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A Royal Welcome!

With the Queen's Platinum Jubilee just around the corner, we're pleased to bring you this special edition of the Newton Cryer in celebration of Her Majesty's incredible seventy years as our reigning monarch.

As well as all the latest news regarding local events in honour of this landmark anniversary, we've included an eight-page pull-out section featuring archive photos from the Queen's first visit to Newton Abbot back in the July of 1952, just five months after her ascension to the throne following the death of her father, King George VI.

On the creative front, we've a whole summer of arts-inspired activities and workshops planned, exploring everything from puppet theatre to radio broadcasting. Organised by Kate Green, our community engagement officer, many of the scheduled events will be supported by talented artists and performers with a wealth of knowledge and experience with which to educate and entertain.

There's news of not one, but two exciting exhibitions to visit at the museum – both completely free to enter – plus full listings for what's on during the much anticipated return of Carnival Week in early July.

And as if all that wasn't enough, we're also proud to welcome back the best of the bellowing bell-ringers, with the annual Town Criers' Competition in September – proof indeed that, living in Newton Abbot, there's always something to shout about!

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SUNDAY BAND CONCERTS 2022

All performances will commence at 2.30pm
at the Courtenay Park Bandstand.
Refreshments available.

- ★ Sunday 5th June
SPECTRUM MUSIC CONCERT WIND BAND ★
(to coincide with Party in the Park, celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee)



- ★ Sunday 3rd July
DEVON & SOMERSET
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- ★ Sunday 10th July
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- ★ Sunday 11th September
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The Crying Game

NOW HEAR YE – IT'S THE ANNUAL TOWN CRIERS' COMPETITION!

Oh Yez, it's the return of the loudest day of the year as hopefuls from around the country gather at St. Leonard's Tower to battle it out for the coveted Town Criers' Competition awards!

The colourful criers – including our very own Nigel Kenneison – always bring a great sense of occasion to this annual event, so why not lend us your ears and come along to support this long-held tradition?

SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

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10.15 AM
TO 2.00 PM



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WITH KATE GREEN, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER FOR NEWTON'S PLACE

CREATIVE NEWTON ABBOT

We have noticed that lots of you like being creative and making things and our art and craft activities in the middle of town have been very well attended. Our Christmas cracker making stall was so popular, we decided that we would run something for you EVERY month throughout the year!

Our stall will be called **Creative Newton Abbot**, appearing on the second Saturday of every month between 10am and 2pm. We will offer a different art activity each time and it's all free. Look out for our fabulous gazebo with the Creative Newton Abbot logo on it and come and get crafty!

WHAT'S THE STORY, NEWTON ABBOT?

For each Saturday in June, we've organised lots of story-based activities for you to join in with around the town (and at Newton's Place) with a fabulous selection of artists, including:

Skylarkers – Nellie and Nathaniel, guardians of their ingenious machine, the StoryGenerator, have travelled the world collecting stories, and are now coming to Newton Abbot to hear your tales.

Creation Myth Puppets – inspiring you to make your own puppet and conjure magnificent stories.



Isabella and her Story Bicycle – who has flown with the blue butterflies of Brazil, outwitted trolls in the fjords of Norway, learnt Kung-Fu on the Mountain of Kunyu and rested in a robin's nest on Dartmoor. With delightful storytelling, gorgeous illustrations, unexpected wonders and a handsome Story Bicycle called Dilys, Isabella will whisk you away to another world.

Soundart Radio – the audio media experts will be in town to gather your stories and experiences for broadcast on the radio.



There's so much to do across the whole of the month, so be sure to look out for posters advertising these special events!



Do you have a collection that you'd like to share? To find out if some of your cherished items could go on show in the Your Space cabinet in the future, please have

a chat with staff at the museum or email me at kate.green@newtonspace.org

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR SPACE

Our community cabinet at Newton Abbot Museum is always changing; a place where local people can share collections of treasured objects gathered over the years, or display the beautiful pieces created at art projects that have taken place in the museum.

In June and July, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we'll be displaying some interesting objects, donated to the museum, with connections to royalty. Then, in August, we are delighted to be sharing a local artist's collection of handmade books and we will be hosting an accompanying book making workshop too.

