on the other. But why was this extraordinary structure erected? – thought I. Was it extended to direct the attention of the travelling public to the fact that there is a comfortable inn opposite; or did it mark the site of some sanguinary struggle in medieval times? “Oh, no,” said a resident; “it is our memorial pump, erected by the parishioners of Teynham and Lynsted to commemorate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee!”

“But the Jubilee festivities have long passed, and we are nearly half way through another year,” I remarked.

“Yes, that’s right enough,” said my communicative friend, “but,” he added, with a merry twinkle in his eye, “it will be finished by the time Her Majesty celebrates the seventieth year of her reign!”

Armed with this information, I again viewed this incongruous combination of beauty and ugliness with renewed interest, and then subsequently learned that the reason the work is at a standstill is that the architect will not pass it. Whether the architect does not feel proud of it, and will not allow the work to be completed; or whether the contractor would not see his way clear to aid in the further development of this Chinese puzzle, I am at a loss to know, for here my communicative friend would help me no further. At all events, there it is, unfinished; and, pretty or ugly, as fancy leads, there it will stand, mutely reminding the loyal residents of the district of an aimless expenditure of their subscriptions – unless the deadlock is removed.

Matters did not improve

31st December 1898 Newspaper Report: “At the meeting of the Faversham Rural District Council on Wednesday, the analyst’s report was submitted of a sample of water belonging to Messrs. George, at the corner of Teynham Lane, Greenstreet, showing it to be unsafe for drinking. This was the well first sunk for the purpose of supplying the Jubilee



memorial pump but the well was abandoned. It was resolved that the clerk should call the attention of the Kent County Council to the result of their action in utilizing the condemned Jubilee pump well for surface water, and ask that they will cease to do so. At the same meeting a favourable report upon a Conyer water supply was received from Mr.I.J.Holmes.” It appeared that the wells were so close together that the storm and surface water from the Jubilee Pump overflowed into the drinking water well, that then needed cleaning out.

Job done with a second bore-hole

A letter from Mr W. Alkins to Lynsted Parish Council, dated **12th March 1900**, reported – “Gentlemen, I am instructed by the Jubilee Pump Committee to write you to the effect that the structure erected as a Jubilee Memorial at Greenstreet is now completed also that there is a good supply of water in the well under. And my Committee consider that the Memorial now being in a satisfactory condition should be placed under the control of the local governing bodies, and I am requested to invite your Council to appoint a Committee to act jointly with the Teynham Council to consider the matter, trusting you will appoint same at your next Council Meeting, so that a joint meeting may be arranged at an early date.

I am, Gentlemen, Yours obediently, W Alkins, Hon. Secretary.

At their meeting of 19th April, Lynsted formed a group comprising Messrs E Seagars, H W Curry, W White, J J Dence, J Wraight and E McMullen who met Teynham PC on 30th April. Agreement to act jointly with Teynham was made by Lynsted on 17th May but with final agreement pending until their Annual Meeting.

Stings in the tail

16th October 1902, Lynsted PC read a letter from Mr Dunn (Clerk to Teynham Parish Council) regarding the “Greenstreet Jubilee Pump”. Lynsted resolved “That a letter be written to the Teynham Parish Council saying that the Lynsted Parish Council is willing to pay half the cost (£5.13s.0d) incurred for repairs to the Jubilee Pump, but that they will not again share the expenses, unless they are consulted beforehand as to the repairs needed & the tradesmen to be employed.” The sum of £2.16s.6d was paid later.

A condemned well

Seven years later, matters hadn’t improved. A meeting of **4th May 1909** read another letter from Mr Dunn (Clerk to Teynham PC) re “Pump expenses”. A reply was proposed: “That the Teynham Parish Council be informed that the Lynsted Parish Council will be willing to bear an equal share in the expenses of repairing the Jubilee Pump only on condition that they have an equal voice and authority over the repairs and they do not see that this object will be attained by one Lynsted Councillor meeting the Teynham Councillors.” But after a demand from Teynham, Lynsted PC proposed: “That the Teynham Parish Council be asked on what grounds they say that the Lynsted Parish Council owes one half of the accounts which they have sent which are all made out to the Teynham Parish Council, and in which the Lynsted Parish Council is not mentioned at all.” Mr B R Dixon was later¹⁸ appointed to act with one Teynham Councillor.

On **24th January 1912**, Mr B R Dixon “attended the meeting to throw light on the matter of the “pump expenses”. As Mr Dixon had sanctioned the ordering of two items only, in the accounts, the Council consents to pay the half of these as requested.

In correspondence of **26th January 1912** we see a pointed exchange between the two Parish Councils disputing the expenses relating to the “Jubilee Pump”. Lynsted refused to pay their half of one (of three) accounts rendered by Teynham PC because Lynsted PC were, again, not consulted. Lynsted paid half each of:

- J Wildash (ordered Dec.1909 paid Dec 1910) – 2s.6d)
- W H Crippen (ordered Sept 1910 paid Dec 1910 – 10s.6d)



3.30 am, 19th November 2008: Police chased a stolen car from Faversham which ended with the young driver cresting Greenstreet Hill at speed, losing control and totally demolishing the Jubilee Pump. Teynham Parish Council held the insurance on behalf of the two Parishes, so they arranged its rebuilding and, in 2009, a time capsule was again created by local school children (1992 being the last time repairs were done and a “scholar’s capsule” laid).

So, there we have it. A monument of sorts; memorable as a landmark but never an effective pump and always a source of conflict and ribald humour!



Queen Victoria died on 22nd January 1901, while in residence at Osborne House on the Isle of Wight. On **2nd February 1901**, the full Parish Council attended the Lynsted Parish Church Memorial Service. On **11th April**, the incumbent Council received a letter from Lord Stanhope regarding collections towards the Queen's Memorial. On **16th April**, a Subscriptions Committee was made up of The Rev T J Sewell, Messrs H W Curry, C R Busbridge, G A H Smith, T L Ackerman¹⁹, W White, and J J Dence. By 16th October they had collected £3.4s.0d (Over £300 in today's money²⁰). We have seen no further records. These subscriptions paid for the Memorial that now stands outside Buckingham Palace along with changes in roads to their present line.







The Coronation date was set for 26th June, but was eventually moved to 9th August 1902. Lynsted Parish Council²¹ decided on 12th May 1902 not to combine with Teynham PC in celebration of the Coronation of Edward VII, which took place on **9th August 1902**. This approach was proposed by Mr T L Ackerman (Clerk), seconded by Mr G A H Smith “that the expense be defrayed by a penny rate.” At a subsequent meeting (22nd May), Mr White proposed and Mr Le Feaver seconded “That a treat be given to all children over 5 and under 15 and to the old folks over 60 years of age, resident in the parish.” Mr Busbridge offered to approach Mr Temple for the “tent” for the treat. They voted also to ask Mr Smith for permission to hold “the treat” in Lynsted Park.

“The parish was then parcelled out into sections to enable the members to obtain the necessary information as to numbers wishing to attend **the celebrations on June 26**.” “That Mr Smith be asked to cater for the provisions and in the event of his refusal that Mr Dawes be asked²².” A Sports Committee was formed – membership unknown.

The **28 May** Meeting received agreement by Colonel Tyler and Mr Smith to use Lynsted Park. They also decided to get prices on coronation mugs. Tenders would be invited from Messrs. Smith, Dawes and Gambell for the provision of teas.

The declaration of peace in the Boer War was also remarked on 3rd June, when the Council agreed to attend the “Thanksgiving Service” at Lynsted Church. At the same meeting, they also heard that Mr Dawes would provide tea for the Coronation Celebration. Childrens’ mugs were ordered from Mr Read at 3s.1d per dozen (£15 today). Printing was given to Mr Parriss. Tickets would be printed for children and old folk to admit them to tea (where a husband or wife only were over 60, both would be admitted). They also set the Service on Coronation Day at 1.30pm. The P.C. also “Resolved that several ladies & gentlemen be asked to assist on the “Coronation Day” also “that Mrs Sewell be asked to convene the meeting for the ladies and a list of names of ladies was sent to Mrs Sewell.”

By June 9, it was agreed to include Mr Court’s swing. Music was to be provided by Messrs Neaves (although nothing is known of what music was played). However, it was decided that the tradesmen of the parish should tender for sole rights to provide sweets, ices, etc. with a curious stipulation that tenders should disclose prices for mineral waters – awarded to Mr Hadlow.

It wasn’t until **17th June** that a sub-committee of the Parish Council (with powers to co-opt) was formally drawn together led by Rev T J Sewell (Chairman), Messrs Busbridge, Dence, White, Le Feaver and Ackerman (Clerk) - “to make all arrangements for the Coronation Festivities”. Somewhat late in the day to formalise arrangements for the **celebrations on 26th June!**

Buton **24th June**, Edward VII postponed his Coronation after developing appendicitis, requiring a life-saving operation by Sir Frederick Treves and Lord Lister. At that time, surgical intervention in appendicitis was extremely risky, so Edward VII had to be persuaded before he would allow his appendicitis to be drained. The next day he was sitting up smoking his favourite cigars.

The Coronation was postponed to Saturday, 9th August, with refunds of tickets for June 26th being agreed²³ and a claim for expenses submitted by Mr Dawes for 36s was submitted at the 22nd July Meeting. It was this latter meeting that decided “That all arrangements made for the Coronation festivities on June 26 be carried out as far as possible on August 9”. Captain Vallance was asked to deliver the beer on 8th August. Those eligible to take part in sports on 26th June were allowed to take part on 9th August²⁴. 25 posters were ordered to support the new date.

As it turned out, June 1902 was a particularly wet month (94mm in London, of which 26mm fell on 13th). Ironically, after a very dry July, the 6th August saw another 21 mm of rainfall just three days before the Coronation!



Celebrations on 9th August did not include a finger buffet!

At its meeting of 14th August, the Parish Council recorded – “Proposed by Mr White, seconded by Mr Le Feaver. That the charge made by Mr Read for box & straw (1s.3d) be struck off

That the Council is dissatisfied with the way in which Mr Dawes carried out the arrangements for tea, & that by not supplying knives & forks, which he had agreed to supply, to all the old people he has broken his contract.” This resolution was sent to Mr Dawes.

Other accounts were settled in full: Messrs Temple (£1.17s.6d), Parriss (18s.6d.), Busbridge (12s), Neaves (£1) & Dence (£7.10s.3d).

At its 19th August Meeting, further bills were settled. With Messrs Read (£3.17s.1d), Mr Dawes (£17.14s.0d), Reynolds (2s.10½d for hire of tumblers), Mr McMullen (5s.6d for washing and carrying mugs to the Park). Later bills included: Mr McMullen (1s.6d for clearing the Park of paper, etc.).

Edward VII died on 6th May 1910 and the Parish Councils again swing into action.



The Parish Council met on **4th May 1911**, noting “A circular from the L.G.B.²⁵ re allowance from rates for coronation celebrations was read.” Proposed by Rev T J Sewell and seconded by Mr Kemp – “That a precept for £30.2s.0d. be drawn on the Overseers for the Coronation Celebrations.” Proposed by Rev T J Sewell, seconded by Mr Busbridge “That Mr Smith be asked to allow the Festivities to take place in Lynsted Park.

This time, the Parish Council formally set up a Coronation Committee from the beginning! We have not found minute books but its business was reported to the main Meetings for approval of payments.

It was agreed²⁶ that the “Celebration” take the form of “A tea for all the school children in the Parish and others between the age of 5 and 14 and also for those over 60 a meat-tea. In the case of married couples both husband and wife would be invited if one of them were over 60. All to be resident in the parish.

The parish was parcelled out into sections, and members and others were appointed to take a census of their area to find out numbers to be provided for.” A list was also made of likely helpers. This proposal was later²⁷ amended to offer tea to everyone less than 60 years old too. At the same time it was proposed that “application be made to the Co-op Society for loan of coppers, tabling, forms, teapots and ladles for use at the forthcoming festivities”.

By **7th June**, organisation had progressed significantly as the Parish Council approved tenders:

“viz: Mr Porter Sugar @ 2¼d per lb if over 56 lbs &
 2½d per lb if under 56 lbs.
 Cake @ 4d per lb
 Mustard @ ¼d per lb

The Co-op stores Bread @ 10½d per gall (?)
 Butter @ 1s.0½d per lb
 Buns at 32 @ 1s. (3 kinds)

They accepted the Co-op’s supply of forms, tables, urns, coppers (2), ladles and other apparatus for 15s. A further offer of forms and tabling from the Wesleyans was accepted at 5s. The use of the Park was, however, without charge as usual but with proviso that broken bottles, etc., be cleared up afterwards. Supply of 366 beef [slices? No unit given] was agreed if the price could be 7d per lb. Mr Porter was asked to supply of 5 hams from 10-12lb each at 9½d per lb. Also Mr Porter to supply 4 dozen lanterns at 1d., 6 lanterns at 6d., and 6 at 4d.

After the celebrations, the PC meeting of 13th July approved accounts to be paid:- Mr George 9s.6d.; Parris 7s.6d.; Elvy 13s.6d.; J Pilcher 17s.; Greenfield 5s.; H Pilcher 10s.; Martin 3s.; Co-op £6.17s.11d; Busbridge 11s.3d.; Reynolds 2s.3d.; French £3.10s.0d.; Filmer £3.10s.0d.; Porter £6.10s.7d.; Belsom 3s.; Wilkins £3.18s.9d; Goodwin 7s.

Mr Busbridge paid 3s. to the Council for what was left of the used poles after the Coronation fete.

“Hearty thanks of the Council be accorded to:-

Mr Mercer²⁸for kindness in lending rick cloths for the tents, for providing water for the tea, & the use of a horse and man on the Coronation day.

Col. Tyler and Mr H Pilcher for the use of the Park, & permission to erect tents and have a bonfire & fireworks.

Mrs Henderson for arranging a Concert and collecting funds for sports, etc. and for supplying the tea.

Messrs S & G George for the loan of timber for the tables & seating.



Mr Spicer for superintending the erection of the tents and seating & tables.

Mr Le Feaver for use of large rick cloth for tent.

Mrs Vallance for gifts of Coronation mugs to the children.

Mr Court for providing mineral waters on the day.

Mr Frank Smith, Leon Ackerman & Mr Cheeseman for their services in the string band & to

Miss Grace Ackermann for her duties as accompanist.

And to the various parishioners numbering over 80 who cooked the meal, and gave their services as waiters on the day. Also to those who so kindly lent horses and vans for carriage of material, and bringing the old folks to the fete and carrying them back afterwards.



The intervening years saw the tragic hardship and personal losses experienced during and immediately after the First World War. The Society proposes to publish a paper about the impact of the two world wars on Lynsted and Kingsdown. In the meantime, contrast the gift of teas and cakes during Royal Celebrations, with a meeting of the Parish Council on **15 January 1917** that recorded - "A letter was read K.C.C. re 'Supply of Seed Potatoes' & no action was taken. Mr Smith promised to supply seed potatoes to the parishioners at 12/= per cwt. The K.C.C. quoted no price & gave no assurance that they would be able to supply such potatoes. Mr Smith's offer only to be open till Feb 20th". 1918 saw an acute potato famine in England due to disease (and in Germany due to our naval blockade, which led to widespread starvation as a weapon to bring the war to a conclusion). However, in **30th April 1917**, the Parish Council resolved "That we do not adopt the Scheme of the K.E.C., either with regard to the purchase of knapsack sprayers or funding the acreage of potatoes in allotments & small gardens or with regard to the purchase of material through the K.E.C." Again, on **10th January 1918**, the question of food production featured in response to "The Rural League" - "The Rural League be informed that the Lynsted Parish Council is of opinion that no more can be done for food production in the parish than is already being done, but that the shortage of meat might be alleviated by allowing pigs to be bred otherwise than at a loss." Allotments throughout this period were expanded and highly sought after in Lynsted parish - unlike today.

From March 1918 to June 1920, the world was in the grip of the Influenza Pandemic that cost between 50 and 100 million deaths globally. As many as 250,000 may have died in the UK (the war and flu meant the population of 45.3m in 1901 reduced to 44.8m by 1921 against an otherwise upward trend). In 1915, Lynsted Parish Council wrote to central authorities imploring those children over 12 years should be allowed to work without prosecution for not attending school due to "the extreme scarcity of labour".

On a slightly lighter note, by the 1920s, the focus increasingly became "labour saving".

*Found in Lynsted Parish Council
Minute Book*





LONG Marriage: The Duke of York chats to Mr and Mrs Nicholls of Frognal Lane, Teynham.



CHERRIES RIPE: The Duke of York chats to Mrs Honeyball in a cherry orchard at Teynham in July 1921, above, and to Mr and Mrs Nicholls, of Frognal Lane, Teynham, right

Photograph from Mary Sutton (nee Spicer), who is the great-great-granddaughter of Mr Abraham and Mrs Mary Nicholls.

