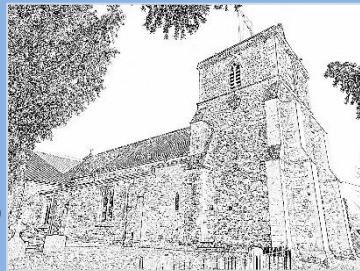


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Editorial

Blow the Trumpet

...have Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel. Blow the trumpet and the shout, 'Long live King Solomon!'

1 Kings 1:33-35

The coronation of her late Majesty in 1953 was a significant historical event in the nation's recovery from the Second World War and moving forward to a new age. Many people have personal memories of watching the coronation on tiny TV screens. Televisions were not commonplace then and the fortunate owners invited their neighbours.

I am hoping that interest and support for the coronation will build up nearer the date. It is an opportunity to reflect on the past and to think of what sort of world we want. Perhaps we can blow the trumpet as well!



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Parish Services and Calendar

May 2023	St John the Baptist Stone	St Peter & St Paul Dinton	Stone Methodist Chapel	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
Sunday 7 May Easter 5	10.30am Family Worship	9.00am** Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 14 May Rogation Day	10.30am Family Communion	6.00pm Parish Evensong	11.00am Worship	
Thursday 18 May Ascension Day		7.30pm Holy Communion		
Sunday 21 May Easter 7	9.00am Mattins 10.30am Family Worship	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Worship	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 28 May Pentecost	10.30am Family Communion		11.00am Worship	
Sunday 4 June Trinity Sunday	10.30am Family Worship	9.00am** Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	

** Please note change of service time at SPP,Dinton – until further notice. Changes/more details can be found on the churches' noticeboards and the website.

Parish News is a community magazine for the residents of Stone, Dinton, Ford, Upton, Bishopstone, Hartwell and Aston Sandford. We welcome news, announcements by societies and clubs, and articles on local and other issues. We do not charge for charities or personal notices such as weddings, baptisms or acknowledgments and welcome advertising by local businesses.

Memories of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, 2nd June 1953

We asked our readers to share with us their own recollections of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. With thanks to Enid Robinson, Chloe Lambert and Francis Phillips for sharing the following memories:

A native of Haddenham, my parents enjoyed a wide circle of friends from the village and its surroundings. One couple came from Kingsey and they were lucky to be the owners of a television. History reminds us that few homes were lucky enough to have access. My father, mother and myself drove over that day in readiness of this fantastic event. I was only 6 years old and really not interested but it was an excursion.

The large wooden item of furniture took pride of place in their small cosy living room but had a very small square of glass. The screen was not inviting or exciting, just lots of white lines and splotches, with crackles and squeaks. Definitely not for me, so I went out into their garden.

I was fetched in at the appropriate time and there was an improvement. The screen now showed the celebration, people and servicemen all full of excitement. Still bored, I was sent back outside and did have fun playing hopscotch and skipping in the road outside their house. It was the A4129 Thame to Princes Risborough Road and there was not a vehicle in sight. I think I played for hours! I did have food and drinks but all quite boring.

Enid Robinson

Unfortunately, I cannot find the album I made of the Queen's Coronation but I have two particular memories of the Coronation.

Firstly, it was the first and only time we had a television at home. My father rented one. Black and white, of course. I remember the pictures often looked like snow falling!

Secondly, I remember dancing on the Bickerley in Ringwood, Hampshire, close to where I went to school at the time!

Chloe Lambert

Sonnet on the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II

Written by Francis A M Phillips for The Telegraph competition, June 2016

*I was seven that year; but still I knew
The King was dead – and now there was a Queen;
My mind was filled with myths and fairy tales –
A potent magic world: felt yet unseen.*

*And now such magic would be televised;
We watched across the road, in a hotel
And, as in church, we knew we must not speak
In case our childish prattle broke its spell.*

*Awed by the grandeur, I can still recall
Those crowds, that golden coach, the marching lines –
A martial ballet with its solemn tread
That regimental pride and drill aligns.*

*My secret wish? It lasted many years:
To join those rolling ranks of grenadiers.*

F A M Phillips



Letter from Aston Sandford

Coronation souvenirs

The literal meaning of the word *souvenir* is of course to remember – and as we prepare for Coronation Day 2023, and as the shops fill up with souvenirs, my mind goes back to the last Coronation, on 2nd June 1953, which I regret to say I am old enough to remember.

