

STRATTON ST. MARGARET



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**OFFICIAL
SOUVENIR PROGRAMME**

TO CELEBRATE
THE CORONATION OF HER MAJESTY
QUEEN ELIZABETH II

TUESDAY, JUNE 2nd, 1953

A Loyal Address

ON behalf of the Parishioners of the civil Parish of Stratton St. Margaret, we humbly offer our most dutiful homage to our Gracious and Beloved Sovereign Lady Queen ELIZABETH II, Queen of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of her Dominions beyond the Seas. We assure her most Gracious Majesty of our loyalty and devotion, and obedience to her authority, and we most humbly pray that by the Grace of God she may be spared for many years to reign over us in happiness, peace and prosperity, and that the Blessing of God may at all times assist her in her arduous task.

*(Signed) W. J. HATHAWAY, Chairman.
H. W. MOUNTFORD, Secretary.*

Time Table of Events

- 1-45 p.m. Processions assemble.
2-0 p.m. Processions arrive at Recreation Ground.
2-15 p.m. "GOD SAVE OUR QUEEN"
2-20 p.m. Dedication Service.
3-0 p.m. Judging of Fancy-dress Parade.
3-15 p.m. Children's Sports.
4-30 p.m. Tea.
5-30 p.m. Adult Sports.
7-0 p.m. Presentation of Prizes, by Miss Stratton
8-0 p.m. Comic Football Match, Crown Inn v. Stratton
Reform Club.
9-0 p.m. Incidental Music and Impromptu Dancing.
10-0 p.m. Giant Bonfire.
10-30 p.m. Firework Display.
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*A Message to Residents by Wilfred J. Hathaway, Esq., Chairman
of the Parish Council.*

TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE PARISH,

May I remind you of the comprehensive programme arranged for them, to take place at the Kingsdown Recreation Ground on Coronation Day, to commemorate this auspicious occasion.

I do most cordially invite everyone, both young and old, to take part in these festivities.

W. J. HATHAWAY,
Chairman of the Parish Council.

Procession

The PROCESSION will be made up of two portions, headed by the SWINDON NAVAL CADETS' BAND.

..... Lower Stratton Portion will assemble at St. Margaret's Green, leaving at 1-45 p.m.

..... Upper Stratton portion will assemble at Dores Road, leaving at 1-45 p.m.

Both portions will proceed to the
RECREATION GROUND.

Judging will commence at 3 p.m. PRESENTATION OF PRIZES
will be made at 7-15 p.m.

Classes are as follows:

CHILDREN—

1.—Infants' Schools—		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
(a) Fancy Dress	5/-	3/-	2/6	2/-	
(b) Decorated Pram, Tricycle, etc.	7/6	5/-	2/6		
2.—Junior Schools—					
(a) Decorated Cycle	7/6	5/-	3/-	—	
(b) Fancy Dress (Historical or Literary)	7/6	5/-	3/-	—	
(c) Fancy Dress (Comical) ...	7/6	5/-	3/-	—	
3.—Senior Schools—					
(a) Decorated Cycle	10/-	7/6	5/-	—	
(b) Fancy Dress (Historical or Literary)	10/-	7/6	5/-	—	
(c) Fancy Dress (Comical) ...	10/-	7/6	5/-	—	

Adults (Entries limited to Parishioners)—

		1st	2nd	3rd
1.—Fancy Dress ... ..	...	15/-	10/-	5/-
2.—Best Decorated Cycle, Pram, etc. ...	...	20/-	15/-	10/-
3.—Best Decorated Horse-drawn Vehicle ...	...	40/-	30/-	20/-
4.—Best Decorated Motor Vehicle ... ..	...	60/-	40/-	30/-
5.—Best Mounted Character ... ..	...	30/-	20/-	15/-

Prizes to Total Value of £25.

Stewards—Lower Stratton Parade—
Mesdames Birch, Nickolls and Speck; Messrs. Harvey,
Bunce and Birch.

Stewards—Upper Stratton Parade—
Mrs. Midwinter, Mr. Midwinter, Mr. Gower, Mr. Lapham.

Parade Marshall—E. S. CURTIS, M.M.

Judges—Mrs. Hawksworth, Dr. Alexander, Mrs. Alexander,
Miss M. Price.