The other has come into our possession and is a splendid picture of the Duke talking to Mrs Honeyball while cherry-pickers perch precariously above, watching the scene.



The Parish Council²⁹ records "An invitation from the Teynham Parish Council to Lynsted P.C. asking the L.P.C. to meet them at the Red Triangle Hut on Tuesday June 28 to consider arrangements to celebrate the visit of the Duke of York on **July 14 1921** was considered and agreed to unanimously."

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NINETY years ago this week, the people of Sittingbourne and district were excitedly talking about a memorable royal visit. The Duke of York – later to become King George VI – came to north Kent on the second day of the Lord Roberts' Memorial Workshops Fund on July 14th, 1921 and almost the entire population appeared to turn out to greet him, said the Gazette. Several entire pages of the newspaper, complete with a virtually life-size photograph of the Duke, were given over to reports of his visit, a day which dawned bright "with a nice cooling breeze tempering the heat of the sun". The Duke's entourage, including Maj Gen Sir Bertram Boyce and the Chief Constable of Kent Maj H E Chapman, left Buckingham Palace early that morning and motored down to Kent. After a brief call at Rainham, the royal party headed down the A2 towards Sittingbourne, the Duke greeted by women fruit-pickers who lined the route. At Hartlip Hill, children from the village school, under the care of their headmaster Mr J Labrum, cheered with gusto. At Newington, "an abundance of flags and bunting" greeted the royal visitor as the Duke's car halted for a few minutes. Chairman of the parish council Mr J C Harlow presented the Rev P Hunt to the Duke, who thanked him for his work with the Disabled Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund. Again, the children sang a song for their guest, watching excitedly as their headmaster Mr G Jones was presented. The Gazette commented: "No royalty had been to Newington since King John" – perhaps some poetic licence there. At Keycol Hill, hospital staff and patients lined the road and the cheers continued along the route to Milton Regis. The reporter noted with satisfaction: "Eleven o'clock was striking as the Prince entered the high street and halted at the town hall. An estimated 1,000 Milton children crowded round and the 'Grenadiers', under Mr Cole, were drawn into line, with a background of girls in white." The Duke stood for a few moments, watching folk dancing, accompanied by a piano drawn out into the street. From the windows above, people leaned out to catch a glimpse of the royal visitor. Milton Regis councillors were presented and ex-Colour Sergeant C Bennett was wheeled to meet the Duke. A schoolboys' choir, conducted by Mr Leeson, sang "Men of Merrie England" and the party was on its way again. At Sittingbourne, the Duke was presented to members of Sittingbourne Urban Council, including the chairman, vice-chairman and surveyor Mr W Grant. Another Crimean veteran, George King, was presented. He reminded the Duke that he had met his father the King in October 1914, when he visited Sittingbourne. Also presented were Capt. Donald Dean VC and Mr E Percy. The party moved on to Burley's brickfields, where the Duke met S, W and L Burley and D Glandfield. He was shown bricks being made by hand and introduced to the cadets of Borden Grammar School, under Capt. V Birds. Sittingbourne Fire Brigade, under chief officer Hedley Peters and representatives of the Scouts and Girl Guides were also presented. It's a tall order, but is there anyone who remembers the Duke's visit

East Kent Gazette feature article Part 2 - 29th July 2011

Duke spreads a ray of sunshine

AFTER his visit to Burley's brickworks, the Duke's party moved on to the paper mills. Here, he was greeted by Mr Frank Lloyd and the mill band, which, under bandmaster King, played the National Anthem. A guard of honour of 333 ex-servicemen from the mill, under Maj C Gilham MC, was inspected by the royal visitor, watched by proud members of their families. Afterwards, the Duke was invited to present gold watches to four mill veterans who had completed 50 years' service. They were J Warner, George



Rossiter, Alfred Colthup and Philip Taylor. Next it was time to visit Dean's jam factory in Bell Road, where to the amusement of the women workers the Duke "made a boil of jam", watched by owner Mr G H Dean and Mr Leslie Doubleday. Finally that morning, it was off to Mr Dean's home in Whitehall, where the Duke was shown a mallet presented to Mrs Dean's late uncle. It had been used by Prince Albert to lay the foundation stone of the Great Exhibition in 1851. Then, as a welcome break from his duties, the Duke was served lunch in the Dean's pavilion, to prepare himself for the afternoon. Refreshed, the party drove on to Murston, where it made a short stop at the bakery to be presented to members of the parish council, elderly folk, war widows, schoolchildren, Scouts and Girl Guides. Then it was on to Smeed Dean's brickworks, arriving "amidst a cloud of dust, for we were now off the tarred roads," noted the Gazette reporter. The Duke had transferred to an open car, driven by Mr F J Standen, so everyone could see him. At the brickworks, the Duke was presented to all but one of the directors. Mr George Andrews was too ill to attend. It was pointed out that bricks made on the site had been used to build many important landmarks, including Tower Bridge and Buckingham Palace. A brief visit to the cement works followed, after which the royal visitor was presented with a photograph album about the company. Then it was off to Teynham, where "at exactly 2.15pm, the Duke's car swung into Station Road". Perfect timing. Here he was met at Newgardens by hosts Col and Mrs Honeyball, with a line of schoolchildren creating a letter "A" for Albert (the Duke's name). Young Beattie Lee was dressed as Cherry Ripe, H Harlow as John Bull and Doris Wigg as Britannia – all costumes made by Miss Potts the schoolmistress. The Duke was introduced to Mr and Mrs Nicholls of Frognal Lane who had been married 62 years. Mrs Nicholls told how as a child of 10 she remembered seeing Queen Victoria pass through the village. Finally, it was back to Sittingbourne for the return journey to London, passing the children of the Mission School in Canterbury Road and the county girls' school in the high street. The Gazette reporter noted with some trepidation that the young ladies "let off such a volley of cheering as to almost make the Prince's car rock". The Gazette noted: "The visit of His Royal Highness to this district has cast a ray of sunshine. He charmed us all." It ended saying a film of the visit was to be shown in the Queen's Cinema the following Monday - I bet there was not a spare seat in the house.





Portrait of King George V at the time of his Silver Jubilee



“The best laid plans of mice and men oft go awry”³⁰

Our communities (Lynsted, Erriotwood, Teynham, Lucerne Street (now “Lewson Street”), Barrow Green, Conyer & Norton and Buckland) came together in 1935 to join national celebrations for the Silver Jubilee of King George V on **6th May 1935**. Also, coins were struck, stamps issued, & mugs made. Kent Education Committee decided that all schools would close on both May 6th and 7th, longer if local celebrations made it necessary.

Our story begins on **4th April 1935** when it was decided that our communities should join together to celebrate the Silver Jubilee. Confirmed in Teynham PC Minute Book for 25th March 1935, with their budget of £22. 10s.. King George V was crowned on 22nd June 1911 (one year after his accession on 6th May 1910 on the death of King Edward VII). It was normal practice for coronations to take place one year after accession and this led to a celebration date of **6th May 1935**.

There were five meetings between 4th April and 13th May 1935 (the “winding up meeting” when all planning stages were deemed completed). Then the Minutes were left in abeyance and not signed off until **May 21st 1936!!** No surprises that the same people came together to deliver both Celebrations (some being ‘co-opted’ in absentia – nothing changes! As people know today, volunteer once and your name will be called again!)

4th April 1935 - The first public meeting

In attendance, drawing from each of the Parishes:

Mrs Dixon (Teas) Miss M French (Teas) Mrs G Hales (Teas) Miss Harding (Teas) Lady McMichael (Teas) Miss E Manley (Teas) Mrs O'Brien (Teas) Mrs W Ray (Teas) Mrs E Thomas (Teas) Mr Ashby (Finance) Mr Belsey (Finance) Mr Belsham (Sports) Mr Brett (Finance) Mr Brown Mr Carrier (Sports) Mr Clarke Mr E Dalton (Sports)	Mr J W Dalton (elected Chairman) Mr S Dixon (Sports) Mr Edwards (Finance) Rev. Ehrmann (Finance) Mr Evans (Sports) Mr J French (Sports) Mr P French Mr W French (Finance) Mr Gales Mr Gates (Joint Secretary) Mr Gambrell (Sports) Mr Huntley Mr C Mercer Mr Nightingale Mr A Pilcher (Sports) Mr Radley Mr A Rendall (Sports)	Mr P Sykes (Joint Secretary) Mr R Taylor Mr J Thomas (Sports) Mr W Thomas (Finance; Sports) Mr Thurston Mr Trigg Captain Walterton Mr Wiles (Sports) <u>Apologies</u> Mr & Miss Ackermann Rev. Purser (Finance) Mr & Mrs Roper Lumley Holland (Finance) Mrs Selby (Finance; Teas) <u>Voted - in absentia</u> Mr Datson (Finance) Mr Stone (Finance -)
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Note: The minutes only showed attendance on this and the following Meeting of 8th April 1935³¹.

Setting a budget

Mr Maxted proposed as Treasurer at the third meeting (23rd April 1935) through Mr Thomas.

Parish Councils agreed to raise funds without exceeding the already agreed ‘penny rate’ agreed by Teynham PC. Voluntary subscriptions were also sought³². Norton decided to go the route of raising a quota by voluntary subscription. Rev Erhman offered ‘a giving’ that was gratefully accepted³³ and amounted to £1.1s./od. The Rev Purser announced a special Jubilee Service on the Sunday following 6th May with invitations to Salvation Army, Ambulance Corps and the Parish Councils.

An attempt was made³⁴ to propose a 2d rise in rates to fund the events but this was defeated. House-to-house collections would be organised in Barrow Green (Mr Brett), Erriotwood



(Mrs O'Brien), Lucerne Street (Mr Evans), Lynsted (Mrs Dixon), Conyer (Mr Gates & Mr Dixon), Norton and Buckland (Messrs Belsey & French)³⁵.

A whist drive (including a 2d draw with 1st prize of a tray of fruit (Mr Dalton) and 2nd prize of honey (Mr Sykes) and dance took place in the YMCA Hut on Easter Saturday (27th April). Net profits came to £10.12s10d.

At the "winding up" Committee Meeting of 13th May 1935, there was a surplus of £50. That meeting heard several proposals:

- A Contingency of £5 to be retained. In 1936, the disposable income remaining was £16.2s.7d.
- Flagstaffs at the three schools (guessed at £27.10s.0d.) **Agreed £20**. "Flags Committee" set up to get proper costing. Mr J W Dalton, the two Secretaries, Mr S Dixon, and Mr Rendall. **The cost actually came to £30.10s.0d.** – which was met in part by Kent Education Committee and two subscriptions of £1 each from Mr Judson and Mr Purser.
- **£10** towards the King George V Jubilee Trust Fund **Agreed**. In the end a donation was given amounting to £14.16s.6d.
- £15 to the Ambulance Car Fund. **Agreed** any remainder to this Fund.
- Beakers, now to go to children under school age. **Agreed** - estimated at **£4.10s.0d.**
- £10 donation to form a nucleus of a fund to provide a playing field in Greenstreet. Rejected.
- A donation of £1 was made to the Wesleyan Sunday School trustees.

It was felt by some that the event had been so successful that something like it should be tried on an annual basis. They had no idea that an occasion would arise in 1937! Be careful what you wish for!

Getting organised

The focus of celebration was on children who were on the elementary school register or were of a similar age attending private and secondary schools. The children would enjoy tea, sports and a "souvenir beaker".

This led to three sub-committees with Mr Gates & Mr Sykes acting as joint secretaries:

- Teas Committee: included "all the ladies present";
- Sports Committee: Messrs Belsham, J Carrier, E Dalton, S Dixon, Evans, Gambrell, J French, A Pilcher, J Thomas, W Thomas, Rendall & Wiles. These meetings took place in rooms provided by Mr Nethercoats. Mr Rendall was given a special vote of thanks on 13th May 1935.
- Finance Committee: Messrs Ashby, Belsy, Brett, Datson, Edwards, Rev Ehrmann, W French, Rev Purser, Messrs Roper Lumley Holland, Stone, W Thomas, and Mrs Selby.

Additional Committees,

- Programme Committee – aiming to sell "Lucky Number Programmes" with two prizes. All the men present at the Third Meeting (not recorded) would lead.

All these participants would form the Executive Committee for the celebrations.

Entertainment:

Music to be provided by the Salvation Army Band paid for by a collection on the day (arranged through Mr Trigg – was he in the Salvation Army?).



Teas would be provided by Mr Clarke, but underwritten by the Committee (as it was not deemed to be commercially attractive by Mr Clarke). Any profits to go to the Committee. Mr Mercer's marquee to be used. Water supply was agreed from the Tennis Club (Mrs Monk & Mr Spicer) and Mid Kent Water Company. Hose supplied from Lynsted Park. Boilers and wood were provided through Mr P French.

A licensed dance on the Jubilee Day at the Hut³⁶. Organisation was left in the hands of Messrs Brett, Dixon, Edwards, Rendall, and J French. Cokernut (sic) Shy to be run by Mr Dalton at Newlands. Messrs Walls agreed to a 15% Commission in agreeing to supply ice-cream.

A refreshment licence for Newlands Meadow took a long time to be decided – the approach being handled through the landlord of “The Swan” (Greenstreet).

A pig was provided by Mr Philpotts and by Mr Elgar.

In the event of rain, sports would be postponed until “some future date to be arranged”. It is interesting that children would be excluded from sports.

Mrs Selby's “Union Jack” to be flown.

Plans for “Messrs Penfold's roundabouts fell at the first hurdle as Throwley got in first!

Locations offered: Mr Maxted offered up Newlands meadow for the celebrations – later identified for car parking. Mrs Roper Lumley Holland offered Lynsted Park for a bonfire. They also offered Aymers – which triggered a vigorous discussion about its seating capacity and whether the two villages should go their own way (a move that was defeated in April 1935). In the end, **Newgardens**, Teynham) was offered and accepted³⁷.

Consequently, it was agreed that children from Lynsted and Teynham should meet in Station Road and process together to Newlands meadow. Overtures were made to Messrs Oyler and Burroughs as employers of the Salvation Army bandmen who would be invited to lead this procession.

A fireworks display was rejected³⁸.

Offer of marquee, tables and chairs from Mr Twyman for £35 (reduced to £27.10s.0d). Additionally, 9 Bell-tents were offered – six by Mr Oyler, one each by Mr J French, Mr Philpotts & Mr A Pilcher.

Insurance premium for 6th May 1935 came to £1. First Aid cover was provided by St Johns' Ambulance.

Awards and Rewards

Coronation Mugs (initially approved on 8th April 1935; ordered at 4/6 per dozen firstly from Mr Watts (who refused the order) and then from Mr C Smith (late of Easton's) of Sittingbourne. These “beakers” were received by the 30th April meeting.

Norton Church of England School

It looks like not all children received coronation mugs –

Ann Hadlow (no reason given)

Enid Ward (no reason given)

Derek Tolhurst (no reason given)

Children under school age (who were earmarked to receive beakers funded from a surplus in funding)³⁹

Patience Sumner-More (Worlds End)

Yvonne Tilling (Orchard View, Teynham)

Tony & Beatrice Baldock (Beacon Hill)



Victor Smith (Norton)

Dorothy & June Smith (Buckland Cottages)

Shirley Handford (Upper Tickham)

Ernest Newman (Lower Tickham)

Pat & Fay Slingsby (Norton)

Peggy Fagg (Norton)

James & Betty Oliver (Lewson Street)

Mary Mount (Lewson Street)

Doreen & Margaret Payne (Upper Tickham)

Children's Bounty:

- Fruit: Plans were made to give an orange to each child at the schools.
- Tea. Also free for the band and ambulance but 6d for everyone else.

Old People's Florin

The First Executive Meeting proposed that old people (aged over 70 years) should receive tea and entertainment, but this was rescinded by the Third Meeting⁴⁰ as a step too far on the day. Three alternatives were then considered:

- A present of tea & tobacco
- Tea and entertainment in the hut on some other day
- Present of money – Jubilee florin or (preferably) a Jubilee shilling – to be issued by post-masters with pension payments.

While Teynham PC had 130 old people registered – no-one else (Lynsted and Lucerne Street in particular) knew their numbers at the outset.

In the end, pensioners did receive a florin but as part of the 1937 Coronation celebrations.

Sittingbourne Cooperative Society

It was reported at the 3rd Meeting that the Coop would give every child in the district a chocolate souvenir through the schools.

Royal 'Stamp of Approval' by Queen Mary

At the Meeting of 8 October 1936 – “Mrs Roper Lumley Holland stated that she had sent an account of the local Jubilee Celebrations to a friend connected with the Court who had shown it to Her Majesty Queen Mary, and that the Queen had expressed her pleasure in learning what had been done here. This statement was received by the meeting with great applause.”

