

# Queen Elizabeth II Coronation 1953 Celebrations in Stonehouse



*Community Centre party.*



*Street party at the maisonettes in Copner Road.*



*Party at Hill Crescent, which was near Green Street in Gloucester Road. Photos from Sue Webb and Liz Anderson.*



*Doverow Avenue — photo from Rosemary Cave.*



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In June 1953 the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II was celebrated. In Stonehouse there were decorated shops, parades, street parties, fancy dress competitions and a fete at Laburnum Field.

### From Les Pugh's Memories (2003)

Reference to my diary for June 2nd 1953 tells me that Coronation Day was dull and stormy with a cool wind. On Saturday 30 May, I decorated the front of our house (in Crescent Road, Bridgend) with small Union Flags and fairy lights. On Sunday my wife Peggy and I attended a special Coronation evensong service at Cainscross Church.

Monday 1st June was a national holiday and I drove to Cheltenham via Stroud so that the family could view the decorations.

On Coronation Day we watched the television broadcasts of the ceremony at our neighbour's house. They were Mr and Mrs Don Dunkason and their daughter Glenis. They were one of a very few families to own a television set. It had a 9in screen and the picture was poor quality. After lunch we drove to Hoffmann's sports field where children's sports and a Punch and Judy Show had been organised. At 9 pm we joined a torchlight procession to the top of Doverow Hill where a large bonfire was lit at 10 pm.



The Sedan Café in High Street, next to Chapel Row. Standing outside are the owners, Mr and Mrs Green. Photo from Ruth Williams.



Parade down High Street - Photos from J.H.A. Anderson collection.



### The fete at Laburnum Field.

Van from Hurns Radio. Children in fancy dress.



Boys in Red Cross uniform on a float at the top of Regent Street.

Photos from John McCallum.





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High Street shops decorated for the coronation.



*A.R. Blick & Son Builders, in Queen's Road.  
Photo SHG collection.*



*J.C. Price, Family Butcher High Street.  
Photo SHG collection.*



*C.E. Willcox Chemist High Street.  
Photo J.H.A. Anderson collection.*



*Burtons grocery shop, High Street by the Green.  
Photo J.H.A. Anderson collection.*



*Mullins Drapery Stores on the corner of Regent Street.  
Photo J.H.A. Anderson collection.*



**Our shop in Stonehouse Glos. decorated for The Coronation**

*W.W. Holmes, Tobacconist and Stationer,  
in Bath Road.*

*Photo from David Holmes.*