Dedication Service

HYMN (A. & M.) 166:

*ALL people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice^o
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him, and rejoice.*

*The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His flock, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.*

*O enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.*

*To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God Whom Heav'n and earth adore,
From men and from the Angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.*

BRETHREN, we are met together to add our prayers to the thoughts of countless multitudes, whose minds are turning at this time to one of the most sacred places in the history of our race—the Abbey Church of St. Peter at Westminster. Thither our Queen has come this day to receive from God the anointing which seals her life's service and bestows God's grace for its fulfilment, and the Crown which is the emblem of her royal state. She has come, as other Kings and Queens before her have come, for a thousand years. Each prayer, each act in the Solemn Rite, is rich in memories of the long history through which, by God's Providence, the Monarchy of this Realm has been preserved.

Yet it is no mere relic of the past. It speaks still of kingship as a trust received from God. It speaks now of the hallowing of the Queen for the service of God and of the people, not in this land only but in many lands across the seas. To-day, in a manner hitherto unknown in history, the Queen has come to her Consecration and her Crowning, accompanied by her people. For, by

a marvel of Science, millions throughout the world will be able to listen to the noble words which lay her great charge upon her as if they, themselves, were present in the Abbey Church at Westminster.

In another, and far deeper sense, she bears her people with her, for she is their representative. With her they too, are called to consecrate the life of Nation and Empire to the service of the King of Kings.

Wherefore, let us now prepare our hearts and minds that we may worthily associate ourselves with our Queen on this great day.

II.—PENITENCE.

And first, as is most meet, let us make humble acknowledgment before God of the manifold ways wherein, as a people, we have come short of His Will and Purpose.

Let us pray:

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God for He will abundantly pardon.

Hide thy face from our sins;

R. And blot out all our iniquities.

Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve Thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and are wont to give more than either we desire or deserve. Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our consciences are afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

LESSON: ISAIAH VI, 1-8.

HYMN (A. & M.) 512 (*Tune: Belmont*)—

*O GOD of Jacob, by Whose hand
Thy people still are fed,
Who through this weary pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led;*

*Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before Thy Throne of grace;
God of our Fathers, be the God
Of their succeeding race.*

*Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide;
Give us each day our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.*

*O spread Thy covering wings around,
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace. Amen.*

LESSON: I ST. PETER I, 3-9.

Let us now offer our prayers to Almighty God, for our Sovereign Lady Queen ELIZABETH, remembering her need of God's most gracious favour and continual help, and for this Realm and Empire, that it may stand among the nations of the world in loyalty to God's Kingdom of righteousness, justice and peace.

Let us pray:

O Lord, our God, who upholdest and governest all things by the word of thy power: Receive our humble prayers for our Sovereign Lady Queen ELIZABETH, and as Thou dost this day set a crown of pure gold upon her head, so let wisdom be her guide, let Thine arm strengthen her, let truth and justice, holiness and righteousness, peace and charity, abound in her days; Direct all her counsels and endeavours to Thy glory, and the welfare of her subjects; give us grace to obey her cheerfully for conscience sake, and let her always possess the hearts of her people; let her reign be long and prosperous, and crown her with everlasting life in the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, give ear, we beseech Thee, to our prayers, and multiply Thy blessings upon Thy servant ELIZABETH, consecrated in Thy name this day to be our Queen; defend her evermore from all dangers, ghostly and bodily; make her a great example of virtue and piety, and a blessing to this kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

This God is our God for ever and ever;

R. *He shall be our Guide unto death.*

Almighty God, who rulest in the kingdom of men, and hast given to our Sovereign Lady, Queen ELIZABETH, great dominion in all parts of the earth: Draw together, we pray Thee, in true fellowship the men of divers races, languages and customs, who dwell therein, that, bearing one another's burdens, and working together in brotherly concord, they may fulfil the purpose of Thy providence, and set forward Thy everlasting kingdom. Pardon, we beseech Thee, our sins and short-comings; keep far from us all selfishness and pride: and give us grace to employ Thy good

gifts of order and freedom to Thy glory and the welfare of mankind; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all glory and dominion, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

ADDRESS.

HYMN (A. & M.) 298—

*PRAISE, my soul, the King of Heaven,
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransom'd, heal'd, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.*

*Father-like, He tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.*

*Angels in the height, adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Saints triumphant, bow before Him,
Gather'd in from every race;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace. *Amen.**

BENEDICTION.

Children's Sports Programme

- 1st Event **Tiny Tots** (Mixed) Race, under 5 years, not at school.
 Winner—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....
- 2nd „ **Tiny Tots** (Mixed) Race, under 5 years, attending school.
 Winner—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....
 Run 30 yards to Mother in above races.