Calendar (Meetings held in Wesleyan Sunday School, Greenstreet, at a cost of 2s.6d. per meeting)

4th April 1935 – First Meeting - set out main objectives and organisation

8th April 1935 – Second Meeting

20th April 1935 – Whist Drive and Dance fund-raising at YMCA Hut (for celebrations)

23rd April 1935 – Third Meeting

24th April 1935 – Salvation Army fund-raising concert. Mrs Dalton offered to be Chairman on the day.

27th April 1935 – Whist Drive and Dance fund-raising at YMCA Hut (for Prince of Wales Trust Fund)



30th April 1935 – 4th Meeting - General Meeting of committees – Income reported as £100 and costs of £80.

13th May 1935 – 5th Meeting - General Meeting of committees – “Winding Up” Meeting. Minutes signed off at the 21st May 1936 Meeting ahead of plans for Coronation Celebrations for **George VI**.

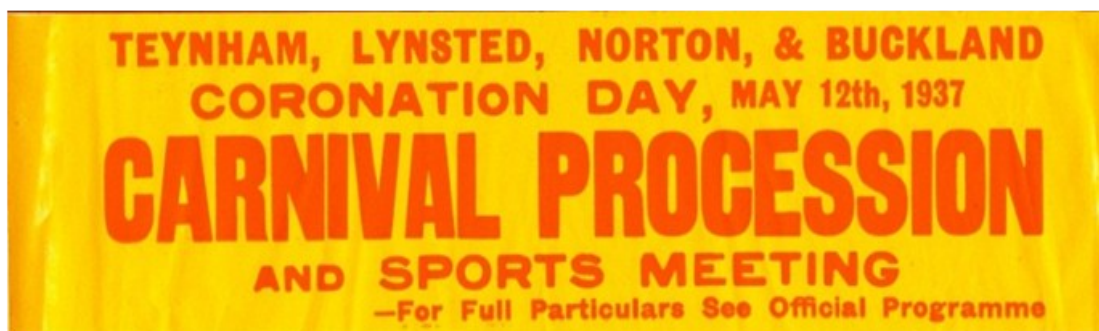
The “final meeting” of the Jubilee Committee took place in the St Johns Ambulance Hut, on Thursday, 21st May 1936. This was also the first meeting for the Coronation Committee. Those present:

Miss Manley	Mr W S Thomas
Mrs Radley	Mr Trigg
Mrs W Ray	Mr Wright
Mr Brett	
Mr Clarke	<u>Apologies</u>
Mr E Dalton	Mrs J W Dalton
Mr J W Dalton (Chairman)	Mrs Dixon
Mr S Dixon	Miss M French
Mr Edwards	Mrs O'Brien
Mr Gambrell	Mrs E Thomas
Mr G Gates	Rev Ehrmann
Mr Stone	Rev Judson
Mr Taylor	Mr Rendall

George V had died (**20th January 1936**) and was succeeded by Edward VIII, who then created an abdication crisis around his love for Wallis Simpson. The crisis became public on 1st December 1936. King Edward's official abdication took place on **11th December 1936**. Consequently, Celebration Committees around the country had to turn their attention to his younger brother, King George VI and a new date to celebrate **his Coronation** in 1937.



Edward VIII, King for just 325 days



After approving the Minutes from May 1935 and learning how disbursements had been made, it was noted there was a “disposable balance” of £16.2s.7d. (£900 in today's money!⁴¹). It was decided that £16 should go to the St John Ambulance New Car Fund – the cheque was made out and given to Mr E Dalton on behalf of the St John Ambulance.. Leaving 2s.7d. to keep the account. For their part, Teynham PC paid £11.9s. As their share of the overall expenses.

Getting Organised

The First Meeting proposed that the three Parishes work together again to prepare for the Coronation Celebrations on **May 12th 1937**. Fund-raising during the winter months should include two whist drives.

The second Meeting (8th October) was the first meeting in earnest and was attended by:

Mrs J W Dalton Mrs Eacott Mrs Hales Miss Harris Mrs Kemp Miss Kemp (Whist Drive & Sports) Mrs Sykes Mrs Radley (Whist Drive) Mrs W Ray (Whist Drive) Mrs W Roper Lumley Holland Mrs E Thomas	Mr Brett (Finance & Whist Drive) Mr E Dalton (Sports) Mr J W Dalton (re-elected Chairman) Mr S R Dixon (Whist Drive & Sports) Mr K Gambrell Mr Nethercoat Mr C Nye Mr Rendall (Sports) Mr W Roper Lumley Holland Mr Stone	Mr Sykes (Secretary) Mr W S Thomas (Finance & Sports) Mr Trigg <u>Apologies</u> Mr Edwards (Finance & Whist Drive – voted in absentia) Col. Leggatt (Finance – voted in absentia; he agreed later) Mr Philpotts (Sports) Mr Wiles (Finance & Sports)
<u>Absent: Responsibilities indicated were voted in absentia</u> Mrs Dixon (Whist Drive) Miss M French Mrs Gambrell (Sports) Miss Ledger (Sports) Miss Manley Mrs O'Brien Mrs Rendall (Sports)	Mr Ashby (Finance) Mr Belsey (Finance) Mr Belsham (Sports) Mr Bull (Finance; he agreed later) Mr Carrier (Sports) Mr Clarke Rev Ehrmann (Finance) Mr Evans (Sports) Mr J French (Sports) Mr W French (Finance & Whist Drive)	Mr G Gates Rev Judson Mr Maxted (Treasurer) Mr A Pilcher (Sports) Mr Sumner-Moore (Finance – agreed provisionally before the third meeting) Mr Taylor Mr J Thomas (Sports) Mr Wright

- **Tentage sub-Committee established:** (Made up of Mr J W Dalton, Mr Thomas and Mr Sykes) Marquee hire was proposed from the Dover Marquee Company for £27.10s.0d. inclusive (£1 deposit paid). However, the meeting also asked for a quote from Mr Green of Stockbury who had a 60 x 25 foot marquee (including carriage, erection, tables, seats, etc.) – this was agreed by the third meeting with a deposit paid of £1.10s.0d. Also a successful approach was made to Mr A L Mercer (Norton Court) for the use again of his tent (as at the Jubilee celebrations). Mr George was asked⁴² to help provide seats, and the school was asked to provide school forms. The YMCA was also



approached for their chairs.

Dover Marquee Company erected their marquee on the Saturday.

- Whist Drive Committee established (5 women & 5 men with power to co-opt): Mrs Radley, Mrs Hales, Mrs Ray, Miss Kemp, Mrs Dixon, Mr Brett, Mr Dixon, Mr Edwards, Mr J French, and Mr Rendall. The opening bid⁴³ of two whist drives in the YMCA Hut (October/November and January/February) was increased to two whist drives each in the “outlying parts” of Lynsted, Norton and Conyer (secretary to arrange). Additionally, a suggestion was made to provisionally book “Melody Makers” for each of the whist drives. The YMCA Hall was firmly booked but rooms were also offered by Mr Cheeseman with tea included, provided people paid for eatables (accepted by the meeting).

The first whist drive generated £4.12s.5d; the second generated £3.19s.2d. A whist drive in Conyer raised £3.1s.6d announced in 1st April to general applause. A whist drive 17th April raised another £6.13s.6d.⁴⁴ to help cover costs of prizes for ‘car dressing’. These events, together, amounted to £18.6s.7d. (or £1,024 in today’s money).

- Finance Committee: same as 1935 plus Mr Bull, Col. Leggatt and Mr Sumner-Moore. The third meeting agree they be empowered to appoint collectors and any arrangements for obtaining funds.
- Sports Committee: same as 1935 plus Mrs Gambrell, Miss Kemp, Miss Ledger, Mrs Rendall, Mr Philpotts and a representative from each of the three schools. £20 was later allocated for prizes etc.
- Other Appointments: Mr Maxted to be invited to be Treasurer (he later accepted), supported by Mr S Dixon.
- Sub-Committee Meeting Room: offered free by Mr Nethercoats (accepted)
- Bonfire at Lynsted Park: promised by Mrs Roper Lumley-Holland.

The third Meeting (18th February) was called by advertisement and was well attended⁴⁵. Updates and discussion included:

- Buckland and Norton join in: Mr W French confirmed their participation in joint celebrations.
- The Programme as a priority was agreed (almost untouched) at the 1st April meeting. Drafting was done by Mr Rendall and Mr Sykes (the Secretaries).
- Coronation mugs to be given to all children under 15 years – sourced from a British maker, based on tender to local traders. At the 18th March meeting, ten were delivered for inspection with prices. They decided on “No.5”, submitted by Messrs Read & Son at 6/3 per dozen (approx. £10.0s.0d. per 500) – just over £1.10 each in today’s money!
- Coronation florins to be awarded to old-age pensioners. Mr Sykes had the task of obtaining new florins and to obtain names from local postmasters. However, they found that the bank could not promise Geo VI florins but could provide new Geo V florins.
- Teas:
 - ◊ to be provided free for children on elementary school registers. Children not attending those schools should submit names and claims to relevant head teachers. The Children’s Teas Committee to be the same as for the Jubilee, with powers to co-opt.

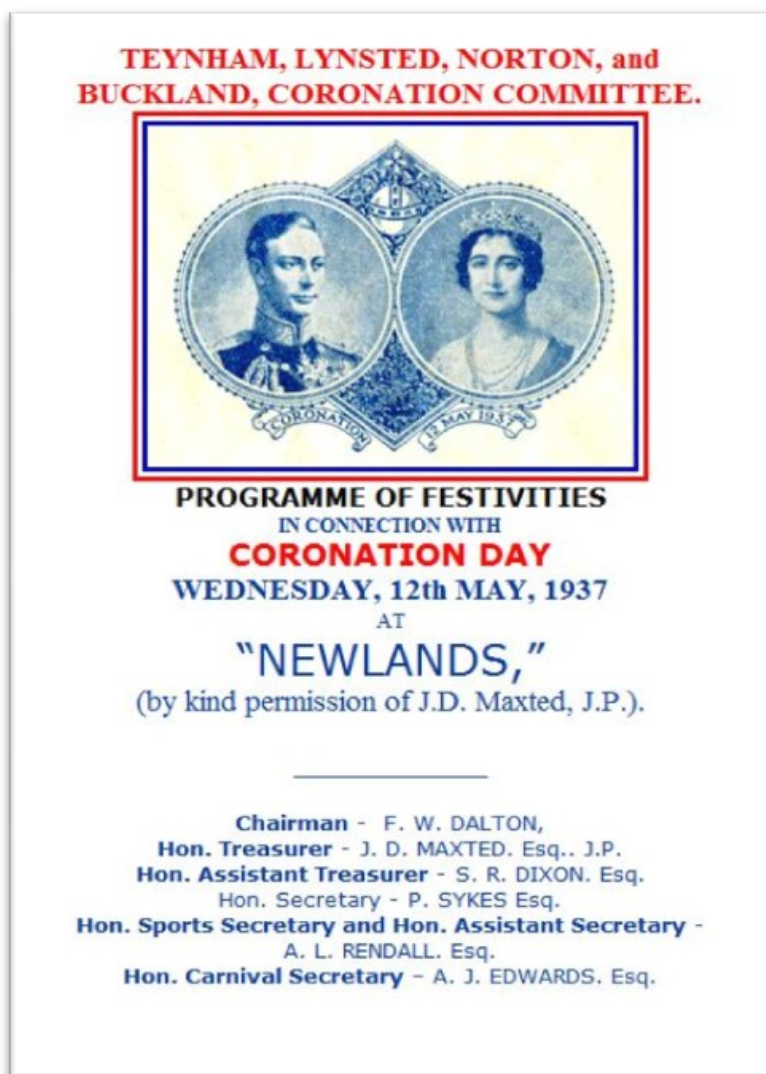


Figure 1 Programme Issued for 1937 Celebrations

of serving sweets but had to be turned down! Mrs Weller was unhappy and wrote again asking for reconsideration – the 29th April meeting decided to ask permission of Mr Nethercoat. It looks as if this was rejected.

- Accident Insurance to be sought by Mr Gambell from Mr Stone along similar lines to 1935. This cost £1 again.
- Fire risks: Mr A E Ferris (Chief of the Fire Brigade) would police the grounds.
- Small Expenditures: Agreement that each Committee be allowed this in line with 1935.
- Procession: involvement to be encouraged by other local societies. By 18th March it was reported that friendly societies were a bit thin on the ground! The RAOB⁴⁸ had ceased locally; Tunbridge Equitable offered support; St John Ambulance could not join the procession but would be on duty on the field.
 - ◇ Salvation Army Band was invited to lead and to give a concert to help the general fund. They were given permission to collect on the field during the celebrations for their own funds.
 - ◇ Advertising posters were proposed, with some pasted to trade vans travelling about the neighbourhood.
- Decorated Cars (or Lorries) Committee: At first there was some resistance but it was

◇ for the general public. Mr Clark was invited to provide these in line with 1935 arrangements. However, he declined the business by the time of the 18th March Meeting and refused a second approach by Mr S R Dixon. Consequently, Mrs Ray offered to get together a band of helpers. These 'boilers and stokers' consisted of Mr Davies to dig the fire-pit and Mr P French to arrange stokers as well as providing a water tank⁴⁶.

◇ This Committee also gave out orders to local providers for eatables. The General Committee had to reject a very last-minute offer made by Messrs Cremers of Sittingbourne [a bakery, then in Crescent Street].

- Licensed victuallers to be invited to tender for supply on the field through the day. This was awarded to Mr Broad (Fox Inn)⁴⁷.

- Sweets Stall: In recognition of the facilities afforded the Committee by Mr Nethercoat, this right was given to him and he would retain any profit. Interestingly, the Committee later received a letter from Mrs Weller (Barrow Green) offering to pay 10/- for the privilege



decided to go ahead with this⁴⁹ as part of the Procession. Membership: Mr Sykes, Mr A L Rendall, Mr A E Ferris (Chair), Mrs Nye, Mrs Snashall, Mr L Dalton, Mr E Smith, Mr Jones Mr Davies, Mr Nye, Mr Edwards (Secretary). They met at Mr Nethercoats' on 5th April with an agreed prize fund of £6 to draw on (including junior classes) – in the event this prize fund was increased⁵⁰ to £7.15s.0d. Classes were agreed; with prizes agreed at £1.10s.0d, £1, and 10s.⁵¹. Judging would take place at the Starting Point. It was felt important that judges be identified outside the Parishes. [It appears passions were on a par with 'prettiest babies' in today's world!? Ed]

- Entertainments Committee: To organise a dance to close the events on the day.

The fourth meeting (18th March) was also well attended⁵²: Deciding and reporting on several matters noted above and:

- Head the Sports Committee report that stated:
 - ◇ Sports would be similar to Jubilee with one or two extras;
 - ◇ Decorated bicycles for juniors (to include three consolation prizes of 1/- in this class⁵³)
 - ◇ The Parade would start ½ hour earlier
 - ◇ Prizes for house decoration
 - ◇ Usual side shows
 - ◇ Cost of prizes amount to £17.13s.0d.
- Head the Entertainments Committee report that stated:
 - ◇ The Carnival Dance arrangements – with any deficit from this account being met from the general account. Mr A E Ferris promised two half-crown prizes for the dance.
 - ◇ The Programme (costing £6) – it was agreed that decisions could be made by the Secretary and Assistant Secretary.
 - ◇ Entrance of 1s. should be charged (£2.80 in today's money).
- **Prize-giving** by "Miss Mercer"⁵⁴ was first proposed but she later said she would be in London on the day. On 1st April it was decided to ask Mrs Selby, who agreed⁵⁵ subject to her health being OK. Others considered were Mrs Honeyball, Mrs Sumner Moore, Mrs McDougall and Lady McMichael.
- **Services**: Letters from Revs Judson and Purser were read out outlining plans for services during Coronation Week.
 - ◇ Dr. Selby's field was favoured for the civic service (he agreed at the 1st April meeting but wondered if Teynham Church was better in case the weather turned nasty) with a collection for the General Fund. A letter from the Vicar of Lynsted also favoured the Church rather than leave the decision to the weather. Following discussion, it was decided to have the civic service in Dr Selby's meadow on the Sunday before Coronation Day. It was also decided to buy printed forms of service at 5s. per 100.
 - ◇ Rev Erhmann reported⁵⁶ a meeting of Clergy regarding a United Service on the day of celebration (regrettably without Wesleyan representative at that meeting). This would be in the open air (with fall-back location of Teynham church if wet) and it was agreed that Mr French would transport a platform from the Vicarage together with chairs and forms. The platform to be dressed and an address being given. A collection also to take place.
- **Subscription Collectors**:. A short meeting of the Finance Committee met after the General Meeting⁵⁷, when it was decided that the people who collected subscriptions in 1935 be asked to do so again.

Further planning and delivery meetings took place on 1st April⁵⁸, 8th April⁵⁹, 29th April⁶⁰,

deciding and reporting on several on-going matters inserted above. There was also a final wrap-up meeting on 20th May 1937⁶¹.

