

HARROW GOES PLATINUM: CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

2022



THE QUEEN PLANTING A TREE AT HARROW SCHOOL.
COURTESY OF HARROW LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION AND ARCHIVE

Queen Elizabeth II

21 April 1947

— “ —

*I declare before you all that
my whole life whether it be
long or short shall be devoted
to your service and the service
of our great imperial family to
which we all belong."*

— ” —

IMAGE COURTESY OF HARROW LOCAL
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CORNONATION

1953


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HARROW
CORONATION
CELEBRATIONS
June 1953

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Souvenir Programme
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THREE CONCERTS
by
TREORCHY MALE VOICE CHOIR
(National Eisteddfod Winners, 1952)

Stanmore
Coronation Celebrations
JUNE 6th 1953


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HATCH END CORONATION FESTIVITIES 1953

Souvenir Programme



God Save Our Gracious Queen


HARROW CIVIC BULLETIN
CORONATION ISSUE 2 · JUNE · 1953



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— “ —

"I was born in 1946, and in the photo of the Rose Queen and attendants sitting down I am the one on the end leaning slightly forward. I cannot remember anything about this event! My sister, Diana who is six years older than me, features in the Elizabethan Pageant at her secondary school, Sacred Heart, in Wealdstone. My mother made her costume and probably made mine."

” —

BARBARA AVERY

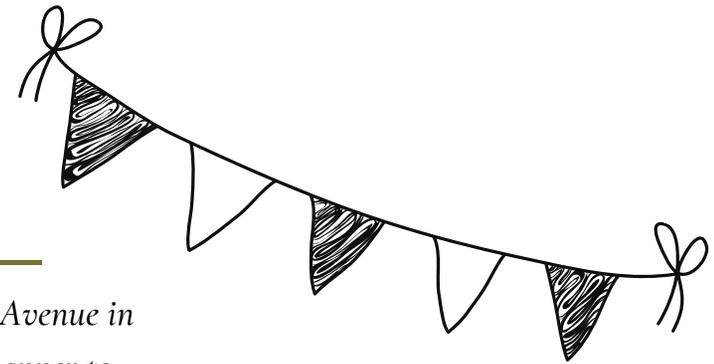


— “ —

Photo shows 80 Capthorne Avenue in 1953 displaying an "ER" banner to commemorate the Queen's coronation that year. Her father, King George VI, died in 1952 but the coronation did not take place until '53.

” —

ALAN VINTON





WHITEFRIARS SCHOOL, 1953

IMAGE COURTESY OF HARROW LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION AND ARCHIVE



SILVER JUBILEE

1977



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THE ROYAL FAMILY



JOIN OUR JUBILEE!

For tickets and train fares a fortune you'll pay
 If you go up to London, so why don't you stay
 Here in Harrow, relax, be our Jubilee guest -
 There are concerts and art shows and plays of the best.

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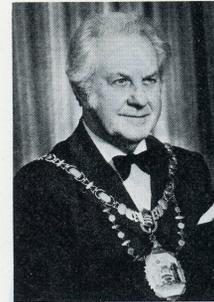


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A Message from the Mayor

Councillor A. J. Lovell, BEM, ISM and the
Deputy Mayor, Councillor A. G. Sellers, OBE.



It gives us very great pleasure as your current Mayor and Deputy Mayor, respectively residents of the Borough for 38 and 31 years, to be privileged to write a foreword for this Souvenir Brochure and Programme commemorating the Silver Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

This Silver Jubilee year will mark yet another milestone in the history of our country. We are sure that everyone in our Borough will wish to participate in some way, either by assistance in the various events that are planned, or by giving support to and attending many of the events listed in the following pages.

It is our earnest hope that the Silver Jubilee celebrations which have been planned for our Borough of Harrow will be long remembered as part of the Nation-wide tribute to Her Majesty.

God Save the Queen

Mayor

Deputy Mayor



QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE 1977 PARTY IN UFFORD CLOSE, HEADSTONE LANE, HARROW
COURTESY OF ROBIN SPARKES

— “ —

The location was on the Green of Ufford close which is beside Ufford Road in Harrow weald. This is in between Tilotson Road and Boniface walk. I'm in a bright yellow jacket at the front, with blonde hair. I was 7 at the time. I'm still in contact with lots of people in the photo. I also won the fifty yard dash and won a paint set on that day.