My parents had bought their first television set the previous year (it arrived just before the funeral of King George VI). It was what was called a console, the tiny screen being set in a walnut veneered cabinet, with doors which you opened to reveal the screen. On Coronation Day at least two lots of neighbours came in to watch the momentous event - and it was momentous. Even so to be honest I don't recall much about the Coronation itself from that time, though I do remember that endless cups of tea were served while it was being broadcast. When, years later, my mother and I watched a rerun of the Coronation in colour she and I realised we had forgotten most of what happened, other than it looked amazing and that it was, of course, raining.

It was raining everywhere. The outdoor party I was to attend in the afternoon was rained off, and was instead relocated to a local school, along with several other children's parties. I was so excited about the party. It was fancy dress, and I went as an elf, in a green costume which my mother thought, rightly, would keep me warm; being of wool it itched terribly. But I was also a bit apprehensive. I don't know what the age limit was but it seemed to me that there were lots of big girls and boys there, and I wasn't used to them.

Probably what I remember most about the Coronation was the souvenirs, largely because I still have most of them. The shops were full of mementoes. I had a plastic miniature set of the Procession complete with Royal Gold Coach and horses and loads of picture and souvenir books. I didn't have a mug, but I still have two miniature glass tankards (now £13 each on ebay). I had a rather nice pale blue glass tumbler with a crest which eventually was broken (but which I could replace for £6 on ebay)). I still have my mother's three Wade Coronation ashtrays, which depicted animals from what were then known as the Dominions (at least £30 each on ebay), and a small Colclough dish. I also acquired and still have two silver plated Coronation spoons, and at least one set of coins. Sadly the 750 piece round jigsaw puzzle was given away years ago. A kind Great Aunt and Uncle sent me a Coronation cake, complete with iced coronation symbols topped by an icing sugar crown. They had great, and completely unwarranted, faith in the Post Office – it arrived with every bit of icing smashed (I have a grainy photo of it), the cake was nice though.



But my favourite souvenir is something which I have treasured for 70 years, and which I think was given to me at the neighbourhood party. It is a glass crown, made in the same way as, and about the same size as, a Christmas tree bauble. It was by its very nature a curious souvenir, as it was unlikely to survive the party let alone the duration. I suspect it is unique.

My glass crown will be on display for the Coronation Weekend – in a safe place. On the Sunday the residents of Aston Sandford will be having a picnic lunch and on the Monday will be manning a Churchyard working party and a

litter pick. And everyone is having an Aston Sandford Coronation mug.

I hope everyone will have happy souvenirs of this Coronation as I have from the last. God Save the King!

Marilynne A Morgan, Treasurer, Aston Sandford

Appeals:

Ukraine

We continue to pray for an end to the conflict and for all those affected by the terrible impact of war.

There are various ways we can all help. The Bucks County Council offers some resources through the following weblink:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/helping-hand-for-ukraine/making-a-donation-pledge-support/>

Turkey/Syria Earthquake

Following the devastating earthquakes in southern Italy and north-west Syria, our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected and their families and friends, and to all the rescuers and medical staff. The UK Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) has launched an appeal to help those affected. The Bucks County Council weblink below provides details on helping:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/support-survivors-of-the-turkey-syria-earthquake/>

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David Pickup
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The Coronation: What could possibly go wrong?

If you have a ticket, it is a good idea to get to your seat on time. However, in 1660 the diarist Samuel Pepys had to leave the coronation of Charles II as he needed to use a lavatory. (There were no toilet facilities in the abbey). He had arrived at Westminster Abbey at 4am but the King did not appear until 11am.

The coronation of George III and his wife Charlotte in 1761 was delayed because the deputy Earl Marshal had forgotten some important items; no chairs had been provided for the king and queen, there was no sword of state, so one had to be borrowed from the Lord Mayor of London. On the way to the abbey, the Bishop of Rochester nearly dropped the crown he was carrying; fortunately, it had been pinned to the cushion that it sat on. One spectator noted that the heralds made "numerous mistakes and stupidities", another that "the whole was confusion, irregularity and disorder". At some point in the proceedings, a large jewel is reputed to have fallen from the crown, which was later said to have been an omen presaging American Independence. Fortunately, the King saw the funny side of it all.

