

The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth I

When:

Queen Elizabeth I's coronation took place on 15 January 1559. That was over 450 years ago!

Where:

Queen Elizabeth I's coronation was held at Westminster Abbey in London. It is unknown how long her ceremony lasted.



Her coronation was an impressive, expensive celebration. Elizabeth gladly received flowers and congratulations from ordinary people in the street – just like our queen does today. A carpet was laid down for Elizabeth to walk on to Westminster Abbey, and people cut out pieces as mementos of the day.



The Coronation of Queen Victoria

When:

Queen Victoria's coronation took place on Thursday 28 June 1838. That was around 181 years ago!

Where:

Queen Victoria's coronation was held at Westminster Abbey in London. The ceremony lasted around five hours!



The ceremony suffered from a lack of rehearsal. No one except the Queen and a lord, knew what should be happening. The coronation ring was painfully forced onto her wrong finger. In her Journal Victoria recorded the events of the day, calling it 'the proudest of my life'. After the ceremony, people all over the country cheered 'long live the Queen' to celebrate.



The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II

When:

Queen Elizabeth II's coronation took place on 2 June 1953. That was 67 years ago!

Where:

Queen Elizabeth II's coronation was held at Westminster Abbey in London. The ceremony lasted almost three hours!



Villages, towns and cities across the UK were decorated in red, white and blue bunting, and in London the roads were packed with people waiting to see the royal processions. The Coronation was the first ever to be televised, and the sales of TV sets rocketed. Most homes before the coronation had no television. Many people bought a television for this special occasion.