— ” —

MATT GAGLIARDI



SILVERJUBILEE IN 1977
COURTESY OF MATT GAGLIARDI



PHOTO TAKEN AT QUEEN'S SILVERJUBILEE PARTY, 1977

COURTESY OF LESLEY ROSE

— “ —

If I remember rightly it was at the North Harrow Assembly rooms on Station Road next to the old North Harrow Home Guard club. I'm eating the sandwich and my sister Cathy is chomping down on a lolly. Afterwards there was a fancy dress street party in Woodlands North

Harrow - I don't have any photographs of that unfortunately but remember that it was fairly cold and my sister and I were dressed up as hula hula girls in red white and blue crepe paper - it was freezing!

— ” —

LESLEY ROSE



COMMEMORATIVE ENVELOPE AND STAMPS

COURTESY OF ALAN PRICHARD

— “ —

It was from my uncles stamp collection my uncle was a keen royalist any coronation birthday death or wedding he would write a letter to them this first day of issue commorative envelope with the stamp was ordered by my uncle from a stamp dealers in Reading Berkshire.

— ” —

ALAN PRITCHARD



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GOLDEN JUBILEE

2002

— “ —

I am quite convinced that these local celebrations have helped to remind people of the value of such neighbourhood events in building a genuine community spirit.... I hope that these celebrations will remind us of our shared heritage and what it means to be a united people, enjoying the support of families, friends and neighbours around us...Gratitude, respect and pride, these words sum up how I feel about the people of this country and the Commonwealth - and what this Golden Jubilee means to me.

— ” —

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

JUNE 4TH, 2002



DIAMOND JUBILEE

2012

— “ —

"I was Leader of the Council at the time of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Queen had agreed to visit just four London Boroughs and Harrow put in a submission called the 60 Faces of Harrow based on the Borough's diversity. On the basis we were one of the four boroughs chosen. During this time we had opened the first state Hindu based faith school. The Queen's visit was held at this school and as Leader I greeted her and Prince Phillip to Harrow on a lovely sunny day. I told her that I had never seen Harrow so happy. Which was absolutely true... I did meet the Queen and Prince Phillip as councillor on another occasion. This was to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the setting up of the Greater London Council and the fact that Harrow was the first Borough to join it. There is a plaque in the entrance to the Civic Centre commemorating this. I did have a brief conversation with Prince Phillip."

— ” —

BILL STEPHENSON



HM THE QUEEN DRIVING TO ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL DURING
THE DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF 5 JUNE 2012
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THE QUEEN AND HARROW SCHOOL

IMAGES COURTESY OF HARROW SCHOOL ARCHIVE



THE ATTACHED PHOTO WAS TAKEN THE PREVIOUS SUMMER.
I AM SECOND ROW DOWN AND FIRST ON THE LEFT (WHITE POLO-
NECK)

COURTESY OF STEVE KIRBY

— “ —

In 1971 I was aged 7 and a pupil at the Roxeth Hill First & Middle School. On the morning of Friday 26th February there was great excitement as we were told in assembly that the Queen was going to visit Harrow School and that we could all go and watch her Majesty drive past. Normal lessons were cancelled that morning and we all spent our time painting the Union Jack flag, which we then put on sticks.

About half an hour before she was due to drive past, we all walked up Roxeth Hill and turned left into London Road. My class sat on the wall outside number 9 (still there). It was all over in a flash as her Majesty drove past in her Rolls Royce waving to us as she went by. The flags were waved with gusto. One of my earliest school memories.

— ” —

STEVE KIRBY



QUEEN ELIZABETH II WITH A HARROW FOOTBALL, 1957



QUEEN ELIZABETH II WITH HEAD MASTER DR ROBERT JAMES OUTSIDE DRURIES, 1957



QUEEN ELIZABETH II VISITING HARROW IN 1957 ACCOMPANIED BY HEADMASTER_ DR R L JAMES



MEMORIES FROM
HARROW RESIDENTS:
MEETING THE QUEEN
OVER THE YEARS



PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF JANET MCNULTY

— “ —

I was fortunate enough to meet Her Majesty when she visited Harrow in 2012 as part of her jubilee celebration for that year. As part of the local community groups. I represented Harrow and District Caledonian Society, of which I was president... It was absolutely brilliant. We were given lots of protocol information beforehand- don't speak until she speaks to you, how to address her and so on.