Pop in to the museum to check out what's on show in Your Space and, if you collect anything that you would like to share, please do talk to a member of museum staff about your collection.

Make & Create

We continue through the summer with our free, monthly workshops aimed at families working together, usually taking place in the museum or in Newton's Place, but our first will be in Courtenay Park as part of the Jubilee celebrations:

Sunday June 5 | Fly your Flag!

Visit our stall in Courtenay Park to help commemorate the Queen's Jubilee by making and decorating flags sharing what you celebrate most in life.

July 2 & August 6 | Animate it!

Over these two workshops you will create 2D characters from Newton Abbot's past and then use stop-frame animation to create stories about them. We will share your masterpiece animations on our website!

Long to reign over us

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SEVENTY YEAR REIGN AS HEAD
OF THE BRITISH MONARCHY



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TO PULL-OUT & KEEP!

ARCHIVE PHOTOS
FROM THE
ROYAL VISIT
OF 1952



A Day to Remember!

On July 2nd, 1952, Newton Abbot became the first provincial town visited by the Queen following her ascension to the throne in February.

The event was planned to coincide with her attendance at the Annual Royal Show held at nearby Stover from 1st – 4th of July. Arriving at 10.30am in the Royal Train, the young monarch visited Courtenay Park to inspect a Guard of Honour before being driven to the Royal Show Ground via the streets of Newton Abbot to enthusiastic cheers from the patriotic crowds.



The freshly decorated railway station awaits the arrival of the Royal Train, pulled by the G.W.R. locomotive King Henry VI.



With uniforms brushed and shoes polished, a royal welcome honoured the young Elizabeth; the station awash with floral displays, regal insignia and union flags.



Received by dignitaries headed by the High Sheriff of Devon, Sir Reginald Leeds, and the Chairman of the Newton Abbot Urban District Council, Cllr. Norman P. Roberts.



A quick chat with the Lord Lieutenant (Earl Fortescue) on the short walk between the station and Courtenay Park.



The Guard of Honour prepares for the big day, headed by the Royal Artillery Band.



Naval cadets earn a seal of approval from their head of state, accompanied by officer in charge, Major Battye.



Inspection complete, the 150-strong cadet guard are granted permission to stand at ease.



A final smile for the delighted crowds at Courtenay Park before moving on to the showground at Stover.



The royal cavalcade slowly winds its way through the town centre, greeted by much cheering and flag-waving from the large gatherings of onlookers.



Meanwhile, the Army Cadets provide a reassuring presence, marching in formation along Queen Street – where else?



Gate receipts at the showground enjoyed a considerable boost, with the public keen to catch a glimpse of the new monarch.



At the Stover showground's Royal Pavilion, the Queen presents Mr William Miller with a long service award.

Captured on film



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Much of the Queen's itinerary at the Stover showground was recorded on film and is now part of the British Pathé archive.

The footage is available to view via YouTube; use the QR code to activate the link!





Charmed by the young monarch's natural manner and obvious enjoyment of the exhibits at the agricultural show, visitors were sure to leave the event with happy memories and a sense of pride in their town's efforts to welcome the new Queen.

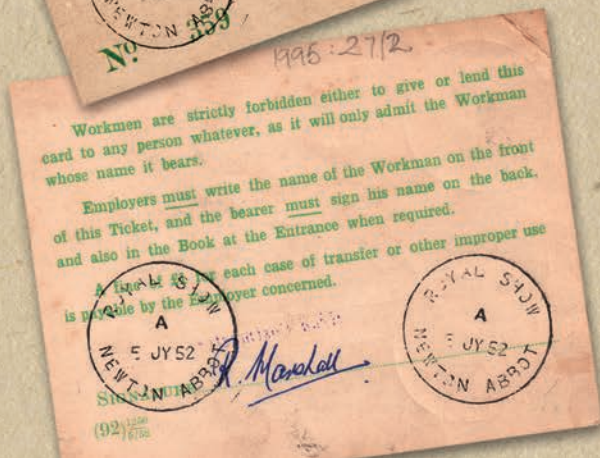


Local dignitaries
pay their respects.



Easing the tension with a cigarette
before the judges' final decisions...

This workman's pass, issued to Mr
R Marshall (Newton Abbot's head
postmaster) was kindly donated
to the museum by Mrs M Baker.