At the coronation of George IV in 1821 his queen was not allowed in at all as she did not have a ticket. (The King did not want her there!)

William IV, initially refused to have a coronation at all, but eventually agreed to a more modest ceremony which took place in 1831. There was no procession from Westminster Hall or post-coronation banquet. William was crowned with George I's old state crown; rather than having it remodelled he inserted padding so that it would fit.

Queen Victoria's coronation in 1838 took five hours and suffered from a lack of rehearsal. Only the Queen and the Sub-Dean of Westminster understood what was supposed to take place. The coronation ring was forced onto the wrong finger, an elderly peer fell down the steps while making homage and a bishop wrongly told Victoria the ceremony was over, which meant she had to return to her seat to finish the service. She was not amused and wrote, "The Archbishop had (most awkwardly) put the ring on the wrong finger, and the consequence was that I had the greatest difficulty to take it off again, which I at last did with great pain."

King Edward VII's coronation was scheduled for June 1902 but when the King fell ill it was postponed until 9 August. This meant that foreign dignitaries had left London by the time the ceremony took place. The elderly Archbishop of Canterbury, Frederick Temple, conducted proceedings with difficulty as he had difficulty seeing and getting up from a kneeling position. The St Edward's Crown (which he appeared to drop) was placed on the King's head back to front. To be fair I am not sure which way round a crown goes? Is there a label which goes to the back?

In 1937 at George VI's coronation, the queen's procession started first but a halt was soon called, as it was discovered that one of the clergy had fainted and there was no place to which he could be taken. He was removed and after some delay the procession went on.

The King recorded, "I was kept waiting, it seemed for hours due to this accident, but at last all was ready for my progress into the Abbey. This went off well and my pages and I negotiated the flight of steps going up to the Sacrarium... After the Introduction I removed my Parliamentary Robes and Cap of Maintenance and moved to the Coronation Chair. Here various vestments were placed upon me, [including], a surplice which the Dean of Westminster insisted I should put on inside out, had not my Groom of the Robes come to the rescue. Before this I knelt at the Altar to take the Coronation Oath. I had two Bishops, Durham, & Bath & Wells, one on either side to support me & to hold the form of Service for me to follow. When this great moment came neither Bishop could find the words, so the Archbishop held his book down for me to read, but horror of horrors his thumb covered the words of the Oath.

The supreme moment came when the Archbishop placed the St. Edward's Crown on my head. I had taken every precaution as I thought to see that the Crown was put on the right way round, but the Dean and the Archbishop had been juggling with it so much that I never did know whether it was right or not ... Then I rose to my feet and walked to the throne in the centre of the amphitheatre. As I turned after leaving the Coronation Chair I was brought up all standing, owing to one of the Bishops treading on my robe. I had to tell him to get off it pretty sharply as I nearly fell down."

I am sure nothing will go wrong this time.

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Continuing the Coronation theme, here are some little-known facts about the last Coronation:

Westminster Abbey has been the setting for every Coronation since 1066. Queen Elizabeth II was crowned on 2 June, 1953 in Westminster Abbey. Her Majesty was the thirty-ninth Sovereign to be crowned at Westminster Abbey. The Queen succeeded to the Throne on the 6 February, 1952 on the death of her father, King George VI. She was in Kenya at the time and became the first Sovereign in over 200 years to accede while abroad.

The Queen's grandmother, Queen Mary, aged 81 was the first Queen to see a grandchild ascend to the throne. However, she died before the Coronation took place. The Coronation service fell into six parts: the recognition, the oath, the anointing, the investiture (which includes the crowning), the enthronement and the homage.

The Coronation Bouquet was made up of white flowers – comprising of orchids and lilies-of-the-valley from England, stephanotis from Scotland, orchids from Wales, and carnations from Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man. The Dress worn by Queen Elizabeth II at her Coronation was designed by Norman Hartnell. The Archbishop of Canterbury conducted the service, a duty which has been undertaken since the Conquest in 1066. For the first time in 1953, a representative of another Church, the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, also took part.