We were a group of six I think , from different community organisations, and had to wait until the royal party had been round all the other groups of singers , dancers and children. We all got more and more nervous as time went by.

When the queen came up to our group she shook my hand and I introduced myself as representing Harrow and District Caledonian Society. She smiled broadly, laughed, looking down at my tartan outfit and said, “I should have guessed”.

— ” —

JANET MCNULTY



IMAGES COURTESY OF LUCY BAKER



When the Queen visited the Borough in 2012 for her 60th anniversary, I was asked to put together a choir from all the Harrow choirs and rehearsed/conducted them for HMQ. On 29 March 2012, me and Bryan were presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during the Diamond Jubilee tour.

Her Majesty visited Harrow and one element of the day was a performance by a 150-strong choir representing 10 adult choirs and 3 schools. This choir had been organised and rehearsed by Bryan and me.

Bryan had been commissioned by the London Borough of Harrow to write a new piece, a choral fanfare, which received its first performance. The organisers also requested a performance of Shifting Sands, part of Bryan's choral song cycle, Voices That Should Be Heard. The words for this piece were written by me.

On the day, Bryan accompanied whilst I conducted. This was followed by a presentation to the Queen during which she asked us questions about the choir and the pieces of music that she had heard. We sang 4 pieces, although it was supposed to be 3.

The main pieces were a Choral Fanfare written by Bryan Kesselman for the occasion, and Shifting Sands, written by Bryan and myself. We had timed the walk that the Queen would make to get to us and sang Come Ye Sons of Art (Henry Purcell) to accompany her walk.

She arrived on schedule, as the last note was sung, and we would have started the Choral Fanfare but the Duke of Edinburgh was missing. We had prepared for such an emergency and sang Pastyme with Good Company which was written by Henry VIII.

By the time we had finished, Prince Philip had arrived to an astonishing look from HMQ. We then sang the Fanfare and Shifting Sands, followed by a wonderful conversation with the Queen while Prince Philip chatted to the choir.



PHILIP BARNETT

— “ —

I have been privileged to meet the Queen several times. In 1954, as a student I sang in a school choir to greet the Queen when she visited Colombo, in Sri Lanka. Years later in 2004, the Queen and Prince Philip visited Harrow to mark 50 years of Harrow as a Borough. The Mayor at the time chose 'Kala Anjali Arts Circle choir' to sing to the Queen. When the Mayor introduced me to her, I remember she shook hands with me! The children in the choir were so thrilled to meet the Queen, I felt elated!". This photograph was shared by parents and children.

— ” —
PUNITHA PERINPARAJA



IMAGE COURTESY OF PUNITHA PERINPARAJA



THE QUEEN'S 2004
VISIT TO HARROW

The 50th anniversary of the incorporation as a borough was celebrated in April 2004, which included a visit by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her Majesty arrived at St Ann's Road at noon to mark the 50th anniversary of Harrow's incorporation as a borough.

The royal couple were greeted outside the St Ann's Centre by the Mayor of Harrow, Councillor Mano Dharmarajah, and the borough's chief executive, Joyce Markham.

At 12.30pm she left the town centre to be driven to the Civic Centre where she was greeted by 1,000 children representing every local authority school in the borough, and hundreds of other Harrovians.

In the Civic Centre, the Queen and Prince Phillip were guests of honour at a reception and lunch attended by members of many parts of the borough's community, and saw a photographic exhibition of the changing face of Harrow over the last 50 years.



2004 visit to Harrow
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JUBILEE 2022



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HARROW COUNCIL

On Friday 11th March 2022, an Oak Tree was planted in Lowlands Rec to mark the 70 year reign for her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. It was led by the Deputy Mayor of Harrow, Cllr Sasi Suresh who was joined by the leader of the council Cllr Graham Henson, Deputy Lieutenant Simon Ovens, Cllr Krishna Suresh, Cllr Varsha Parmar, Cllr Anjana Patel and others.



*Headstone Manor & Museum would like to
congratulate Her Majesty on this Platinum
Jubilee .*

*We would like to extend our well wishes to
Her Majesty on this milestone occasion.*

Long may she reign.



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