After a very full schedule on her first official visit to Newton Abbot,
the Queen was still more than happy to pose for the various press
photographers looking for tomorrow's front page picture.

The Best of Three?

Elizabeth II was the first British monarch to visit Newton Abbot since Charles I was entertained in the Great Parlour of Forde House back in 1625.

The Queen has since made two further visits to the town – once in 1977 (the year of her Silver Jubilee) as part of a tour of South Devon, and again in 1980 to view the refurbishment work carried out at Old Forde House – but her appearance in 1952 remains the most fondly remembered as it came so soon after her accession to the throne, after the death of her father King George VI, just five months earlier.

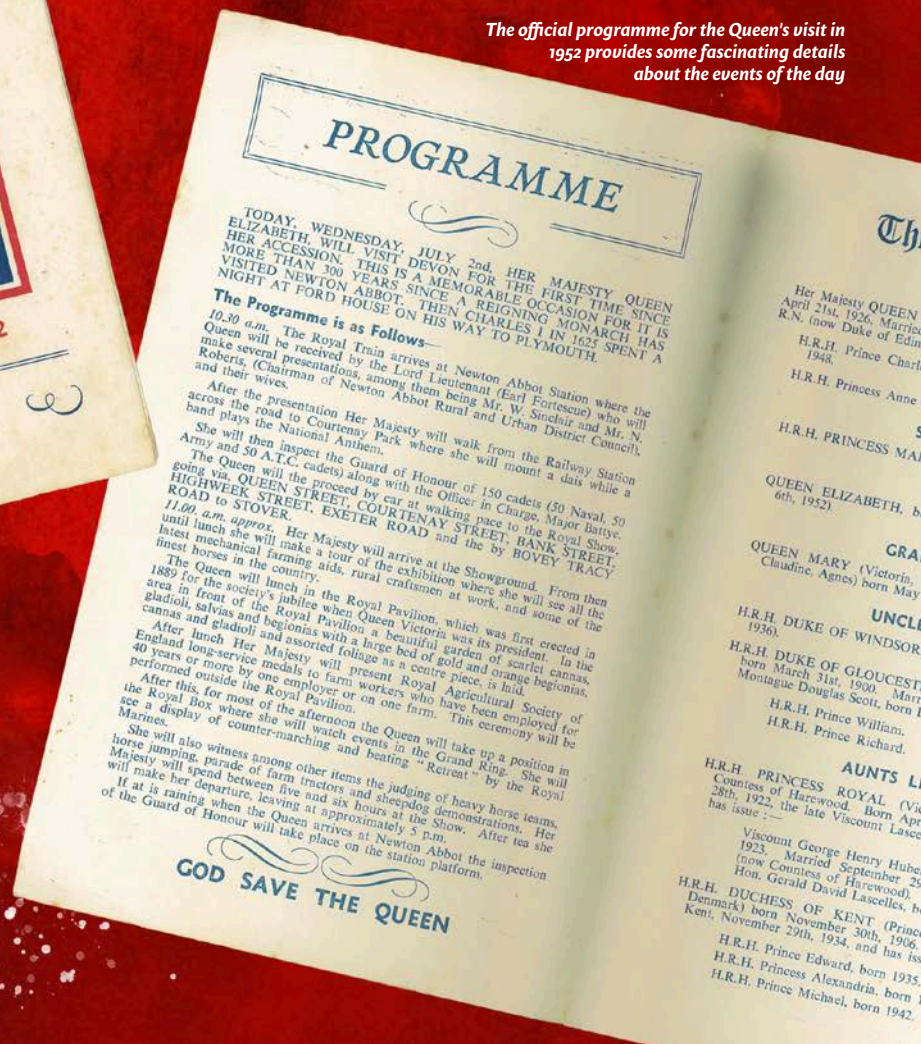
The official programme for the Queen's visit in 1952 provides some fascinating details about the events of the day



We hope you've enjoyed this little trip back in time and feel inspired to grab a camera and help to record some future history when the next royal visit comes around!

All of the photographs and artefacts reproduced for this supplement have been gathered from many different sources including Newton Abbot Museum's own collection.

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2022 JUBILEE EVENTS

Throughout the month of June, events will be held across the whole of the UK in celebration of the Queen's incredible seventy years as head of state, and Newton Abbot is certainly not going to miss out on the fun!

