



CORONATION SPECIAL

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Lord-Lieutenant Anna Turner at Westminster Abbey before Coronation

Following another amazing historic event, I would like to welcome you to this Coronation special edition of our Town and Community links newsletter. For the third time in the last twelve months, I have been honoured to be part of such an occasion – the other two being Platinum Jubilee and funeral of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

On 2nd May I travelled to London to watch the over-night rehearsals for the Coronation parade. With over seven thousand soldiers and horses taking part the sight was a sheer wonder – made even more special by the rehearsal being in the dark in the middle of the night.

A few days later I travelled to London. Ahead of the Coronation, I cannot begin to tell you how excited I was. The anticipation and atmosphere in London had built and was electric with high hopes of a spectacle we would never forget.

A very early start on Coronation Day saw me making my way to Westminster Abbey at 7am with Lord-Lieutenants from around the United Kingdom. Whilst queuing to get into the Abbey it was lovely to bump into other Shropshire residents that had been invited to the Coronation. Most would consider a four hour wait a bit extreme, but I promise you it flew by. We were asked to stop moving around in Westminster and be seated at 8.30am which is when the people watching started. Nudges from my neighbour “did you recognise him”? It was John Major, and so it went on with other Prime Ministers, Leaders, Foreign Royal Families, Representatives from faiths, Heads of State all in beautiful uniforms, costumes, and clothes.

When the music started, I had to remind myself this was the real thing and not just records being played, the organ, orchestra, trumpeters, and soloists made the hairs on my arms stand up. Sitting in the nave you are quite a distance from the Chairs of Estate but luckily television screens made sure we could all see the entire ceremony, apart from the “Anointing” which took place behind the screens of which some of the meticulous work had been completed by

Shropshire Artisans. Watching this with Zadok the Priest being sung by the choir was the most poignant moment for me.

With a beaming smile on my face, I bobbed a curtsy to both Their Majesties as they processed past in their ornate robes with crowns weighing their heads down. I felt as if I had eye contact and felt hugely privileged to have been lucky enough to have had the call up, there were only just over two thousand guests and even The Archbishop of Canterbury’s wife had not been invited.

Moving about in that part of London was nearly impossible as barriers had been placed to prevent the crowd covering the procession route and the troops marched back to different venues. I will never forget the sound of those beating drums, bands playing, feet marching, the clunk of metal from horses’ bits, tack, and trumpet fanfares. I cannot wait to have the opportunity to see Her Majesty’s robe at close quarters, it will have been exquisitely made, with her two Jack Russells embroidered in the hemline.

When the bells of Westminster Abbey rang, our King and Queen were crowned and we sang The National Anthem, I have never felt prouder to be a servant of His Majesty and of what our country can achieve with immaculate traditions upheld. Once the ceremony was over, it was time to make my way back to Shropshire and share my experiences with the County.

I am so honoured to be Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire and represent the County. I hope you enjoy this special newsletter that is in a pictorial format that captures the joyous events that took place throughout Shropshire to celebrate this historic occasion. For more images of events please do take a look at our website.

www.lordlieutenantofshropshire.org.uk



Lord-Lieutenant in Abbey as newly crowned King and Queen pass by



Anna Turner bumped into Shropshire recipient of BEM Pat Sharpe on Lambeth Bridge



Photo credit: Chris Jackson



Coronation rehearsal in London on 2nd May 2023



ROYAL GARDEN PARTIES

TO MARK THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

It was marvellous to see photos on social media of Shropshire residents attending His Majesty King Charles III first Royal Garden Party. A fabulous sunny welcome awaited them at Buckingham Palace as they arrived, and it was a lovely way to show appreciation for all they do for the County.

Photos refer to both the Coronation garden parties (3rd and 9th May)



Brian and Debi Angell



Victoria Sugden, Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Hospital talking to HRH the Duchess of Edinburgh



Graham Wynn OBE and Vice Lord-Lieutenant Jenny Wynn



Derek and Louise Mattinson



Louise Mattinson with HRH the Duchess of Edinburgh



Dr Matthew Bird and Hannah Bird



Air Vice-Marshal Warren James and Mrs James



Hugh and Caroline Strickland



Clare and Tony Morris-Eyton



The PODS Telford Team Chairman John Mills and Sarah Hall



Pauline Dee talking with HRH the Prince of Wales



James, Emily & Jemima Tanner with the Prince of Wales

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY 7TH MAY



Coronation celebrations continued the next day in Shropshire when I, supported by two Lord-Lieutenant Cadets, attended a service at St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, to celebrate the Coronation of the King and Queen Camilla.

The Vice Lord-Lieutenant and many DLs also attended special local church services right across the county to mark the Coronation.