INFANTS—

- 3rd „ **Girls, 5-6 years**—Skipping Race
 Winner—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....
- 4th „ **Boys, 5-6 years**—Sack Race.
 Winner—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....
- 5th „ **Girls, 6-7 years**—Skipping Race.
 Winner—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....
- 6th „ **Boys, 6-7 years**—Sack Race.
 Winner—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

JUNIORS—

- 7th „ **Girls, 7-9 years**—Egg and Spoon Race.
 Winner—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....
- 8th „ **Boys, 7-9 years**—Potato Race.
 Winner—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....
- 9th „ **Girls, 9-11 years**—Obstacle Race.
 Winner—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....
- 10th „ **Boys, 9-11 years**—Obstacle Race.
 Winner—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....
- 11th „ **Girls, 9-11 years**—Three Legged Race.
 Winner—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....
- 12th „ **Boys, 9-11 years**—All-Four's Race.
 Winner—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

Entrants in the above events to be under the maximum age on 31st. August, 1953.

Finals only to be held on the Day.
 Ten Competitors in the Final of each Event.

SENIORS—

(Entrants to be under the maximum age on 17th April, 1953)

- 13th Event **Girls, 11-13 years**—Thread the Needle Race.
Winner—1st..... 2nd.....
- 14th „ **Boys, 11-13 years**—Wheelbarrow Race. 8 pairs
Winner—1st..... 2nd.....
- 15th „ **Girls, 13-15 years**—Obstacle Race. 8 pairs
Winner—1st..... 2nd.....
- 16th „ **Boys, 13-15 years**—Obstacle Race 8 pairs
Winner—1st..... 2nd.....
- 17th „ **Girls, 11-13 years**—Manx Race (Teams of 3) 4 Teams
Winner—1st..... 2nd.....
- 18th „ **Boys 11-13 years**—Chariot Race (Teams of 7) 4 Teams
Winner—1st..... 2nd.....
- 19th „ **Girls, 13-15 years**—Catch the Train Race 8 Teams
Winner—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....
- 20th „ **Boys, 13-15 years**—Centipede Race, 4 Teams.
Winner—1st..... 2nd.....

Note.—All Children's Sports Entries to be made on or before 8th May, to respective schools according to age groups.
Finals only on the Day.

Adults Sports

(Entries for above at a given point on Field.)

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| 1st | Event | Ladies —Needle and Thread Race. |
| | | Winners—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... |
| 2nd | „ | Gents —Sack Race. |
| | | Winners—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... |
| 3rd | „ | Ladies —Egg and Spoon Race (under 40 years). |
| | | Winners—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... |
| 4th | „ | Gents —Obstacle Race. |
| | | Winners—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... |
| 5th | „ | Ladies —Egg and Spoon Race (over 40 years). |
| | | Winners—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... |
| 6th | „ | Gents —Veteran Race, 100 yards. (Over 40 years). |
| | | Winners—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... |
| 7th | „ | Ladies —Bun and Mineral |
| | | Winners—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... |
| 8th | „ | Gents —Slow Cycle Race. |
| | | Winners—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... |
| 9th | „ | Ladies —Slow Cycle Race. |
| | | Winners—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... |
| 10th | „ | Gents —Flat, 100 yds. (Under 40 years). |
| | | Winners—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... |
| 11th | „ | Ladies —Skipping Race. |
| | | Winners—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... |
| 12th | „ | Gents —Pillow Fight. |
| | | Winner..... |
| 13th | „ | Street Shuttle Race (Teams of 4). |
| 14th | „ | Tug-of-War. |
| 15th | „ | Surprise Event by Members of Parish Council. |

Announcements

Comic Football Match, Stratton Reform Club v. The Crown Inn.

Teas, Ices and Refreshments will be served in the Marquee.

Licensed Buffet on the Ground.

St. John Ambulance in attendance.

Teas for old-age pensioners will be served at:—

- (a) Lower Stratton Methodist Schoolroom.
- (b) British Legion Memorial Hall, Upper Stratton.

Souvenirs will be distributed to all children up to the age of 15 years.

A **Souvenir Spoon** will be presented to each child born in the Parish during Coronation week, i.e. Midnight Sunday, May 31st, to Midnight Saturday, June 6th.

Souvenirs will be presented to:—

- (1) The oldest resident inhabitant.
- (2) The oldest married couple (combined ages).
- (3) Any residents celebrating a golden or diamond wedding during Coronation week.

A **Special Souvenir** will be presented to the occupier of the best decorated house.

Coronation Committee

Representatives of:—

THE PARISH COUNCIL

THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

THE BRITISH LEGION

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