Post Mortem – 20th May 1937

The heavens opened up with higher than average rains in the early part of that May⁶². On **12th May** an Emergency Meeting was called on the field (Mr W J Thomas, Mr S R Dixon, Mr A R Rendall, and Mr P Sykes) and decided that everything apart from the children's teas had to be abandoned! The Sports and other events were moved to the following Saturday. The ground was declared "in an unfit state for children". These decisions were endorsed at the 20th May meeting.

The Procession went ahead and was declared a great success! Some classes were smaller than others so the Carnival Committee decided to reallocate some prize funds to raise the childrens' consolation prizes to 1s.6d. instead of 1s. This led prize expenditure to drop to £9.7s.0d. from the estimated 12s.1s.0d. **Overall, as matters then stood, there was an estimated deficit of £20.** The Committee sought a refund of the unused licence through Mr Broad (The Fox) amounting to 15s.4d. (otherwise the Committee would bear the whole burden). Mrs Dixon had disposed of the surplus of perishable teas.

It was proposed at first that a children-only Sports Day be arranged but this proposal was set aside in favour of the whole Coronation Day programme being reinstated for **29th May**, together with suitable insurance against accidents (another £1). The Sports Programme would be advertised in the East Kent Gazette and that notification given to Mr Broad, Mr Nethercoat and Mr Weller that their services would be engaged on the same terms as before; seeking use of Mr Mercer's marquee again. As the Salvation Army had not been able to make a collection on May 12th, they would be invited to do so on the revised date. The seating had been left in situ and Mr George thought that would be OK.

Reinstated Sports Day – 29th May 1937

The Sports Day was recorded as a success⁶³. Mr Mercer's marquee was secured on the understanding that the erecters were paid – this was endorsed. The overall deficit remained in the region of £20. The meeting proposed "That the parish councils of Lynsted & Teynham be asked to meet the deficit from the rates in the proportion of 2:3."

The final accounts should be published in the press and three copies of the final balance sheet be exhibited in the parishes.

"Notes of thanks were passed on behalf of:-

Mr Mercer, Mr Maxted, The Secretaries, The Chairman, The Lady Helpers".

Calendar (Meetings held in various venues in or next to Greenstreet)

21st May 1936 – "Final Meeting" of the Jubilee Committee & First Meeting of the Coronation Committee.

8th October 1936 – Second Meeting of Coronation Committee (called by advertisement in local press)

13th October 1936 – Meeting of the Whist Drive Committee

2nd December 1936 – First whist drive for fund-raising (YMCA Hut)

6th February 1937 – Second whist drive for fund-raising (YMCA Hut)

18th February 1937 – Third Meeting of Coronation Committee (wrongly recorded as "1936")

18th March 1937 – Fourth Meeting of Coronation Committee ("Workers" meeting)

1st April 1937 – Fifth Meeting of Coronation Committee ("Workers" meeting)

5th April 1937 – Decorated Cars Committee Meeting

8th April 1937 – Sixth Meeting of Coronation Committee



17th April 1937 – Third Whist Drive for fund-raising (YMCA Hut)

21st April 1937 – Salvation Army Concert in the Wesleyan Sunday School – entrance 6d to go to the General Fund that generated £2.13s.od. (suggesting up to 53 people attended)

29th April 1937 – Seventh Meeting of Coronation Committee

12th May 1937 – (Wednesday) Emergency Committee Meeting - cancelled everything except the children's tea

16th May 1937 – (Saturday) Proposed date for the postponed Sports Day – also postponed

20th May 1937 – Post Mortem meeting of the Coronation Committee

29th May 1937 – Full “Coronation Day” Sports Day – reinstated.

3rd June 1937 – Ninth meeting of Coronation Committee. Participants not recorded.

THE ROYAL RECORD
OF TREE PLANTING,
IN HONOUR OF THE CORONATION OF
HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI



This book was given to the Royal Family and British Library. It shows what was done world-wide to leave enduring symbols of the 1937 celebrations around the world. In this part of Kent, tree planting took place of 1 oak in Bredgar⁶⁴, mixed planting in Faversham⁶⁵, one oak and 22 chestnuts in Sittingbourne⁶⁶ and several trees in Lynsted Park⁶⁷:

“Lynsted. In Lynsted Park, near the ancient avenue of lime: 1 oak (*Quercus Robur*); planted by the Marquess of Willingdon, P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.B.E., Constable of Dover Castle, and Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

In the lime avenue: 1 lime (*Tilia europaea*).

Near the wood: A group of willow; planted by the owner, Mrs Roper-Lumley-Holland.”





Images from Barbara Hodges – children unknown



*Mr and Mrs William Brett
19th December 1936 – East Kent Gazette
(courtesy of great-grand daughter, Barbara Coulter)*



Mr. and Mrs. William Brett, of Ludgate-road, Lynsted, have the honour of being the first Diamond Wedding couple in the land to receive a congratulatory telegram from King George VI.

They celebrated this great event on Saturday, and the telegram, which arrived early in the morning, was couched in the following terms, "The King sends you hearty congratulations and good wishes on your Diamond Wedding Day." It was signed by his Majesty's Private Secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Brett also received a wire from Mr. Adam Maitland, M.P. for the Faversham Division, and Mrs. Maitland, and a host of telegrams from friends and relatives. It was while these messages of goodwill were flowing in that a "Gazette" representative interviewed the happy couple. In Mr. and Mrs. Brett he discovered a really bright old couple, young for their years and spirits, and filled with the excitement of the day.

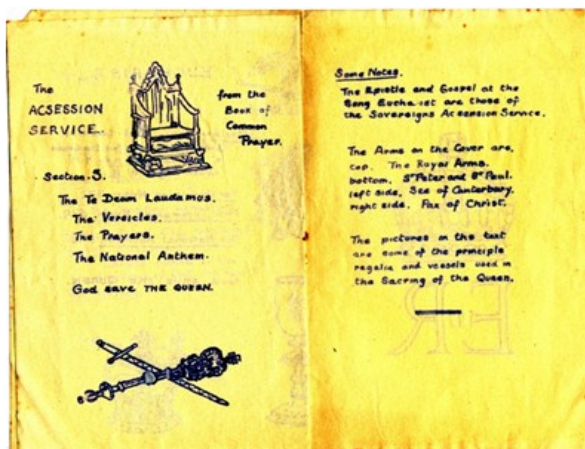
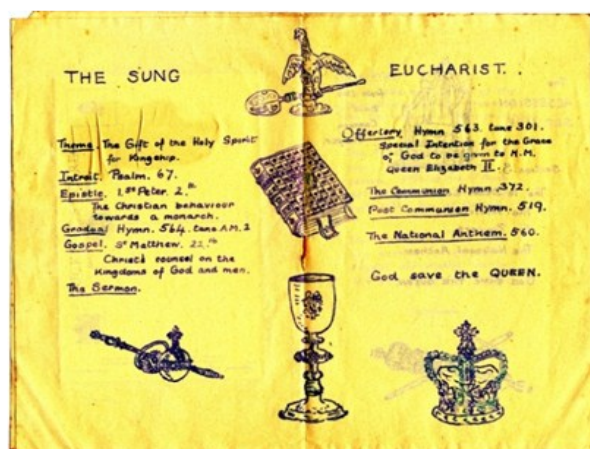
Mr. Brett, who is 83 years of age, was born at Sandwich, and when he had finished his apprenticeship in a shipyard there, he came to Sittingbourne to find work. He got a job as a shipbuilder with the late Mr. Mantle, and lodged in Charlotte-street. It was while he was working in Sittingbourne that he met Miss Jane Elizabeth Brunger, of Norton Lodge, and they were married at Norton Church by the late Re. T. Crowther, then Rector, sixty years ago on Saturday. They lived in Sittingbourne for a short time after their wedding and then went to Faversham, where Mr. Brett worked in the shipyards and also went to sea. He sailed aboard barges, yachts, vessels bringing coal from the North, and the Sandwich tug.

During the War Mr. Brett had an adventurous career. On one occasion a live mine grazed the side of his boat, they missed it by a hairsbreadth, and on another occasion they came upon a submarine. Their fears were allayed, however, when the conning tower opened and British sailors popped their heads out and laughed at the amazed seamen. Once, when aboard the Sandwich tug, the anchor chain broke and a rope fouled the propeller. Pounded by heavy seas which were breaking over the funnel, the tug was driven on to the Ramsgate cliffs. Those on board fought a battle of life and death, while crowds on the cliff top gave up hope, but they won through.

It was a little over five years ago that Mr. Brett gave up work on the Sandwich tug, and he then returned to Lynsted, where he and his wife have made their home with their daughter. Mrs. Brett's life has been devoted to the bringing up of a large family. She has been a wonderful helpmeet to her husband, and their married life has been a very happy one. She is eighty. They have had thirteen children, eight of whom are surviving. Two sons lost their lives during the War.

Their sons and daughter who are living are Mrs. Shilling, Canterbury-road, Sittingbourne; Mrs. Louchwell, Lynsted; Mrs. Piper, Deal; Mr. James Brett, Sandwich; Mrs. Bullock, Eastry; Mr. Wallace Brett, Staple; Miss Brett, Ludgate-road, Lynsted; and Mr. J. Brett, Sandwich. There are fifteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

On Sunday there was a family party to celebrate the occasion, and thirty-two guests were present. A feature of the party was a large cake, which had been made and iced by a grandchild. After a lifetime's hard work Mr. Brett "just potters about to keep fit" now, while his wife is active in the house.



Theme. The Gift of the Holy Spirit for Kingship.
Introit. Psalm. 67.
Epistle. 1st Peter 2.11
Gradual. Hymn. 564. tune A.M.2
Gospel. St Matthew. 22.16
 Christ's counsel on the Kingdoms of God and men
The Sermon.

Offertory. Hymn 563. tune 301
 Special Intention for the Grace of God to be given to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II
The Communion Hymn. 372
Post Communion Hymn. 519
The National Anthem. 560

God save the QUEEN.

The ACCESSION SERVICE from the Book of Common Prayer

Section. 5.
 The Te Deum Laudamus
 The Versicles.
 The Prayers
 The National Anthem.

God save the QUEEN.

Some Notes.
 The Epistle and Gospel at the Sung Eucharist are those of the Sovereigns Ascension Service.

The Arms on the Cover are,
 top, The Royal Arms.
 bottom. St Peter and St Paul.
 left side. See of Canterbury.
 right side. Pax of Christ

The drawings in the text are some of the principle regalia and vessels used in the Sacring of the Queen



On Wednesday, **6th February 1952**, Princess Elizabeth received the news of her father's death, and her own accession to the throne, while she and Prince Philip were staying in a remote part of Kenya (she was staying at Treetops Lodge when her father died and was told when she arrived at Sagana Lodge). The tour had to be abandoned, and the young Princess flew back to Britain as Queen. She was greeted by Prime Minister Winston Churchill and other officials at the airport.

The Coronation took place in Westminster Abbey on **2nd June 1953**. It was a solemn ceremony conducted by Dr Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Representatives of the peers, the Commons and all the great public interests in Britain, the Prime Ministers and leading citizens of the other Commonwealth countries, and representatives of foreign states were present.

Crowds of people viewed the procession all along the route, despite heavy rain. The ceremony was also broadcast on radio around the world and, at The Queen's request, on television for the first time.

Television brought home to hundreds of thousands of people around the Commonwealth the splendour and significance of the Coronation in a way never before possible. The Coronation was followed by drives through every part of London, a review of the fleet at Spithead, and visits to Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

Preparations in and around the Parish of Lynsted

The newly elected Parish Council met on Friday, 30th May 1952, re-electing Mr Dixon in the Chair. The Minutes report correspondence from Teynham Parish Council asking if Lynsted wanted to work with them again. "It was proposed by Mr Ching, seconded by Mr Pilcher and unanimously approved that the Teynham P.C. be thanked for their letter and informed that this Council considered that a joint effort should be made".

The next full PC meeting took place in the School on Tuesday 14th October when we hear: "(4) The Rector of Norton had written saying he would inform the Parish Council of Norton's decision re Coronation Celebrations at a later date.

Mr Waters gave a brief summary of the proceedings of the Celebrations Committee to date. A letter was received from Kent Education Committee (through the Swale R.D.C.) stating that the Committee would probably be presenting a Coronation Souvenir to all school children. It was decided to pass this letter to the Celebrations Committee."

The Parish Council next met 27th January 1953 when "A letter from the Ministry of Housing & Local Government was read. It pointed out that parish Councils were limited to their ordinary allowances if any Coronation expenses were incurred.

Letter from Kent Council of Social Services re Coronation medals was passed to the Coronation Committee."

The Parish Council made no further comment and **sadly the Society has not seen records of the Coronation Committee's deliberations.**

Coronation Day

The **hand-crafted programme**, seen opposite, was found among the possessions of Rev. Gordon Sherwood. Gordon was a long-time local resident, serving as altar boy and chorister in Lynsted Church at the age of 11. This programme was kindly shared with the Society by Gordon's widow, Stella. The Programme is dated 2nd June 1953. Lynsted Parish Church. The Revd. J.D.G. Reeve, M.A. Vicar; A.J.Nicholls and P.Mount, Church Wardens.

The Queen's Coronation Oath (from the Order of Service for the Coronation⁶⁸)

The Queen having returned to her Chair, (her Majesty having already on Tuesday, the 4th day of November, 1952, in the presence of the two Houses of Parliament, made and signed the Declaration prescribed by Act of Parliament), the Archbishop standing before her shall



administer the Coronation Oath. In her oath she declares her loyalty and service to all peoples at home and within the Commonwealth.

Time to party

Across the country there were street parties and civic celebrations. In the Parish of Lynsted we have a wonderful photographic record of the community at Batteries Close, which came together to share in the celebrations. Here, as elsewhere, this celebration gave a welcome break from the austerity and human suffering of six years of war and 14 years of rationing. It has to be remembered that rationing did not fully come to an end until July 1954 when the meat ration was finally removed.

Organisers of street parties, which were very much community-driven, were asked to avoid clashing with the Coronation Day events and as a result many parties enjoyed the better weather later in the week. A tea for the children was the highlight of these parties and it does not appear that permission was required to close the street – not a real problem with a Close!

The homes in Batteries Close, at that time, were built as “Airey Houses” (prefabricated

concrete design introduced here in 1948). They were replaced in 1992 by the homes we see today – with one exception of an original house that the owner would not allow to be demolished.



Batteries Close Street Party, Flo Seager facing



Jean Harris & Joyce Gates



The tables are ready



Barrel Organ Entertainment



Coronation Fancy Dress at Batteries Close 1953

Fancy dress parade



The fancy dressers



The house of Joyce Gates dressed for the occasion



Lynsted 1953 Coronation Pageant

In addition to the regular village fete that took place in Park Farm, Lynsted ran a royal themed event at Aymers. These were led by "Pageant Queens" and a parade representing people of the world. These images have come to us through local family members Roy Woodward, Ellen Olney, Alec Lewis and Maggie Goodwin. As part of the Social History Project that began in 2009, the Society has learnt the names of several (but not all) the people shown.

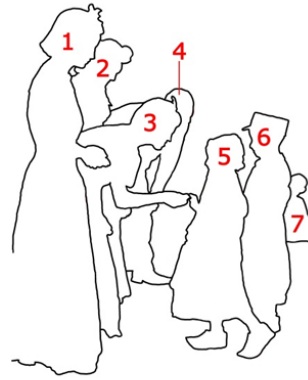


1. Yvonne Stickings; 2. Dot Hartshorn & Baby Ann; 3. Mavis Hartshorn; 4. Not known; 5. Len Apps; 6. Rosemary Stanley; 7. Not known; 8. Michael Sutton; 9. Not known; 10. Ann Taylor; 11. Johnnie Buttle; 12. Not known; 13. Joan Huntley; 14. Not known; 15. Robin Austin; 16. Dawn Clark; 17. Mrs Eames; 18. Alan Eames; 19. & 20. Not known; 21. Roland Grigsby.