CORONATION PLAQUES

As you may have seen in the local press and social media, Clive Knowles from the British Ironworks at Oswestry, designed, and produced special Coronation Plaques for every town in Shropshire that has a mayor. This very generous donation helped mark the Coronation with simultaneous unveiling ceremonies at noon on Sunday 7th right across the county, leaving lasting memories of this momentous occasion in our history. I was delighted to attend the unveiling of the commemorative coronation plaque at Livesey House, Shrewsbury by the Mayor of Shrewsbury. A number of Deputy Lieutenants were also invited to join their local Mayor at an unveiling throughout Shropshire.



Deputy Lieutenant Fiona Rogers-Coltman attending plaque unveiling at Bishops Castle



Deputy Lieutenant Claire Brentnall attending unveiling at Much Wenlock



Deputy Lieutenant Diana Flint at Ellesmere



Deputy Lieutenant Katherine Garnier at Clun



Deputy Lieutenant Veronica Lillis at Oswestry



Deputy Lieutenant Robert Bland at Great Dawley



Deputy Lieutenant Gareth Williams at Madeley



Deputy Lieutenant Tony Morris-Eyton at Newport



Deputy Lieutenant Clarissa Daly at Church Stretton

Following a very busy morning of church services and plaque unveiling many of us joined community groups to share in the “Big lunch, or “afternoon tea” where communities came together to create a celebratory atmosphere, partied, and created lovely memories to share with future generations.



Deputy Lieutenant Veronica Lillis planting a tree with Mayor and Mayoress of Oswestry.



Coronation party held at Uffington village hall



Deputy Lieutenant Gill Hamer planting Coronation tree at Oswestry School



Vin Wardman, (90), of Craven Arms, made the King Charles 111 Coronation Train mostly from items salvaged from the recycling centre.



Coronation flowers



Coronation party held at Wistanstow village hall.



Coronation cake



Deputy Lieutenant Sam Brettell at a Coronation party in Oakengates



Coronation afternoon tea held at Albrighton Red House village hall for key volunteers and the elderly of the village.

THE BIG HELP OUT

MONDAY 8TH MAY

The additional bank holiday created to mark the coronation, was also intended to give people the opportunity to try their hand at volunteering in their local community. A great deal of voluntary work was undertaken, and I would like to thank everyone for giving their time so selflessly to help others or to improve facilities in local communities.



Vice Lord-Lieutenant Jenny Wynn attended a Coronation tea party at PODS (Parents opening Doors) where Telford Mayor Raj Mehta presented them with a Mayor's Building Bridges Award.



Deputy Lieutenant Gareth Williams represented the Lord-Lieutenant at the Chinese Arts and Culture Centre's Big Lunch. There were performances of Tai Chi and dance, whilst artist Li Hui Sen produced a painting of a horse - a symbol of power, perseverance and imagination - which has been presented to the Lieutenancy as a symbolic Coronation gift.



PRESENTATIONS FOR SCHOOLS

In this very special year the Lieutenancy has created two presentations for schools regarding the Monarchy and its role today; one is for Primary and one for senior schools. If you would like a copy please contact either the person who sent you this newsletter or Shelley or Emily at the Lieutenancy office <shelley.davies@shropshire.gov.uk>; or <emily.marshall@shropshire.gov.uk> if you would like a Deputy Lieutenant to deliver the presentation please do ask.

The Royal Family



by
Shropshire Lieutenancy

and finally...



ARE YOU ONE OF SHROPSHIRE'S EXCEPTIONAL BUSINESSES?

COULD YOUR COMPANY BE RECOGNISED WITH A KING'S AWARD FOR ENTERPRISE?

The most prestigious of Business Awards. The awards are open to small and large businesses and cover; International Trade, Innovation, Sustainable Development and Promoting Opportunity through Social Mobility.

Would you like to find out more? We are running two briefings where you will have the opportunity to learn about the award, ask questions and meet previous winners.



Stallion AI presented with the Queen's Award for Enterprise 2022 (now King's Award for Enterprise)

BRIEFING ONE

FRIDAY 9TH JUNE
8.00 FOR 8.30AM TO 10.00AM
ORIGINS RESTAURANT, SHREWSBURY COLLEGE

BRIEFING TWO

FRIDAY 16TH JUNE
8.00 FOR 8.30AM TO 10.00AM
TELFORD COLLEGE



Lord-Lieutenant presents QAE award to Stallion AI

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So, how can you help?

I would love to hear what is going on in all parts of the County and if you feel we can help by supporting any of your initiatives please do get in touch. The easiest way to do this is to reply to the mail address that has sent you this newsletter or email Emily or Shelley.

We are looking to link with as many schools, churches, voluntary organisations and businesses throughout the county as possible, so that we can see all the fantastic work that is taking place and, where appropriate, share your news through our own platform.

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