Prince Charles was the first child to witness his mother's coronation as Sovereign. Princess Anne did not attend the ceremony as she was considered too young. Some people in the Abbey witnessed their fourth Coronation. Princess Marie Louise (Queen Victoria's granddaughter) had also seen the Coronations of King Edward VII (1902), King George V (1911) and King George VI (1937).

The Queen was crowned in St Edward's Chair, made in 1300 for Edward I and used at every Coronation since that time. It is permanently kept in Westminster Abbey. BBC coverage of the Coronation was a breakthrough for the history of broadcasting. It was the first service to be televised and for most people, it was the first time they had watched an event on television.

The Ministry of Food granted 82 applications for people to roast oxen if they could prove that by tradition, an ox had been roasted at previous Coronations – a welcome concession at a time the meat ration was two shillings a week. (10p) Just under 30,000 men took part in the procession – 3,600 from the Royal Navy, 16,100 from the Army and 7,000 from the RAF, 2,000 from the Commonwealth and 500 from the 'Colonies'. There were 6,700 reserve and administrative troops, while 1,000 officers and men of the Royal military police were brought in to assist the Metropolitan police. A further 7,000 police were drawn from 75 provincial forces. The Queen Salote of Tonga won the hearts of the waiting crowds by refusing to raise the roof of her carriage for protection despite the rain.

Coronation Chicken was invented for the foreign guests who were to be entertained after the Coronation. The food had to be prepared in advance, and Florist Constance Spry proposed a recipe of cold chicken in a curry cream sauce with a well-seasoned dressed salad of rice, green peas and mixed herbs. Constance Spry's recipe won the approval of the Minister of Works and has since been known as Coronation Chicken.

On 2 June 1953, news reached that Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay had made it to the summit of Mount Everest. The Queen presented the 14 members of the expedition with special edition Coronation medals with the extra wording 'Mount Everest Expedition'.

Source : 50 facts about The Queen's Coronation <https://www.royal.uk/50-facts-about-queens-coronation-0>

And finally, all you need to know about Coronation Chicken:

It was invented by Constance Spry, a florist, and Rosemary Hume, a chef. Spry proposed the recipe of cold chicken, curry cream sauce and dressing that would later become known as coronation chicken.

Coronation chicken may have been inspired by jubilee chicken, a dish prepared for the silver jubilee of George V in 1935, which mixed chicken with mayonnaise and curry. Additionally, for the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002, another celebratory dish was devised, also called Jubilee chicken. (Chicken seems to be a staple ingredient!).

Ingredients

- 100g (4 oz) mayonnaise
- 75g (3 oz) mango chutney
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1 dessertspoon lime zest (grated peel)
- 4 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 500g (1 1/4 lb) skinless, boneless chicken breast fillets - cooked and diced

Preparation method

In a large bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, chutney; curry powder, lime zest, lime juice and salt. Add chicken and toss with the dressing until well coated. Cover and refrigerate until serving.

Tip: Use half mayonnaise, half crème fraiche for a lower fat version of this recipe or cut out the fresh lime juice and add more mango chutney for a simpler cheaper version.

A vegan or vegetarian version could be made with Quorn and vegan mayonnaise. I wonder what new recipes will be dreamt up for this coronation. My vote would be Coronation Cornish Pasty or Welsh Rarebit

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Dinton Parish Community Event : Sunday 7th May

Coronation Treasure Hunt

In celebration of the Coronation, the Dinton Parish Community Events Team are organising a Treasure Hunt on Sunday 7th May that will start at Dinton Village Hall from 2pm with competitors solving clues that lead them through our Parish History over the last 374 years. We want to make the event appealing to young and old and encourage families and groups of friends to form teams and engage in friendly competition. The Treasure Hunt will culminate in the Seven Stars pub garden where a BBQ will take place with appropriate drinks available to toast King Charles III. There will be a prize for the best Historic Team.

It will help the organisers if you can indicate your intention to attend, the likely numbers in your team and if you intend taking advantage of the BBQ.