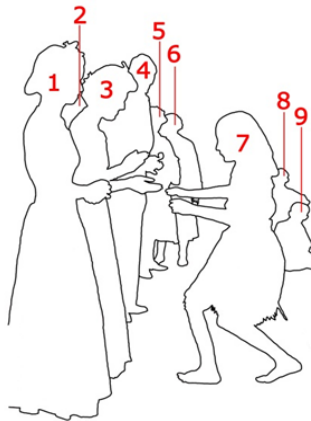


1, 2, & 3 Not known; 4. Mrs Reeve (Vicar's wife); 5. Rosemary Stanley; 6. Joan Huntley; 7. Dawn Clarke; 8. Edward Jemmett; 9. Brian Underhill; 10 & 11. Not Known; 12. Johnnie Buttle; 13. Robin Austin; 14. Michael Sutton; 15 & 16. Not Known





1. Rosemary Stanley; 2. Dawn Clark; 3. Joan Huntley; 4. Rev. Reeves; 5, 6 & 7. Not known.



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Fancy dress parade



Guest of honour & prize giving

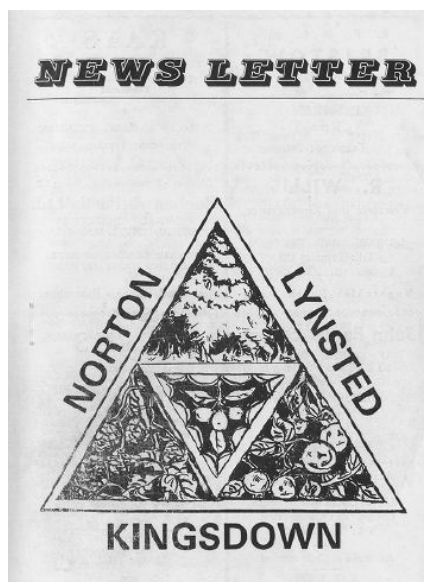




It is curious that very few personal records have been uncovered by the Society covering Parish celebrations on 7th June 1977 held on the **St. Peter's Place green**. That said, 1977 fell into a time of considerable economic turmoil and political instability, when 'royal celebrations' became caught up in general disquiet over State competence and financial mismanagement. During the period (1974-79), all political leaders changed; in 1976 an IMF bail-out was imposed; the Lib-Lab Pact (1977-78) applied a temporary and inadequate plaster to the maelstrom facing the country. We were also heading towards the Winter of Discontent (1978/9).

The Queen tried an upbeat message in her May 1977 Silver Jubilee address to Parliament: "Perhaps this Jubilee is a time to remind ourselves of the benefits which union has conferred, at home and in our international dealings, on the inhabitants of all parts of this United Kingdom. A Jubilee is also a time to look forward. We should certainly do this with determination and I believe we can also do so with hope."

A new social history resource: the Kingsdown, Lynsted and Norton Newsletter.



More locally, June 1977 also saw the first issue of the Kingsdown, Lynsted and Norton Newsletter. Then, as now, our Newsletter has recorded many events and personalities across our Parishes and emerges as a valuable historical resource.

Parishioners were asked⁶⁹ to help prepare the green, but few records describe how the Community must have worked together to make this a reality. In any case, it rained on the day! (Norton's celebrations avoided the poor weather by taking place the following weekend and they enjoyed a large decorated cake made by Princess Andrew, second wife (Nadine) of Prince Andrew Alexandrovitch of Russia).

"JUBILEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As stated on other pages part of Lynsted's celebrations will be a family party on the green outside St. Peter's Place. We would like to clean the green up a bit before-hand and so volunteers are needed a few days before to give it a little spit and polish. If you can spare a while to lend a hand please contact John Martin on Greenstreet 535 for details. Still on the subject of celebration, we hope to have a real live traffic warden to keep the traffic at bay while the parties are going on. Mr. Godden has volunteered to carry out the duties - uniform and all. We are most grateful to him and look forward to having our own special traffic warden for the occasion."

"(CHURCH) JUBILEE AT LYNSTED

THE SERVICE. The official service of thanksgiving will be on **June 5th** at 10a.m. We hope to welcome members of the Parish Council and we hope that as many people as possible will join in our worship on that day so that the whole village will come together to give thanks for the 25 years of our Queen's reign.

CHILDREN'S PARTY. About 140 children will gather on the school playing field (weather permitting) on **June 7th** for tea and games. Each child was to be given a medal to commemorate the Jubilee, but due to the enormous demand the banks are unable to cope and therefore it will be necessary to distribute these medals some time after the actual Jubilee, but rest assured that they will be distributed as soon as they are available. As some of the games will involve running and gym shoes would be an advantage.



FOR THE FAMILY. There will be a barbecue party on the green opposite the Black Lion later the same evening, commencing at 8p.m. Tim Matthews of the Black lion will be running a bar in one corner of the green, hot-dogs and hamburgers will be served in another. All round it should be a good evening for all the family."

After the event, the Vicar reported⁷⁰, "The Parish Council were present to mark the occasion and about sixty people joined in the service. The lessons were read by David Bage (of Lynsted) and Bill Washington (of Kingsdown). The Church had been decorated beforehand with flowers. The Horticultural Society took over much of the responsibility for this and everyone appreciated their efforts. We were surprised in the morning to find a new arrangement had appeared overnight. This was the work of "The Screetons" who had slipped in without saying anything and produced an arrangement which was the subject of envy and admiration to all flower arrangers. Thank you all for making the church look beautiful. Thanks also to the labour gang who spent Saturday morning sweeping and polishing so that the floor and pews gleamed."

"JUBILEE AT LYNSTED"⁷¹

Tuesday June 7th was the appointed day but a lot of hard work went into the days before. The school and the green were decorated with the bunting that the ladies had been making over the past weeks. Tables and chairs were gathered together and anxiously counted so that we could be sure of being able to seat all the children who wanted to come.

On Tuesday morning there were anxious eyes raised towards the sky and it was decided, without much argument to hold the children's tea in the school. The tables and chairs were arranged and somehow we managed to fit in the 150 or so children who turned up. We even found room for Johnny Magoo in one corner. The food which people had prepared was collected or delivered and arranged on the tables. Some was held back in reserve. The children arrived at four and cast eager eyes on the tables so by 4.20 we decided to try fitting them all in. This was done and after the National Anthem battle commenced. It was rather like watching 150 vacuum cleaners at work and it took little time to clear decks. The last things to go were the sandwiches. The weather showing some signs of improvement we decided to go ahead with the outdoors programme. Unfortunately, after what seemed a very short while, down came the rain again and the children returned to the school to collect balloons and eat ice-cream. Each child was given a Jubilee medal together with a bag of sweets and they left, as far as we could judge, having enjoyed themselves despite the weather.

With lots of people helping it didn't take long to have the school cleared and tidied up. Some of the things were needed for the evening 'do' and these were carried down. As well as this, what the army used to call "the unexpired portion of the days rations" went toward the evening party.

This party started around eight and apart from an odd shower the weather was dry if a little cold. Brant Screeton's hot dogs and hamburgers were a warming feature as was Elaine Braham's hot soup. There was a good crowd and I think that everyone enjoyed themselves.

One of the best things about the whole day was the way in which the village celebrated together. People from all parts joined in and hitherto strangers (who in fact live only yards apart) became acquainted. In a village like Lynsted, which is really a series of separate units, it is very easy for each particular bit to think of themselves as the village and to look upon the others as outsiders. After June 7th this should be no longer the case. We came together to celebrate together; we can go on being together; we can go on being a community and not individual bits of a village.

Anyone who was present at either of the two functions will realise what a tremendous amount of work went into it. The original committee expanded as it went along, many people volunteered to help, many people made contributions of cash and kind aid by the day there was a small army engaged. Normally we would not pick out individuals for praise but we feel that no one will begrudge a special mention to John Martin who masterminded the whole thing and who took a great load of work on to his own back. Looking after the catering was Elaine Braham and her organisation of the supply and demand was wonderful.. We wonder how-many trips John (together



with his aids, Fred and Arthur) made backwards and forwards from house to school, school to green during the day: To all who helped a very warm round of applause and our grateful thanks.”

[Newsletter Editor in 2001, David Bage, footnoted in the lead-up to the Golden Jubilee (2002): “None of the characters mentioned in Bill's story of events is with us in Lynsted today. Brant Screeton and Arthur Braham have since died. Fred is now living in Canterbury, Elaine is down in Cornwall and Bill, himself, is in Bridport. John Martin was last heard of in East Kent somewhere. Your editor would welcome memories of that day and the earlier Coronation Day, from any of our readers”]

LYNSTED JUBILEE BALANCE SHEET

CREDITS (Donations, gifts) £351.98

EXPENSES

Prizes, games, medallions,

Johnny Magoo, etc. £293.74

BALANCE £58.24

In order that the balance is for the benefit of children it has been decided to donate approximately £50.00 to the school to purchase audio equipment.

The balance of £8.24 will purchase a small tree for planting on the "island" opposite Berkeley House. A commemorative plate will be bedded into a concrete plinth at the foot of this tree with a suitable inscription.

May I, on behalf of the Jubilee Committee, thank all those who so generously donated cash and kind. John Martin” (Chairman of the Committee).

Being the Editor of the Newsletter can be tricky.....

“JUBILEE COLLECTION

We apologise to Peggy Dixon for leaving out an interim total of the amount so far collected for the National Jubilee Fund. Owing to several pages having to be retyped this item was unfortunately missed out. We are pleased to rectify our error and to say that the total now stands at £206.81. We hope that more will be coming in and meanwhile our thanks to the collectors for their very worthwhile efforts.”

FOUND

Someone has lost a brown and white plate. It appeared during the clearing up after the Lynsted Jubilee party. At the moment Mrs. Braham, Medlar House is taking care of it and will pass it on to whoever owns it.

CONGRATULATIONS – The Silver Jubilee Medal.

“Our congratulations to Ken Kinsella on the award of a Silver Jubilee Medal⁷². Ken lives in Teynham but we know him this side of the road as Farm Foreman at Batteries Farm.”



Wedding of Prince Charles & Lady Diana Spencer

There were no celebrations that we know of on **July 29 1981**, but the Parish Newsletter of July 1981 records a poem offered by Rita Phipps, so evocative of that time of optimism for the fairy-tale marriage:

The Prince of Wales loves Lady Di,
Who is beautiful and shy.
On the 27th (sic) of July
All our worries we'll be shedding
As we watch the Royal Wedding.
Very much I'd like to say,
On this very happy day,
Best wishes I will send their way.







Principle papers were furnished from personal records of Tom English (the then Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council Chairman).

If it was not clear in 1977, it becomes clearer by 2001-2 that the Parish Council's ability to lead and expect widespread and enthusiastic participation by "the local community" in organising celebrations could no longer be assumed! Public sentiment had changed.

One hundred years of change

With accelerating changes in communication it became easier for individuals to identify with diffuse communities of interest both nationally and globally. There has been growing 'time poverty' as the UK became the nation that has the longest working hours in the developed world. In 2000, 1 in 3 workers were professionals or managers; in 1911 the figures were 1 in 7. Communities had become more dispersed as they no longer lived where they worked. Life expectancy moved from (1911-15) 63% of people dying before they were 60; in 2000, only 12% die before 60 – and this has, in part, created a group who enjoy the time in retirement to pursue and organise around their own diverse interests. Numbers of children per family dropped from 3.5 to 1.7 – so the balance between children and adults in society changed. Organised family entertainment was more easily accessed and diverse too (TV, holiday camps, overseas holidays, etc.). The old assumptions could no longer be supported and new 'centres of focus' emerged – sometimes centred on home entertainment, sometimes reflecting easier access to alternative entertainment.⁷³

"Parish boundaries" have become less and less relevant to the way we organise ourselves in society. Ironical then that joint working with neighbouring parishes also decreased over time when collaborative effort may be more relevant to modern style of living and communication! But without the stimulus provided by the Parish Council, these events appeared unlikely to happen at all. And people did turn up on the day, so there was an appetite for such events, even if fewer people were involved in driving them. Behind the scenes the numbers of unsung heroes remains large.

The organisational journey

Whatever the reason(s), a public meeting, called through the Parish Newsletter at the end of 2001, did not attract any public participation and the Parish Council (with limited early interest by the school) felt that all responsibility for fund-raising would also fall to a small "Jubilee Committee". Organisation of children's events and delivery of commemorative symbols around the village fell to the Working Party led by Fiona Jones (co-ordinator), Julie Barrett, Chris Turner and Tom English (PC Chairman).

The position of the school was not made any easier with the KCC warning of 3rd November 1999 still ringing in their ears – "Any Hirer of KCC premises must arrange and provide evidence that they have a Public Liability policy for a minimum of £5m." In the event, a nominal fee of £15 was agreed so that the celebrations would operate under the KCC's own insurance. Gone were the days of public indemnity for large outdoor public events at a cost of £1! The school also faced a mixed response from parents and guardians about being available to supervise their children – as many as 10 attending children would not be supervised and this greatly concerned the Parish Council.

By the time of the Celebrations, it was agreed the school would teach the children what the historical significance was supplemented by a display in the hall showing events over the past five decades. Bunting was put in hand and dressing-up was strongly supported (see photograph at the end of this section). There was some discussion of a picnic (weather permitting on 31st May) and song and dance on the day. All elements were to reinforce curriculum based work.

The Working Party met formally from **11th November 2001**. From the outset the main focus was on a day-time celebration (4th June 2002) for the children and an evening party



with 1950's music for the adults. The meeting of **10th December**⁷⁴, received the footpath map and agreed its unveiling on New Year's Day. By the time of the **31st January 2002** meeting, the Working Party was resigned to the absence of a community-led celebration for the whole Parish. Early attempts to stimulate interest through the Parish Newsletter had drawn an initial blank. Disheartened by other reports that some of the Parish (Batteries Close and a group in the village) were going to 'do their own thing' meant there was a very real risk that the PC would withdraw and leave the school also to 'do its own thing'. In that case, the Working Group considered the option of a "Memento from the Parish Council" as an alternative to celebration. This might still cost around £1,000 (roughly 200 children being assumed). No funds existed for this.

Separately, the Parish Newsletter⁷⁵ invited anyone sharing a birthday with the **Queen's Accession** (6th February 1952) to declare themselves as they would be eligible to join the Golden Jubilee Garden Party in London on **9th July 2003**. Applications to the Lord Lieutenant of Kent (this post changed from Robert Leigh-Pemberton, Baron Kingsdown, to Alan Willett on 23rd January that year).

Matters improved a bit by the meeting on **4th February**. The meeting was attended by Fiona Jones (who also reported on behalf of the School – Carol Wakelin apologies), Julie Barrett, Chris Turner, Tom English, David Bage, Ann Diamond, Bob Baxter, Len & Myra Scott, David Shaw (Swale In Bloom) and Julia Bradwell (PC Clerk). The group had by then got 68 replies (35 to 40 families) for the afternoon party. The Working Group seeking funding from Norton (whose children attend the primary school). David Bage argued for a more personal approach to drumming up interest and building funds (rather than relying solely on flyers in the Newsletter). Plans were put in place for a coffee morning at **10.30 am, on 9th March**. Invitees to include the PTA and School Governors to increase their involvement. All those attending agreed to share responsibility for a fundraising event. The target for funding the celebration was "around £2,000". Fiona Jones succeeded in getting special guest Mayor of Swale, Cllr Brenda Simpson, to join the fund-raising coffee morning. A separate Newsletter Notice⁷⁶ invited teenagers in particular to join a public meeting on **Monday 4th February** to consider forms of entertainment. This didn't appear to lead anywhere new. However, the primary school did confirm their participation in celebrations through the Parish Newsletter⁷⁷. The children contributed to the Flower Festival that year too. The School grounds and facilities were made available to the Jubilee celebrations.



Editorial dose of perspective

Apparently, the initial lack of response foretold the decline of Royalty and our interest in it. David Bage, then Editor of the Newsletter and long-term contributor too many community events, 'bit back' against "Mr & Mrs Grouser"⁷⁸. As he put it, "...in true British tradition, many communities are a bit slow off the mark with their preparations, the Mr and Mrs Grouser of this world are having a field day. I don't remember us getting wound up in 1977 until much nearer the day. In the Coronation year where I was there were no street parties, neither in the part of Wales I was living in nor in Sutton Coldfield where I watched the thing for the whole day on this new-fangled thing, television.....As someone who has lived through an even earlier jubilee, as well as a coronation, I must say I cannot remember the fervour about these events that people claim we have lost. As a twelve year old at the time of the George V jubilee in 1935 I am sure I would have been invited to a children's party if there had been one (I did with my brothers get taken up to London by my parents to watch a procession one evening to see the King and Queen go by – and I did get a Jubilee mug!). That earlier coronation (there was no television in those days) seems to have gone by without leaving anything in my memory at all except the fact that Player's Cigarettes had a cigarette card set of the ceremonial costumes worn by the various people involved in the coronation (a set I've still got). I expect that, in the end there will be many parties and events in villages and streets all over the country, enough for people in the future to look back and say 'we don't do things now as they did way back in the year 2002!'. Engagement did pick up around the time of this editorial (written in February for March).

Norton Back Page Review: "Jubilee 1952-2002"⁷⁹, added that looking back over the periods measured by Jubilees caused many to reflect on their own history based on records being unearthed at the time of celebration. Only, more recently, television has been added to the mix. This observation is all the more relevant to the Society's ambition to observe local history since earlier royal celebrations!

