

Tewkesbury's Queen



As we gathered for the committee meeting of Tewkesbury Historical Society, we learned the sad news of the passing of our sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen represents what Churchill, in the year of her coronation, described as the mysterious link, the magic link, which unites our Commonwealth and nation. For many of us, seventy years on, Her Majesty is also a link to generations past, a symbol of continuity. We express our deep condolences to the Royal Family for the loss of their - and our - Queen. God Save the King

I was aged only 5 when **King George VI** died suddenly, and we had a new **Queen - Elizabeth II**. I have never met our Queen. Aged about 10 in 1956, I was a Cub lining the Streets when she visited Grimsby, my hometown – all I saw was a Royal Wave from a car window!

People in Tewkesbury were more favoured in 1971, when she and the Royal Family visited the Town to present **Maudy Money** at the time of Anniversaries of the **1121 Foundation of our Abbey** and **1471 Battle of Tewkesbury**.



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The Future King Charles III in 1971



The Future Princess Royal in 1971

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FOR
THE ROYAL MAUNDY



TEWKESBURY ABBEY

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8 APRIL, 1971

11 a.m.

THE ROYAL MAUNDY

The Distribution of Alms and the washing of the feet on the Thursday of Holy Week are of great antiquity. The Maundy can be traced back in England with certainty to the 12th century, and there are continuous records of the Distribution having been made on Maundy Thursday from the reign of King Edward I.

The Service derives its name from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning a commandment, and its opening words have always been "A new Commandment I give unto you".

From the beginning of the 15th century the recipients have numbered as many men and women as the Sovereign is years of age. In the First Distribution the women receive £1.75 in a green purse, and the men £2.25 in a white purse in lieu of items of clothing which were given in earlier times. Each recipient is given two purses in the Second Distribution; the red purse contains £2.50 and represents part of the Maundy and an allowance for provisions formerly given in kind; the white purse contains in Maundy coin in silver pennies, two pences, threepences and fourpences, as many pence as the Sovereign is years of age.

The Maundy Dish used in the First Distribution is part of the Regalia, and though it bears the cypher of William and Mary, it does in fact date back to the reign of King Charles II.

Though the act of washing the feet seems to have been discontinued about 1730, the Lord High Almoner and his Assistants are still girded with linen towels in remembrance, and carry the traditional nosegays of sweet herbs. The pieces of linen at present in use bear the date 1883 and have been worn annually since that year.

The Chapel Royal Choir which takes part in this Service has a notable musical history and remains a distinctive part of the Royal establishment. The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard (the "Indoor Guard") is the oldest Military Corps now existing, having been created in 1485 by King Henry VII.

In earlier times the Ceremony was observed wherever the Sovereign was in residence. For many years the Maundy gifts were distributed in the old Chapel Royal (now the Banqueting Hall) in Whitehall, but from 1890 to 1952 the service was usually held at Westminster Abbey. During the present Reign, however, the Service has been held at Westminster on ten occasions and in the other years at the following places:—

1953 St. Paul's	1959 Windsor	1965 Canterbury
1955 Southwark	1961 Rochester	1967 Durham
1957 St. Albans	1963 Chelmsford	1969 Selby

The Ceremony is being observed this year in Tewkesbury on the occasion of the 850th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Abbey.

Royal Almonry Office,
Buckingham Palace.

The Programme for the Visit

TIME TABLE OF THE QUEENS VISIT

.15 am	ARRIVES TEWKESBURY ABBEY
.00 am	MAUNDY SERVICE BEGINS
.15 pm	CHURCH ST. COTTAGES
.45 pm	BAPTIST CHAPEL
.20 pm	ELMBURY SCHOOL
.00 pm	TEWKESBURY SWIMMING POOL
.30 pm	THE ROYAL PARTY DEPARTS



ROYAL VISIT TO TEWKESBURY

The royal visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will start with their arrival at the entrance gate of Tewkesbury Abbey at 10 15 am.

They will be greeted by the Lord Lieutenant of the county, the Duke of Beaufort and the Mayor of Tewkesbury, Councillor L. A. Webber. The mayor will then present the vicar, the Reverend C. G. R. Pouncey and the Bishop of Gloucester, the Right Reverend Basil T. Guy.

In the porch the Queen will meet other church dignitaries and the Maundy service will start at 11 am, lasting approximately 50 minutes.

After the service there will be photographs taken at the west door of the abbey and the mayor will then accompany the Queen to the southern end to the gates at the crescent, where he will introduce Mr. Peter Healing, chairman of the Abbey Lawn trustees.

The royal party will then visit the Church Street Cottages, No. 37, the home of Mr. Cecil Hayward; No. 45, which is undergoing restoration; and No. 46, the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Pemberton, who have occupied the cottage for over 44 years.

The royal party will then visit the old Baptist chapel where restoration is taking place and this visit is expected to last about 20 to 25 minutes.

The party will then return to the abbey house for drinks with the vicar and church dignitaries.

At 1.20 pm the Queen and Duke will arrive at Elmbury school where the mayor will present members of the council, wives and other guests.

Lunch will be taken at 1.30 p.m. and at 3 p.m. the Queen will visit the Tewkesbury swimming pool.

The royal party will depart at 3.30 for Staverton airport and the route through the town will include Barton Street, High Street



Maundy Money Awardees



Children attending

A Child's Mother who missed out on the Day?

BARBARA PAYS A TRIBUTE—BUT HER MUM MISSED IT!

LITTLE Barbara Payne paid her own tribute to the Queen today—but it was a disappointment to her mother!

Five-year-old Barbara was clutching a bouquet of carnations and iris wrapped in red foil when the Queen arrived at the Abbey gate. But her mother who was standing outside the gate to get a photograph of the arrival, missed the real family moment when Barbara stepped forward and presented the flowers before anyone realised what she was doing.

"I told her to wait until the Queen came out of the Abbey before she gave her the flowers," said Mrs. Pauline Payne, of 2a, Fairway, Northway.

"She had been talking about giving some flowers to the Queen for several weeks, and so this morning I went out and bought some especially.

"But I told her to wait—I did not want her to give them to the Queen now. And I didn't know what was happening until the Queen had gone passed."

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What does Barbara Remember about this Day?



The Abbey Lawn Cottages were restored in advance – and we still benefit



The future Cascades Swimming Pool was reopened in the Oldbury – but it is no longer with us and has moved to the Council Offices



The Queen resets Maundy Money to *Mrs Elizabeth Wyatt* who cared for WWII POWs and whose name is commemorated in Barton Road



The Young Ladies of *Elmbury School* Prepare for their Royal Lunchtime Visit



**A Lasting Legacy of the Queen's Visit
The former Quaker Burial Ground, restored by the Girl Guides**

A Happy Link from Tewkesbury with Our Queen



Tewkesbury's Terry Pendry is the Stud Groom and Manager to Her Majesty The Queen, at The Royal Mews, Windsor Castle. We were honoured on Thursday 19 September 2019 at the Methodist Church. When he gave a very well received and attended talk entitled *All The Queen's Horses*. Terry had held this position for 25 years after retiring from The Riding Staff, of the Blues and Royals Regiment, Household Cavalry, having started his career as a professional jockey riding mainly on the flat.

When asked about retirement, he responded that while the Queen loves her horses he would not retire.

Sadly, we can now wish Tewkesbury's Terry Pendry a well-earned Retirement.