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Interesting people in Stone, no 4. A farmer's boy who emigrated to Australia in 1852

In February 1853 the Bucks Chronicle printed a transcript of a letter from 19 year old Benjamin Carter to his father William*, describing his voyage to Adelaide on the 570 ton ship Anglia, Master Charles Gardner, one of the 18 immigrant ships to leave for Australia that year. Ben is listed as one of 238 emigrants on the Anglia, most of them young men, including five from Bucks. He left Littleworth Farm in Stone, pictured below, where his father, William, was an agricultural labourer, in early January 1852 Ben sailed on January 13 and arrived in Adelaide on May 19.

Here are extracts from Benjamin's letter:

"Dear father and brothers and sisters ... I am quite well ... rough weather going down the Channel and crossing the Bay of Biscay ... we soon got in the hot weather for 17 days and we had a pint of tea morning and afternoon and a quart of water. It was so hot we lay naked but could not sleep.

"I washed for a schoolmaster and some of the sailors. I got up in the rigging to help the sailors and they told me how to do the ropes and tie the knots. We saw flying fish and porpoises and dolphins ... we caught a shark 12 feet long – we saw plenty of whales blowing the water up in the air.... The birds were as large as small geese. There were Cape pigeons, the handsomest of the lot.

We saw Kangaroo Island and next morning weighed the anchor in Adelaide (rt). I went on shore the same day and had 9 masters come to me offering work ... I am striker for a blacksmith ... my master is at the gold diggings and my mistress is keeping the work on.



"The ship (Royal Saxon) is lost, that Stephen came in, but everyone was saved...I think Stephen is gone to the diggings. I am going there this spring if I can raise the cash..



" There are plenty of natives here... they go naked when not in town. There are opossums, kangaroos and parrots, plenty of wild dogs, snakes and lizards. Father, this is the place for a poor man, plenty of meat and bread ... if I go to my master at the diggings I shall get £3 per week...

"I have seen Joseph Aston, from Dinton, and Benjamin Matthews"

We have no further news of Benjamin. His family probably never saw him again, though hopefully he kept in touch. Did he make a fortune in the gold fields? We don't know.



**In the 1841 Census, William Carter, an agricultural labourer, with wife Mary (who had died by 1851,) and seven children, is listed at Littleworth Farm (left, now a ruin) on the Hartwell Estate, back in the fields behind the present Village Hall, approached from Eythrope Road.. William's employer, the tenant and occupier of this 125 acre farm in the 1850s was George Thorpe. The farm was run on a 4 year rotation of turnips, barley sown with clover, wheat, and beans or peas, regularly fertilised with farmyard manure from cattle and horses. Lord of the manor of Hartwell at the time, scientist Dr John Lee, encouraged and supported farm boys from the estate who emigrated to Africa and the antipodes. Letters still exist between Lee and his protegeses.*

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1. Members of the Upper House? LORDS AND LADIES
2. To make fun of an 'L'? TEASEL
3. A sad flower that chimes? BLUEBELL
4. The tooth of a lion (in French?). DANDELION
5. Favourite flower of Disraeli? PRIMROSE
6. Just don't irritate me! NETTLE
7. Exiled jumping blood-suckers? FLEABANE
8. A wise person? SAGE
9. Always remember me. FORGET-ME-NOT
10. One of the twins in 'Twelfth Night'. VIOLA
11. An amphibian with the raw material of linen. TOADFLAX
12. Not a fast sour fruit. SLOE
13. Churned milk in a mug? BUTTERCUP
14. A bovine misses it's footing? COWSLIP
15. Part of a spinning wheel. SPINDLE
16. Golden toy for a baby? YELLOW RATTLE
17. Using resources carefully and not wastefully. THRIFT
18. Lucky if you find a four-leaf one? CLOVER
19. A rather tatty Christmas bird? RAGGED ROBIN
20. A smaller amount of illness? FEVERFEW
21. The indefinite continued progress of existence. THYME
22. Ah-tish-oo! Bless you! SNEEZEWORT.



Dinton with Ford & Upton Parish Council Meetings

Meetings scheduled to start at 7.30pm unless otherwise notified differently on the agenda:

9th May - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council	10 th October
13 th June	14 th November
11 th July	12 th December
12 th September	

A Food Bank Collection point has been set up at the Seven Stars in Dinton. The box is situated under the tall table on the patio adjacent to the entrance to the pub. All foodstuff will be collected by the Bernwode bus on the first Saturday of each month and delivered to the Aylesbury Vineyard Church foodbank.



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