The Working Group met again on **11th March** with Fiona Jones, Anne Diamond, Len and Myra Scott, David Bage, Carol Wakelin (school), Julie Barrett, Chris Turner, Tom English, Judith Bell and Julia Bradwell. They were encouraged to learn that £300.20 had been raised by the coffee morning – including £8.10 from the Women's Institute and £50 in a 'blind auction' for the footpath map⁸⁰. The raffle raised funds but left one prize of a bottle of whisky and a bowl from Artisan left unclaimed! A bank account was opened with four signatories – Fiona Jones, Tom English, Julia Bradwell and David Bage. The meeting agreed to run a raffle on **4th June**, trying to sell 5,000 tickets at 20p each (suggesting £1,000 less printing costs through Mr Barrett). A quiz night was planned at the school on **11th May**, with quiz-master Chris Turner. Norton Parish Council had agreed to cover the cost of Mementos given to children from their Parish. A couple of children from Kingsdown encouraged the Working Group to invite Milstead/Kingsdown to offer support. Any surplus beakers from the 200 ordered would be sold off at the celebration. There was another meeting on **15th April**, which concluded the details around – catering for the children's party food; the disco for 10-16 year-olds; the evening celebrations for 9 – 99 year-olds; and the raffle and quiz evening on **11th May**.

The Parties – children and adults

The children's party, in the grounds of the school, was planned to run from 2pm, aimed at 0-10 years old group. This would be followed by a disco from 4pm to 7pm for 11+ children. Registration of interest stood at 53 children at the **11th March** meeting, drawn from the wider catchment of the primary school (only 28 came from Lynsted). That meeting also heard that the school would send applications for the party and mementos through the school to build up the numbers and to ensure that all children were supervised.



For adults, a party was arranged on the green at St Peter's Place, opened by the Mayor of Swale, including a live Jazz Band ("Eight Ball"), barbeque, fancy dress, and a firework display at 10.30 organised by, David Cherry, the owners of Stedlyn Farm, supported by contributions from Albert Connor, David Ferret, Brian Silcox, and David Haffenden.

This whole event was a tour de force for the leadership of Fiona Jones and her supporters in the Committee.



TEYNHAM GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE

invites you to join them on

Tuesday 4th June 2002

to celebrate the
Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Teynham is celebrating in style at The Meadow
(next to the Village Hall) and in the School Field
from

1.00 pm until 11.00 pm on that day.

1.00 to 5.00 pm - Traditional
Country Fayre with attractions
including traditional fairground
rides, a steam railway, sheep
shearing, fun and games, Big
Dance Band, magician, local
tent, side stalls with lots to buy
and loads of games to play.

5.00 to 7.00 pm An open air Kids Disco with
Tracey and Paul at the helm. No charge. Just
come along and join in. Just remember the
disco isn't supervised so why not stay with your
children and enjoy the fun. Hot food will be
available as is the Beer Tent.

7.00 to 11.00 pm

'Sneaking Sally',

our Live band, will entertain you

with hits from the 60's up to the present day. The

band will be sandwiched between Tracey and

Paul playing you loads of 'get up and dance' tunes.

Hot food will be available throughout the day
and the licensed beer tent will remain open until the end.

There is **NO CHARGE** for admission just come along,
enjoy the fun and don't forget to bring your deckchair!

ROAR

LYNSTED The Golden Jubilee Celebrations Tuesday 4th June 2002 From 7.30 pm

For one evening and one evening only there will be a party at St Peters Place
Green and The Black Lion to celebrate the queens Golden Jubilee
There will be

A live Jazz band

Food will be served throughout the evening

The chance to win the Jubilee raffle

Fireworks from 10.30 pm

The raffle will be drawn at 8 pm on the green.
Tickets available on the night (or contact Mr Turner
on 521537)

This is an open event everyone is welcome

Other jubilee events on the day are the

Children's Tea Party at the school from 2 pm. The Mayor of
Swale will open this event. There will be fun and games for
the 0 - 10 year olds followed by juice jelly and jam (food will
be supplied by the community any children with food
allergies should bring their own food. Children must be
accompanied by an adult

Live band at the School from 4 pm - 7 pm (apx). The band is
a local band called EIGHT BALL they will be playing live from
about 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm. Soft drinks will be available. This
event is for all those under 16. It is on school property and
there will be no alcohol available. Alcohol will not be allowed
on the premises



National Celebrations included the striking of a five-pound Commemorative coin and stamps



School Celebrations – 4th June 2002



This fancy dress party was joined by Mayor Cllr Brenda Hammond (waving in purple) at the 2pm kick-off. She was asked to judge the fancy-dress with prizes for:

Older Girls	1 st	A Jubilee flower	Rosa Sullivan	age	10
	2 nd	The recycler	Sophie Camber	age	9
Older Boys	1 st	A Football supporter	Josh Mills	age	7
	2 nd	A Devil demon	Michael Camber	age	8
Younger Boys	1 st	A Palace Guardsman	John Jones	age	2 ³ / ₄
	2 nd	Spiderman	Rory Stewart	age	3
Younger Girls	1 st	Tawny Owl	Eleanor Booton	age	6
	2 nd	H.M. The Queen	(So good a disguise we couldn't tell)		

Entertainment for the children included pinning the crown on the queen, lucky straws, bean bag targets, build a crown from Lego, etc. Tea and cakes came through the efforts of Len and Myra Scott with Ann Diamond. The final game before tea, silent statues, was a triumph of 'stillness' for (boys) Callum and Elliot King (6) and for the girls, Georgie Andrews (6) and a girl who didn't leave her name. First Aid cover from the St Johns Ambulance personnel,





Teddy Bassant and Steve Homan. Prizes supplied by Mr Haffenden (D&A Toys) while sweets were donated by the Co-op.

The grand finale was a release of balloons, seen above, after a boisterous tea in the school hall – made necessary by the rain.





Golden Jubilee Mugs



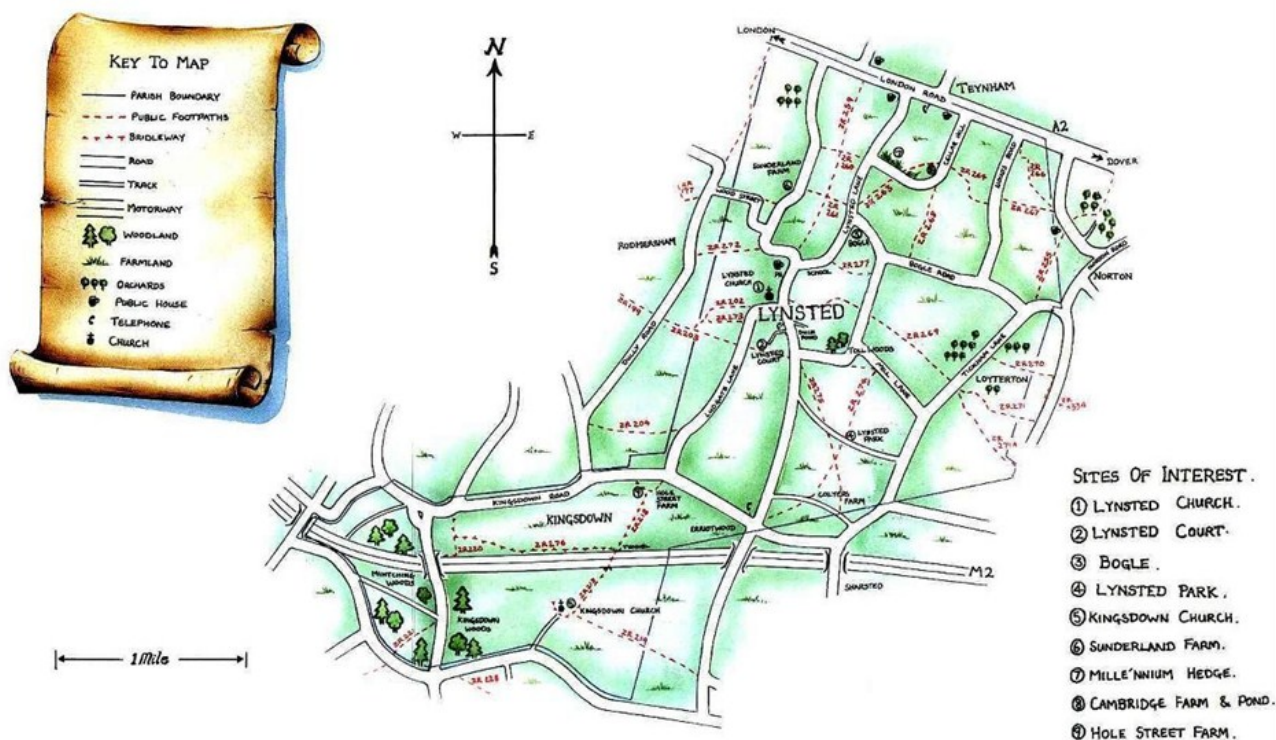
Efforts to raise £1,000 took place to make sure that every child in the Parish would get a specially commissioned mug. These efforts included a coffee morning supported by Mayor Cllr Brenda Simpson in March 2002⁸¹. The delivery was delayed and final distribution didn't take place until the August Bank Holiday Fete celebrations later in the year. Even then, in October, some Jubilee Mugs were not claimed – so, I wonder whether the following ever got their tankards – they all lived on London Road - Joanna and Nicholas Turner, Cody and Jaycee Hopper, Madeleine Shaw, and Daniel Martin? Just a thought.

Footpath Map

From May 2001, Cllr Chris Turner led the commissioning of a footpath map from local artist and photographer David Antony Crouch. It was proposed that framed versions be sold with guide price of £40-45 to help cover Parish Council expenditure. A quantity of three-fold copies were also produced for fund-raising.

1,000 copies of the map were sold to help cover costs and raise awareness. A grant of £500

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was identified; the original planned costs were £490 on art work and printing and £180 on the installation (Total £670).

On **1st January 2002**, a framed and mounted map was unveiled in St Peter's Place⁸². The frame and pedestal, designed by David Crouch, was built and provided by Cllr Frank Champion.

The Dedicated Flowerbed

The Parish Council and Swale in Bloom supported the planting of a dedicated flower-bed in St Peter's Place, opposite The Black Lion on **5th April**. Planting included Queen Elizabeth roses and lavender plants that were donated by Amethyst Nursery. Pictured here are a very young John Jones (watering), watched by (from left) Pam Lewis, Julia Bradwell, Tom English (PC Chairman), and jubilee organiser, Fiona Jones.



Councillor Frank Champion kindly donated a bronze plaque, mounted on an oak plinth. Sadly, this plinth and plaque have since disappeared.

David and Sally Shaw, who first proposed the idea, estimated the proposed flower-bed at St Peters Place would cost £162.50 for plants. However, the lavenders were actually donated by Mr Fox (Amethyst Nurseries – next to the school). Labour included much appreciated effort by Mr Shaw would have to be provided by the community. An initial letter drop to the residents elicited one letter of support from Mr John Minns but practical help did arrive on the day for planting.

Tree planting

With the agreement of the land-owner, then Mr Murphy, a small-leaf Lime tree (*tilia cordata*) was planted in the field opposite the Pond protected by a special metal guard, again with a plaque mounted on an oak plinth donated and fixed by Cllr Frank Champion. The choice of tree began with an oak⁸³ but the association of the village name, Lynsted, is taken to have its roots in the Old English “Lind”, which later became altered to “lime”.

In earlier discussion, Mrs Dixon (Cambridge Farm) had offered a planting space alongside her pond where an old Turkey Oak (*quercus cerris*) once stood. The Parish Council welcomed the proposal, provided funds could stretch to two trees. This idea was later dropped. Alternative sites that were explored at times included the graveyard and the triangle of land outside Berkeley House – there was a £500 budget for tree-planting.

A report to the Parish Council AGM (14th May) summarised the position as the Jubilee Committee found it at their final meeting on **13th May**. The Community had responded through a small number of enthusiastic people who helped the parish councillors in the working group, but there had been a more general disengagement from the organisation of (e.g. funding of **mementos**) from parishioners in Lynsted, Norton, Kingsdown and Milstead. The **footpath map** had cost the parish council £170 after £500 had been contributed by a grant from Swale Borough Council. The Parish Council budget set aside for **tree-planting** was £500, but after only one tree was planted in Mr Murphy's land and a promised contribution of £70 from the Men of Kent and Kentish men the total cost to the PC turned out as £90.00. **Flower bed** planting cost the parish council about £80.00. The sub-committee was disbanded, leaving other projects to be moved to other sub-committees in the long term.

Additional projects that had to fall into the “currently too difficult to do” included a **pavement** running from Batteries to Bogle (initial estimates of £15,000 rose to £45,000).



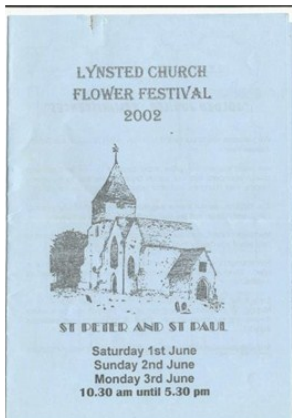
Original plans for a **Community Orchard** began with the pear orchards behind Stedlyn Farm as first thought. Subsequently, this idea evolved into developing a traditional cherry orchard with the support of owners Mr & Mrs P Neaves of Park Farm (at the junction of Lynsted Lane and Toll Lane).

Surplus for Future Royal Events

Once the dust had settled, the surplus of £437 went towards a special fund set aside and dedicated to future royal events.

Associated events in 2002

Lynsted Church Flower Festival – 1st – 3rd June



This was moved from its usual date to coincide more closely with other celebrations during the Jubilee weekend under the guiding hands of Marlene King, Ann Diamond, and Jennifer Bones. The displays were supplemented by stalls, raffles, ‘other goodies’ and refreshments that made these events so popular while they continued. On this occasion, the success was appreciated both in the richness of the exhibits but also in the generosity of visitors who contributed over £1,686.19 (of which £300 went to the on-going Malawi project. Malawi was a country that also reflects the transformation of British ambitions during the period 1891 when it became part of the British Empire to 1964 when it became a member of the Commonwealth). During this weekend, on 2nd June

at 6pm, the Church also held a “Service of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Commitment” to mark the Golden Jubilee, led by Roy Kilford.

Marlene King reflected afterwards⁸⁴, on the exhibitions. One by the Malawi group showing photographs, the Malawi Quilt and an



exhibition of the quilting craft by Swallow Quilters. Len and Myra also put up a display of historical items and photographs relating to the Friends of Sittingbourne



Memorial Hospital. A third exhibition, mounted by Sue Williams, brought together images, books, china and carrier bags from displays in the Queen’s Gallery alongside some videos of the Coronation and other Royal events. The Mausoleum was opened to visitors accompanied by histories and anecdotes shared by Ken Diamond and Trevor Jewsbury. Mary Fielding and Sue Jewsbury were mentioned in despatches for their organisation and delivery of the “mouth-watering” produce stall alongside several other helpers and



providers. Their takings of £760 contributed a profit of £660.

Royal Themed August Bank Holiday Fete – 26th August 2002

Fetes for many years had been preceded by the popular Forge Cottage meetings with David Bage at the helm, wine bottle in hand. The Fete Committee's final meeting on 12th August identified the last remaining gaps and filled them. The village benefitted from the inspiration of David and the hard work and experience of the stallholders who give their support each year for this traditional feature of Parish life.

The Fete took place in the grounds of Lynsted church, with stalls spread around the churchyard. Music was provided by the popular U.K. Paper Concert Band with other entertainments including magician and Punch and Judy entertainer, Tony Hanscombe. His regular plot being in the north-west corner beside the coconut shy. Traditional stalls included home produce, toys, cake stall, bottle stall, games of skill and chance and a 'grand draw'. The voluntary fire-fighters also attended with their tender.

Re-introduced a few years earlier, our highly popular traditional village fete proposed a fancy dress theme – this time "A Royal Occasion" or just "Royalty". "They can be just as you see it not necessarily authentic. Cloaks, crowns regalia or whatever, will all get an appreciative eye. According to the response from yourselves there will be prizes in categories yet to be determined and judges will be moving amongst you to determine the various winners. There is no entrance fee." Best-dressed prizes that year were won by (adults) Nigel and Lis Heriz-Smith and (children) Rosa Sullivan .

The Church is the main beneficiary from this annual event (passing on 10% of its income to other local and national charities). Fund-raising also takes place for local charities and groups including the Memorial Hospital, youth club, and Malawi project. In 2002, the Fete took around £1,600 before costs. Once again, the Parish Newsletter became the means of conveying thanks from the stall holders for the support of visitors from far and wide.



Wedding of Prince William & Katherine Middleton

Lynsted & Norton School wedding eve picnic

The celebrations started the day before in the big event in Westminster Abbey. Lynsted and Norton School finished lessons early, no doubt much to the joy of the children, to have a celebration picnic on Thursday 28th April.



Although the weather threatened rain, it was kind and the school celebrations went ahead.