As this is the first time that a British monarch has reached the landmark of a Platinum Jubilee, an additional bank holiday has been granted, effectively giving the general public a four-day weekend from Thursday 2nd June.

JOIN US FOR A RIGHT ROYAL KNEES-UP AT OUR SPECIAL EVENTS:



Clock Tower Proclamation

Thursday 2nd June | 2 pm



Public address declaring the sovereignty of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, delivered by Newton Abbot's town crier, from St Leonard's Clock Tower.

Lighting of the Beacons

Thursday 2nd June | 9.45 pm



Synchronised lighting of the town's beacons at Highweek, Buckland and Wolborough.

Put on your dancing shoes!

Saturday 4th June | from 10 am

Performances throughout the day from **Two Sisters Dance Group** and **Forte**.

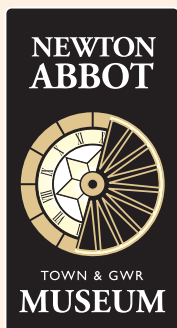
Party in the Park

Sunday 5th June | 12 noon - 4 pm

Family friendly event at Courtenay Park, featuring a royal themed band concert with Spectrum Music, plus:

- ★ Magical bubbles
- ★ Magician
- ★ Face painting
- ★ Balloon modelling
- ★ Give-aways
- ★ Cocktails, food and drinks bar
- ★ Family craft workshops
- ★ Jubilee selfie frame





Museum News

WITH DR CHARLOTTE DIXON (CURATOR) AND KATIE PETLEY-JONES (CURATORIAL ASSISTANT)



Picturing the Past

Multi-award winning artist Christy Burdock has teamed up with Newton Abbot Museum and residents to produce a series of drawings inspired by life in the town, past and present.

London-based Christy spent time in Newton Abbot completely embedding herself in the museum and researching her subjects both here and in the town. The result is seven pieces featuring local landmarks, events and objects seen against the backdrop of modern Newton Abbot going about its business.

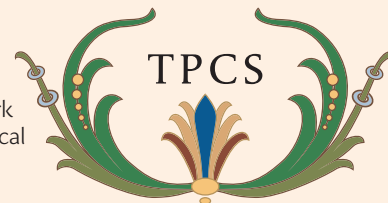
Christy has described the project as a reflection of "a community high in trust and contentment, steeped in history and heritage".

The artwork will be displayed around the museum alongside the objects featured in them. This exhibition runs from Saturday 9th April until Saturday 3rd September, and entry is completely FREE!



Fired for Royalty

Running hot on the heels of Christy's amazing artwork is a special celebration of local pottery with royal links.



This exhibition, also hosted here at the museum, is being presented by Torquay Pottery Collectors Society in commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It will feature some beautiful pieces of royal commemorative ware from the Torquay and South Devon potteries.


Open to the public from Thursday 15th September until Thursday 13th October, entry is again absolutely FREE!

Commemorative cup and stand to celebrate King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra coronation in 1902



STAY UP-TO-DATE!

Don't forget to check our social media streams or the museum website for all the latest news, exhibition dates, opening times and contact details:

 @Newton.Abbot.Museum

 @NewtonsPlace

 museum-newtonabbot.org.uk

St Leonard's Tower

The iconic medieval tower will be reopening to the public on 18th May. Ever wondered what this historic landmark looks like inside? Come and explore the tower with a free guided tour. Drop in, no need to book.

Due to the nature of this ancient building, there is no wheelchair access to the upper floors. The steps are steep and access to the upper floor is at your own risk. A video showing the upper floors is available to view on the ground floor.

Open on Wednesdays (and selected Saturdays) from 18th May until 14th September, between 10am and 1pm – FREE ADMISSION!



Heritage Open Days

Newton Abbot Museum is taking part in the nationwide Heritage Open Day events again this year. The theme is 'inventions', and a special event will be taking place on Saturday 17th September at Newton Abbot Museum and St Leonard's Tower.

Details coming soon! See the website and social media for updates.

Relaxed Visits

Each month we set aside a number of hours for anyone who might benefit from visiting the museum at a quieter time. Reduced sound levels and a chill-out room upstairs make this a great time to visit if you have additional needs, but everyone is welcome.