Ludgate Lane Street Party 29th April 2011

The local authorities extended the time during which orders for road and land closure could be applied for and approved. At the very last moment, a decision was taken to 'doorstep' neighbours with an offer to host a party – whether or not the residents were 'royalist'.

As Emlyn Morgan recalls the process as quite informal. As he recalled:

"The organisation was pretty straightforward - we were keen that it shouldn't become too complicated/bureaucratic!



Left to right Sean Sullivan, Emlyn Morgan and Helen Sullivan

Firstly, we decided that if the council required any insurance payment we would cancel any street party plans and have a private party in one of the Ludgate Lane gardens. When I rang the council they had obviously been pressurised by government and told to remove any red tape which was in danger of putting people, nationwide, off the idea of street parties, yes, common sense prevailed. There was one simple online form and then the street closure boards arrived.

Secondly, we wanted to make the event a shared experience, where everybody had to provide for themselves, rather than charging for drinks, food etc. In the end all the food and drink was shared around

with no problems.

Anyway, Linda or I knocked at each house and personally invited everyone. If they were not at home, we posted the following note through their doors:

"Whether or not you are a royal fan, the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton is a great opportunity to get out with your neighbours of all ages into a traffic free Ludgate Lane. Street parties are a very British tradition and have, for a century, been linked with royal and other national events. By 'street party' we mean organised by and for residents and close family/friends. This is for the residents of Ludgate Lane and the houses between St Paul's Close and The Valance. It would be great if you could all wear some form of fancy dress, silly hats, favourite royal, etc.)

So what do you need to do? Not a lot really:

- Provide a savoury dish, a cake, your favourite tippie a chair, plate, knife, fork & spoon, cup and any food you may want to cook, on the BBQ, which will be provided for your use.
- Remove all cars from the street by 10 am

Order of Events

10am - Lane Closes

10:15 Decorate Lane & layout tables

2pm – Food is served

2:45 - Cake Competition

3 pm - Games for all ages



5:45 – 10 pm - Music for all ages

Activities:

- Bowls
- Dog Fancy Dress"

We borrowed trestle tables and the PA system from the Church and I put together a couple of playlists of patriotic music. Nigel Booton kindly allowed the use of his gas BBQ, (even though he had a prior engagement). Other than that, things just happened. I would estimate that 95% of the people from Ludgate Lane turned out and in the end the weather brightened up just in time for the party."

Emlyn Morgan has produced a video record of the event alongside the photographs, a selection of which we reproduce here.



Watching the ceremony

Left: Claire & Rharaidh Stewart Right: Kezia Stewart and guests





Left to right: Alice Delaney, Freya Webb, Dervla Finlay, Tim Sydney, Francis Macklin, Megan Crowie, James Haffenden



*Prize winning cakes
Left to right: Lizzy Spillman, Peter Foster, Emily Timcke, Frankie Brown, Robert Wreyford, Katie Morgan*



Arrival of both Elizabeth I (Merle Morgan-Oxford) and Elizabeth II (Denise Bird)



Ted Sydney dressed for the occasion



Stepping Stones Pre-School Royal Wedding Fete — 30th April 2012

On the Saturday after the wedding it was the turn of the pre-school to hold their fete and crowning of a King and Queen. The sun shown and the children and their families enjoyed a lovely day that included live music, tug of war, balloon race and a BBQ.







The baton for organising celebrations has by now moved decisively away from parish council direction and funding. Although there was an account holding about £200 that was a residue from the golden jubilee in 2002.

At the beginning of 2012, Fiona Jones, set out to deliver a community celebration, leading a small group and tapping into a wide network of contacts. On 7th March 2012, a small group of supporters met in the Church Community Room (coincidentally on the same day as the Fete Committee met!) and they set about delivering a celebration in the Park Farm Traditional Orchard with the kind permission of the Neaves family. There was also a street party in Cellar Hill, put forward by Bob and Norma Baxter and pooling the resources of their local community. A week earlier, the Norton and Lynsted Primary School had also hosted a party for the school and community.

So, by 2012, the trend for 'royal celebrations' has been to rely more and more on volunteers outside any formal organisation led by Parish Councils. This trend has met its logical conclusion. At the same time, with televisions in nearly every home, many people celebrated through coverage of the events in London.

Diamond Jubilee Prayer

The following Prayer, written at The Queen's direction by the Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral for Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, will be used in the Jubilee Thanksgiving Service in St Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, 5 June. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have commended it for use throughout the Church of England. Other churches are also welcome to use this prayer⁸⁵.

God of time and eternity,
whose Son reigns as servant, not master;
we give you thanks and praise
that you have blessed this Nation, the Realms and Territories
with Elizabeth
our beloved and glorious Queen.
In this year of Jubilee,
grant her your gifts of love and joy and peace
as she continues in faithful obedience to you, her Lord and God
and in devoted service to her lands and peoples,
and those of the Commonwealth,
now and all the days of her life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Cellar Hill Street Party 4th June 2012

In the words of Bob Baxter:

"A Street Party to celebrate the HM the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Cellar Hill, Lynsted, 4th June, 2012.

It all started in a pub one February lunchtime. Norma and I (No. 17 Cellar Hill, Tudor Cottage) asked Graham and Jenny Sargent ('The Barn') if it would be an idea to hold a street party to celebrate the Jubilee. They agreed with enthusiasm, and so did Tom and Barbara English (No.1). The idea was born. A canvass of opinion around the residences in Cellar Hill and its continuation, Cambridge Lane, brought forth a dozen people willing to help set it up. An informal discussion in the Dover Castle pub and another at Graham and Jenny's thrashed out the details. It was not too difficult obtaining a street closure authorisation from Kent County Council's Highway Services, Mary Fielding (No. 38) supervised a most productive bunting-making session, and all was set.

The weather for the Jubilee weekend was unseasonably cold and wet, but there was but a sprinkling of rain as we set up the 'road closed' signs at 4pm on a stretch of Cellar Hill between Tudor Cottage and Cellar Hill Cottage. Union flags flew bravely from poles and windows, and the bunting strung across the road fluttered in the light breeze. Trish Murphy

and friends appeared with red, white and blue balloons to add to the display. Soon neighbours appeared with tables and chairs to set in a row along the centre of the road, and then trays of food and drink appeared, all on a 'bring and share' basis. Graham set up his loudspeakers, and popular music from the 1950s filled the air, followed by tunes from the '60s, '70s etc. etc.' Ken and Heather Northfield (Cellar Hill Cottage) had a barbecue going in their drive, as did Jenny and Jim Beavis (No. 26). A day-draw organised by Sue Hillyard (No.32a) produced funds to cover event expenses. Sue's husband Ron, one-time top goalkeeper for Gillingham Football Club, was in the throng. Norma and Jenny's 'Royal Quiz'



Balloon blower, Trish Murphy

drew many contestants eager to identify the royal people and buildings featured in the displays of pictures.

Soon after the start, Ron and Sue's daughter-in-law Shani Wood, led a brave band of volunteers through a vigorous Zumba session. This up-beat blend of Latin-American and Jamaican music had a few joints creaking here and there, but certainly livened things up! And that was not all in the way of performance: Bid Trim (The Old Forge - on the corner at London Road) took the 'stage' and 'called' a series of country dances that were most enjoyable, to participants and observers alike.



In all, it was a thoroughly successful

From left to right: Jenny Beavis, Norma Baxter and Mary Fielding



and enjoyable event, with over fifty residents, family and friends taking part. People who normally just waved to their neighbours were chatting merrily away, getting to know each other. We had wondered if the street party idea would work - but it certainly did! Seemingly in no time at all it was nearing 9pm and just time for Graham to blast out 'Rule Britannia' and play the National Anthem before the lane was opened again to traffic. Had Cellar Hill ever seen such a celebration in all its centuries of existence?"



From left to right: Bob Baxter, Robin Fielding, Heather Northfield, Mary Fielding, Ron Hillyard (one time goalkeeper for Gillingham FC) Sue Hillyard, Bid and Mike Trim, Norma Baxter (in red) with "Zumba" leader Shani Wood.



John Jackson in suitably patriot attire!



Bob and Norma Baxter lead the way under the guidance of the country dance caller, Bid Trim



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in the Park Farm Community Orchard – 6th June 2012

With Fiona Jones's leadership and a band of volunteers at the end of her telephone, the orchard was surprisingly well attended by villagers and friends considering the awful weather predicted. The Celebration began with the band playing, picnics spread on blankets and groundsheets, and a generous flow of warming tea in the Fete Committee's large marquee. But the rain did arrive gradually and then set in.

But were we deterred? No! Well, most people moved under cover of several marquees and umbrellas. The band fell silent as their electrics became wet. It wasn't until two hours of rain had passed that most people called it a day, with a few stalwarts staying on until the end – nursing their teas or something stronger.

The rain was not entirely bad news! Fiona reports that, with the help of tea and cake sales, she was able to cover all costs. So, again, the event was made possible because of the unsung heroes able to help erect and (the next day) break down the marquees, those who made delicious cakes, and the musicians. A classic example of ignoring the weather in pursuit of pleasure!



The Morgan, Delaney and Stewart families brave the weather



....and the band played on, until water got in the electrics!



The people of the Parish determined to party come what may!



Fiona Jones keeping us supplied with hot drinks



*Below: The parade of the Kings and Queens
Left Rev Steve Lillicrap (Parish Priest) presents the prizes*







We end our 'royal journey' a long way away from where we started. We began with the needs of an emerging "middling sort" who wanted to open channels to royal influence and approval. They did this with a limited number of events in centres of commercial importance at home and abroad. Landed gentry and the Church could already exploit links forged through centuries of habit and privilege, so they had very little to do with these public events.

These types of celebration became less exclusive over time and, eventually, found expression in our own Parish; this was aided by the creation of "Rural Parish Councils" that were, by and large, led by influential local land-owners and other "pillars of the community" (doctors, lawyers, businessmen). Through the Parish Councils, the resources of our communities were organised and directed. Contracts were let. Landowners offered land to host fireworks and celebrations. In all cases, the principal focus was on providing education, entertainment and nourishment for children – but only in early celebrations were the elderly also catered for.

Today, Parish Councils are quite different animals and the ease of communication and increased leisure-time means leadership of community events is more haphazard. Our communities have also seen the creation of many new social organisations that have built up capital in things like marquees, tea-making equipment, generators, trailers, tables, chairs, and the list keeps growing. By sharing access to all these resources, more things are achievable by the small teams who 'make things happen'.





- 1 Norfolk Chronicle, 4th November 1809 (p4) and Kentish Gazette, 31st October 1809, give lengthy record of those celebrations.
- 2 Kentish Gazette, 27th October 1809.
- 3 7th verse of the 21st Psalm was read by Re. James Reeve. Kentish Gazette, 3rd November 1809
- 4 Leeds Intelligencer, 11 December 1809. p3.
- 5 Kentish Gazette, 3rd November 1809.
- 6 In 1815 the working man found himself worse off than he had been in 1793
- 7 Further reading: William Cobbett's "Rural Rides" of 1830 & 1832 are revealing (and led to his temporary exile to America and destitution as a reward for his campaigning!). You can view an online copy at this magnificent on-line resource for historical documents - <http://www.archive.org/details/ruralridesincounocobbuoft>. His ride from Faversham detoured between Ospringe and Greenstreet because he wanted to avoid paying the Sittingbourne Toll! Other reading: William Cobbett: Rural Rides (Penguin, 1967, ed. G. Woodcock; T. and B. Hammond: The Village Labourer (1911); E. Hobsbawm and G Rudé: Captain Swing (1969)
- 8 Under the terms of the Rural Constabulary Act, 1839.
- 9 The Morning Post, 8th January 1818.
- 10 Nothing is known of this Francis Smith in 1817. However, in 1909, a Francis Albert Smith, cabinet maker, lived adjacent to the Churchyard in Heathfield House, Ludgate Lane. His family links included farmers, Berkeley House and Bonds Cottages. These may suggest earlier links with significant land-owners but not much else is known to the Society.
- 11 Marjie Bloy, <http://www.victorianweb.org/history/poorlaw/antipoor.html>
- 12 The Times, 24th October 1835, prosecution of Richard Cox and William Butler, both labourers. Both jailed and put to hard labour.
- 13 <http://www.workhouses.org.uk/Faversham/>
- 14 "A Monster Pluralist", in the Daily News of 15th May 1850 and widely in other publications including the Illustrated London News.
- 15 <http://safalra.com/other/historical-uk-inflation-price-conversion/>
- 16 Municipal Reform Act, 1835. Later amended to rationalise some overlapping areas of competence by the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882.
- 17 Technology adoption has accelerated significantly over recent years. The approximate time taken for technologies to become 'commonplace' after invention: telephones and cars=100 years; airplanes=90years; electricity=80years; radio & TV, microwaves & VCRs=40-50 years; PCs, Internet, mobile phones=20 years.
- 18 28th June 1909 Lynsted Parish Council Meeting
- 19 Thomas Lumley Ackerman of "Hope Villa", Lynsted and school headmaster
- 20 <http://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/bills/article-1633409/Historic-inflation-calculator-value-money-changed-1900.html>
- 21 This account is distilled from Parish Council Minutes of the day.
- 22 Proposed by Mr White, seconded by Mr Le Feaver.
- 23 Parish Council meeting on 10th July 1902
- 24 Decided at a meeting on 7th August
- 25 ?Local Government Board?
- 26 4th May Meeting of the Parish Council
- 27 29th May Parish Council minutes



- 28 Canvas sheets used to cover hay ricks.
- 29 Parish Council minutes of 24th June 1921
- 30 from "Of Mice and Men" - by John Steinbeck
- 31 **8th April 1935 Jubilee Committee Meeting Attendance** (after this meeting, attendance for the Jubilee Committee was not recorded)

Mrs Dixon (Teas) Miss M French (Teas) Mrs G Hales (Teas) Mrs Gates (Teas) Miss E Manley (Teas) Mrs O'Brien (Teas) Mrs E Thomas (Teas) Mr Belsey (Finance) Mr Brett (Finance; Dances and Whist) Mr Brown Mr E Dalton (Sports) Mr J W Dalton (elected Chairman)	Mr S Dixon (Sports; Dances and Whist) Mr Edwards (Finance; Dances and Whist) Rev. Ehrmann (Finance) Mr Evans (Sports) Mr J French (Sports; Dances and Whist) Mr P French Mr W French (Finance) Mr Gambrell (Sports) Mr G Gates Mr S George Mr A Rendall (Sports; Dances and Whist)	Mr P Sykes (Joint Secretary) Mr J Thomas (Sports) Mr W Thomas (Finance) Mr Thurston Mr Trigg (Salvation Army contact) Mr Wiles (Sports) Mr Wright <u>Apologies</u> Lady McMichael Mr Gates (Joint Secretary) Mr A Pilcher (Sports) Mr & Mrs Roper Lumley Holland (Finance)
<u>Absent</u> Miss Ackermann Miss Harding (Teas) Mrs W Ray (Teas) Mrs Selby (Finance; Teas) Mr Ackermann Mr Ashby (Finance) Mr Belsham (Sports)	Mr J Carrier (Sports) Mr Clarke Mr Datson (Finance) Mr Gales (Teas) Mr Huntley Mr C Mercer Mr Nightingale	Rev. Purser (Finance) Mr Radley Mr Stone (Finance) Mr R Taylor Captain Walterton

- 32 A complete set of subscription booklets have been archived by the Society. They show the large number of small and large subscriptions from each of the Parishes.
- 33 8th April 1935 Second Meeting
- 34 8th April 1935 Meeting
- 35 Lynsted Society has archived these subscription books.
- 36 Planned for 6th May 1936
- 37 8th April 1935 Meeting
- 38 23rd April 1935 Third Meeting
- 39 13th May 1935 Meeting
- 40 23rd April 1935
- 41 www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/bills/article-1633409/Historic-inflation-calculator-value-money-changed-1900.html
- 42 8th April 1937 meeting
- 43 8th October 1935 meeting
- 44 Reported 29th April 1937 meeting

45 **18th February 1936: Third Coronation Meeting**

Mr J W Dalton (Chairman) Mrs Carpenter Mrs J W Dalton Mrs Eacott Miss Emes Mrs Ferris Mrs Gambrell (Sports) Mrs Hales Mrs Kemp Mrs Radley (Whist Drive) Mrs Rendall (Sports) Mrs W Ray (Whist Drive) Mrs Smith Mrs E Thomas	Mr Belsham (Sports) Mr J Dalton Mr W Dalton Mr Datson Mr Edwards (Finance & Whist Drive) Mr A E Ferris (Chief of the Fire Brigade) Mr J French (Sports) Mr P French Mr K Gambrell	Mr G Gates Mr Gulvin Mr Norman Mr A L Rendall (Sports) Mr W Roper Lumley Holland Dr Selby (added to Finance Committee) Mr Sherwood Mr C Smith Mr Sykes (Secretary) Apologies Mrs W Roper Lumley Holland Rev Ehrmann (Finance – voted <u>in absentia</u>) Major Halfield (sic) [Hatfield?]
Absent Mrs Dixon (Whist Drive) Miss M French Miss Harris Miss Kemp (Whist Drive & Sports) Miss Ledger (Sports) Miss Manley Mrs O'Brien Mrs Sykes Rev Judson Mr Ashby (Finance) Mr Belsey (Finance)	Mr Brett (Finance & Whist Drive) Mr Bull (Finance) Mr Clarke Mr Carrier (Sports) Mr E Dalton (Sports) Mr S R Dixon (Whist Drive & Sports) Mr Evans (Sports) Mr W French (Finance & Whist Drive) Mr Ledger (Finance and sports judge – <i>voted in absentia at 3rd Meeting</i>)	Col. Leggatt (Finance) Mr Maxted (Treasurer) Mr Nethercoat Mr C Nye Mr Philpotts (Sports) Mr A Pilcher (Sports) Mr Stone Mr Sumner-Moore (Finance) Mr Taylor Mr J Thomas (Sports) Mr W S Thomas (Finance & Sports) Mr Trigg Mr Wiles (Finance & Sports) Mr Wright

46 29th April 1937 meeting – boilers and stokers agreed

47 Mr Broad was victualler of The Fox Inn, Greenstreet, according to the 1926 Directory

48 Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffalo, which was a Masonic organisation.