Schools and home educators

Schools and home educators can contact us now to arrange visits, workshops, or outreach visits for the autumn term.



NEW DONATIONS

A recent addition to the collection is very apt for this edition of the Cryer: a coronation spoon inside a presentation box.

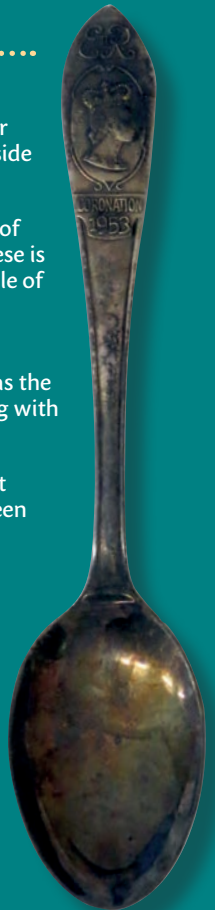
This silver-plated spoon is decorated at the top of the handle with the initials ER, and between these is the Roman numeral II, with the iconic side profile of the Queen's head (including the crown) below. The words 'coronation 1953' follow.

The presentation box that the spoon came in has the words 'Long Live' and 'E II R' across the lid along with images of a thistle, a flower, and the crown.

This object was part of a range of souvenirs that were created to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II as monarch of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Ceylon, and Pakistan on June 2nd 1953.

The commemorative spoon was given to the donor when they were at primary school, and as part of the celebrations the school took the children to the Odeon to see the Queen's coronation.

The coronation of Queen Elizabeth II was the first British coronation to be televised. During the coronation of her father King George VI in 1937 television cameras were not permitted inside the Abbey. This event is considered to be a ground-breaking moment for broadcasting by the BBC as it was filmed in colour, the first Royal coronation to be televised, and for many people it was the first time they were able to watch an historic event from their home or cinema.



Carnival
2022

Let the Fun Begin!

FULL PROGRAMME OF EVENTS ANNOUNCED FOR THE WELCOME RETURN OF NEWTON ABBOT CARNIVAL WEEK

The Newton Abbot Carnival committee is thrilled to announce the scheduled events for this year's carnival – the first since 2019, after a two year break due to the Covid pandemic. Following the crowning of the Carnival Queen on Saturday 25th June, will be

a week-long programme of activities and entertainment for all the family from Monday 4th until Sunday 10th July. For further information on any aspect of this year's carnival please contact Mike Ryan (Carnival Chairman) on 01626 205212 or 07746 534065.

Saturday 25th June | 12.00 noon

CROWNING OF THE CARNIVAL QUEEN

At St Leonards Clock Tower with music from Spectrum Orchestra.

Monday 4th July

QUIZ NIGHT | 7.30 pm

At The Richard Hopkins (Wetherspoons) pub on Queen Street, entry fee £5 per team (max. four people per team).

Tuesday 5th July

POOHSTICKS RIVER RACE | 5.30 pm

From Highweek Way to Hero Bridge, prizes to be won.

Wednesday 6th July

DUCK RACE | 5.30 pm

From Steppes Meadow bridge to ASDA with cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Thursday 7th July

TEA DANCE | 2.00 pm

At Danceworks Devon, East Street, admission £5.00. Cream teas will be available.

BINGO | 7.30 pm

At the Recreational Trust, Marsh Road.

Friday 8th July

CHARITY FUN RUN | from 6.00 pm

At Decoy Park. Food & refreshments available from a catering van.
Registration for all races at 6.00 pm.
2k race starts at 6.45 pm (£2.50 each)
5k race starts at 7.00 pm (£5 each).

Saturday 9th July

CARNIVAL DAY | 12 noon – 4.00 pm

At Courtenay Park with charity and trade stalls, live music and demonstrations. Also, food and refreshments will be available from a catering van.

WHEELBARROW RACE | from 2.00 pm

At Courtenay Park. Organised by Newton Abbot Rotary Club.

CARNIVAL PROCESSION | from 6.30 pm

From Courtenay Park to Highweek Way.

Sunday 10th July

CARNIVAL PRAISE | from 2.00 pm

Band concert at Courtenay Park with children's activities plus a FREE cream tea available to all! Brought to you by Christians Together.

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