49 1st April 1937 meeting.

50 8th April 1937 meeting.

51 29th April 1937 meeting

52 **18th March 1937 – Fourth Meeting of the Coronation Committee**

Mr J W Dalton (elected Chairman) Mrs Carpenter Mrs Dixon (Whist Drives & Teas) Mrs Ferris Mrs Hales (Teas) Miss Harris Mrs Kemp Miss Kemp (Whist Drive & Sports) Miss E Manley (Teas) Mrs Radley (Whist Drive) Miss Smith Mrs E Thomas (Teas) Mrs Wright	Mr E Dalton (Sports) Mr L Dalton Mr Datson Mr Davies Mr S R Dixon (Whist Drive & Sports) Rev Ehrmann (Finance) Rev Cowell Rev Purser Mr A E Ferris (Chief of the Fire Brigade) Mr J French (Sports) Mr K Gambrell Mr J George Mr Gulvin	Mr Hemsley Mr Nye Mr A L Rendall (Sports & Assistant Secretary) Mr W Roper Lumley Holland Mr Sherwood Mr Sherwood Mr C Smith Mr W S Thomas (Finance & Sports) Mr Sykes (Secretary) Mr Trigg Mr Wiles (Finance & Sports) Apologies None noted
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Absent Mr Maxted (Treasurer) Mrs J W Dalton Mrs Eacott Miss Emes Miss M French (Teas) Mrs Gambrell (Sports) Mrs Gates (Teas) Miss Ledger (Sports) Mrs O'Brien (Teas) Mrs Rendall (Sports) Mrs W Ray (Whist Drive) Mrs Smith Mrs Sykes Rev Judson Mr Ashby (Finance)	Mr Belsey (Finance) Mr Belsham (Sports) Mr Brett (Finance & Whist Drive) Mr Bull (Finance) Mr Carrier (Sports) Mr Clarke Mr Edwards (Finance & Whist Drive) Mr Evans (Sports) Mr P French Mr W French (Finance & Whist Drive) Mr G Gates Mr Ledger (Finance and sports judge – <i>voted in absentia at 3rd Meeting</i>)	Col. Leggatt (Finance) Mr Nethercoat Mr Norman Mr C Nye Mr Philpotts (Sports) Mr A Pilcher (Sports) Dr Selby (added to Finance Committee) Mr Stone Mr Sumner-Moore (Finance) Mr Taylor Mr J Thomas (Sports) Mr Wright
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- 53 29th April 1937 meeting
- 54 Possibly from the family of Arthur Mercer of Norton Court and/or Robert Montague Mercer of The Batteries?.
- 55 29th April 1937 Meeting – Mrs Selby letter raised a question mark over her own health.
- 56 29th April 1937 Meeting of Coronation Committee
- 57 8th April 1937 Meeting.
- 58 **Fifth Meeting of the Coronation Committee - 1st April 1937**

Mr J W Dalton (elected Chairman) Mrs Hales (Teas) Miss Harris Mrs Nye (Decorated Cars) Mrs Read Miss Sherwood Mrs Snashall (Decorated Cars) Mr Brett (Finance & Whist Drive) Mr E Dalton (Sports) Mr W Dalton Mr J Datson	Mr Davies (Decorated Cars) Mr Edwards (Finance, Whist Drives & Decorated Cars) Mr K Gambrell Mr G Gates Mr A Jones (Decorated Cars) Mr C Nye (Decorated Cars) Mr Page Rev Purser Mr A L Rendall (Sports, Decorated Cars & Assistant Secretary) Dr Selby (added to Finance	Committee) Mr Sherwood Mr A Smith Mr E R Smith (Decorated Cars) Mr Snashall Mr Sykes (Secretary & Decorated Cars) Mr Thomsett Mr Trigg Apologies None noted
Absent Mr Maxted (Treasurer) Mrs Carpenter Mrs J W Dalton Mr L Dalton (Decorated Cars) Mrs Dixon (Whist Drives & Teas) Mrs Eacott Miss Emes Mrs Ferris Miss M French (Teas) Mrs Gambrell (Sports) Mrs Gates (Teas) Mrs Kemp Miss Kemp (Whist Drive & Sports) Miss Ledger (Sports) Miss E Manley (Teas) Mrs O'Brien (Teas) Mrs Radley (Whist Drive) Mrs Rendall (Sports) Mrs W Ray (Whist Drive) Mrs Smith Miss Smith	Mrs Sykes Mrs E Thomas (Teas) Mrs Wright Rev Judson Mr Ashby (Finance) Mr Belsey (Finance) Mr Belsham (Sports) Mr Bull (Finance) Mr Carrier (Sports) Mr Clarke Rev Cowell Mr L Dalton Mr S R Dixon (Whist Drive & Sports) Rev Ehrmann (Finance) Mr Evans (Sports) Mr A E Ferris (Chief of the Fire Brigade & Decorated Cars) Mr J French (Sports) Mr P French Mr W French (Finance & Whist Drive)	Mr J George Mr Gulvin Mr Hemsley Mr Ledger (Finance and sports judge) Col. Leggatt (Finance) Mr Nethercoat Mr Norman Mr Philpotts (Sports) Mr A Pilcher (Sports) Mr W Roper Lumley Holland Mr C Smith Mr Stone Mr Sumner-Moore (Finance) Mr Taylor Mr J Thomas (Sports) Mr W S Thomas (Finance & Sports) Mr Wiles (Finance & Sports) Mr Wright

59 **8th April 1937 - Sixth meeting of Coronation Committee.**

Mr J W Dalton (elected Chairman) Mrs Dives Mrs Dixon (Whist Drives & Teas) Mrs Ferris Mrs Gambrell (Sports) Mrs Hales (Teas) Mrs Harris Mrs Kemp Miss Kemp (Whist Drive & Sports) Mrs Nye (Decorated Cars) Mrs O'Brien (Teas) Mrs W Ray (Whist Drive) Mrs Read Mrs Roper Lumley Holland	Miss Sherwood Mr Brown Mr Carpenter Mr W Dalton Mr J Datson Mr Davies (Decorated Cars) Mr S R Dixon (Whist Drive & Sports) Mr Edwards (Finance, Whist Drives & Decorated Cars) Mr A E Ferris (Chief of the Fire Brigade & Decorated Cars) Mr P French Mr Gulvin Mr Nye (Decorated Cars)	Mr A L Rendall (Sports, Decorated Cars & Assistant Secretary) Mr W Roper Lumley Holland Mr Sherwood Mr E R Smith (Decorated Cars) Mr Sykes (Secretary & Decorated Cars) Mr W S Thomas (Finance & Sports) Mr G Thomsett Mr Trigg Mr Wiles (Finance & Sports) Apologies None noted
Absent Mr Maxted (Treasurer) Mrs Carpenter Mrs J W Dalton Mr L Dalton (Decorated Cars) Mrs Eacott Miss Emes Miss M French (Teas) Mrs Gates (Teas) Miss Harris Miss Ledger (Sports) Miss E Manley (Teas) Mrs Rendall (Sports) Mrs Saunders Mrs Smith Miss Smith Mrs Snashall (Decorated Cars) Mrs Sykes Mrs E Thomas (Teas)	Mrs Wright Rev Judson Mr Ashby (Finance) Mr Belsey (Finance) Mr Belsham (Sports) Mr Brett (Finance & Whist Drive) Mr Bull (Finance) Mr Carrier (Sports) Mr Clarke Rev Cowell Mr E Dalton (Sports) Mr L Dalton Rev Ehrmann (Finance) Mr Evans (Sports) Mr J French (Sports) Mr W French (Finance & Whist Drive) Mr K Gambrell Mr G Gates Mr J George	Mr Hemsley Mr A Jones (Decorated Cars) Mr Ledger (Finance and sports judge) Col. Leggatt (Finance) Mr Nethercoat Mr Norman Mr Page Mr Philpotts (Sports) Mr A Pilcher (Sports) Rev Purser Dr Selby (added to Finance Committee) Mr A Smith Mr C Smith Mr Snashall Mr Stone Mr Sumner-Moore (Finance) Mr Taylor Mr J Thomas (Sports) Mr Wright

60 **29th April 1937 - Seventh meeting of Coronation Committee.**

Mr J W Dalton (elected Chairman) Mrs Boorman Mrs Button Mrs Carpenter Miss Dalton Mrs Dives Mrs Dixon (Whist Drives & Teas) Miss Elmes Mrs Ford Miss Ford Mrs Hales (Teas) Mrs Harris Miss Harris Miss Kemp (Whist Drive & Sports) Mrs Matson Mrs Mount (1) Mrs Mount (2) Mrs Nye (Decorated Cars)	Mrs W Ray (Whist Drive) Mrs Read Mrs A Snashall (Decorated Cars) Miss Snashall Mrs W S Thomas Mrs Weller Miss Sherwood Mrs Wright Mr J Datson Mr Davies (Decorated Cars) Mr S R Dixon (Whist Drive & Sports) Mr Edwards (Finance, Whist Drives & Decorated Cars) Mr A E Ferris (Chief of the Fire Brigade & Decorated Cars) Mr P French Mr K Gambrell Mr A J Gates	Mr G Gates Mr Gulvin Mr A Jones (Decorated Cars) Mr Matson Mr Nye (Decorated Cars) Mr A L Rendall (Sports, Decorated Cars & Assistant Secretary) Mr Sherwood Mr E R Smith (Decorated Cars) Mr P Sykes (Secretary & Decorated Cars) Mr Trigg Apologies None noted
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61 final **post-mortem Meeting on 20th May 1937**

Mr J W Dalton (elected Chairman) Mrs Carpenter Mrs Dixon (Whist Drives & Teas) Mrs Ferris Miss Harris Miss Kemp (Whist Drive & Sports) Miss E Manley (Teas) Mrs Nye (Decorated Cars) Mrs W Ray (Whist Drive) Mrs Read Mrs Saunders	Mrs A Snashall (Decorated Cars) Mrs Snashall Mrs W S Thomas Miss Sherwood Mrs Wright Mr Carrier (Sports) Mr S R Dixon (Whist Drive & Sports) Mr Edwards (Finance, Whist Drives & Decorated Cars) Mr A E Ferris (Chief of the Fire Brigade & Decorated Cars) Mr J George Mr Gulvin Mr D Moor	Mr Nye (Decorated Cars) Mr Page Mr A Pilcher (Sports) Rev Purser Mr A L Rendall (Sports, Decorated Cars & Assistant Secretary) Mr P Sykes (Secretary & Decorated Cars) Mr W S Thomas (Finance & Sports) Mr Trigg Mr Wiles (Finance & Sports) Apologies Mr Hales
Absent Mr Maxted (Treasurer) Mrs Boorman Mrs Button Mrs J W Dalton Miss Dalton Mrs Dives Mrs Eacott Miss Elmes Miss Emes Mrs Ford Miss Ford Miss M French (Teas) Mrs Gambrell (Sports) Mrs Gates (Teas) Mrs Hales (Teas) Mrs Harris Mrs Kemp Miss Ledger (Sports) Mrs Matson Mrs Mount (1) Mrs Mount (2) Mrs O'Brien (Teas) Mrs Radley (Whist Drive) Mrs Rendall (Sports) Mrs Roper Lumley Holland	Mrs Smith Miss Smith Mrs Sykes Mrs E Thomas (Teas) Mrs Weller Rev Judson Mr Ashby (Finance) Mr Belsey (Finance) Mr Belsham (Sports) Mr Brett (Finance & Whist Drive) Mr Brown Mr Bull (Finance) Mr Carpenter Mr Clarke Rev Cowell Mr E Dalton (Sports) Mr L Dalton (Decorated Cars) Mr W Dalton Mr J Datson Mr Davies (Decorated Cars) Rev Ehrmann (Finance) Mr Evans (Sports) Mr J French (Sports) Mr P French Mr W French (Finance & Whist Drive)	Mr K Gambrell Mr A J Gates Mr G Gates Mr Hemsley Mr A Jones (Decorated Cars) Mr Ledger (Finance and sports judge) Col. Leggatt (Finance) Mr Matson Mr Nethercoat Mr Norman Mr Philpotts (Sports) Mr W Roper Lumley Holland Dr Selby (added to Finance Committee) Mr Sherwood Mr A Smith Mr C Smith Mr E R Smith (Decorated Cars) Mr Snashall Mr Stone Mr Sumner-Moore (Finance) Mr Taylor Mr J Thomas (Sports) Mr G Thomsett Mr Wright



- 62 See - <http://www.london-weather.eu/article.78.html> - "The first 3 weeks of May were mostly unsettled with temperatures fairly close to average" – wetter than usual.
- 63 3rd June 1937 – Ninth meeting of Coronation Committee.
- 64 Bredgar. In front of the Parish Hall: 1 oak; planted by ten schoolchildren.
- 65 Faversham. In Canute Road and Egbert Road and on the boundaries of King George's Field: Whitebeam (*Sorbus Aria*), mountain ash (*Sorbus Aucuparia*), purple beech (*Fagus sylvatica purpurea*), pink flowering almond, thorn (*Crataegus Carrierei*), laburnum (*Laburnum Vossi*), white and pink flowering cherry, flowering plum, snowy mespilus, scarlet and white thorn, Cornish elm (*Ulmus stricta*), red-twigged lime (*Tilia platyphyllos corallina*); planted and presented by public subscription.
- 66 Sittingbourne and Milton. In King George's Field, Milton Recreation Ground and Murston Burial Ground: 1 English oak (*Quercus pedunculata*) on each site; planted by Councillor A. L. Baker, JP., Chairman of the Urban District Council. In King George's Field (Gore Court Park): An avenue of 22 pink and white chestnut (*Aesculus carnea* and *A. Hippocastanum*).
- 67 <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/PublicFiles/index.html#/102/>
- 68 The full Order of Service used in the Abbey Church of St Peter, Westminster can be read at <http://www.oremus.org/liturgy/coronation/cor1953b.html>
- 69 Parish Newsletter, No.1, June 1977.
- 70 Parish Newsletter, No.2, July 1977.
- 71 Parish Newsletter, No.2, July 1977.
- 72 The Silver jubilee Medal very nearly didn't issue as the Government struggled with IMF bail-outs & Sterling Crisis. The MoD stood its ground against the £250,000 savings proposed in Cabinet. Wilson resigned and Callaghan took over during this tumultuous period. http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/6212949.stm
- 73 <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons/lib/research/rp99/rp99-111.pdf>
- 74 Chaired by Tom English, Julie Barrett, Chris Turner, David Bage, Pam Lewis, Judith Bell, and Julia Bradwell
- 75 January 2002 edition of the Newsletter, article by Bob Baxter.
- 76 Parish Newsletter February 2002
- 77 Parish Newsletter March 2002
- 78 Parish Newsletter March 2002, Editorial piece.
- 79 Parish Newsletter, June 2002.
- 80 The highest bid being made by Nigel and Lis Heriz-Smith.
- 81 Kent Today, 11th March 2002
- 82 Reported in the Kent Messenger, 4th January 2002.
- 83 Jubilee Committee Meeting, 18th November 2011 (these and related documents provided by Tom English)
- 84 Parish Newsletter, July 2002 – "Lynsted Flower Festival".
- 85 Prayer and Liturgical Resources for the Jubilee: www.churchofengland.org/media/1394833/diamond%20jubilee%20liturgical%20resources.pdf. Although there were no church celebrations in our Parish.

