

# The 1950s

# The Coronation



Queen Elizabeth II & Prince Philip at the Coronation. Illustrated London News, 6th June 1953 from the British Newspaper Archive



Macclesfield woven and printed Coronation handkerchief

Being the first house at our end of Church Lane to have a television, we were inundated on Coronation Day with neighbours popping in and out to watch the crowning. About a week later we were invited to Woodford Community Centre to pick up our Coronation mug.

Keith Hampton



1953 Queen Elizabeth II Coronation party, Lower Park Crescent, on the field in between Jacobs Garage and Dog Hill Green Cottage. Photo - Les Barber

I am the blonde haired boy on the left at the back; I was only 12 months old, so I don't remember the party, but Mum said it was fabulous, with everybody involved and very much a community spirit, just what was needed to lift the spirits in the years after World War II

Les Barber

Poynton Players put on Clifford Bax's play 'The Rose Without a Thorn' in May 1953 to celebrate the Coronation. The picture below shows the cast performing at The Playhouse on George's Road, and includes Wilfred Cadman as Henry VIII.



Images provided by Poynton Players



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(See Monthly Calendar, within)

**SUNDAYS:**  
Holy Communion (See Calendar)  
Church Hall Services  
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Sunday School in Church at 2-30.  
Superintendent: Mr. F. Carter.

**Licensed Lay Readers:**  
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Mr. C. B. Howard.  
Mr. C. Hopwood.  
Mr. J. C. Robinson, F.Ph.S. (Eng.)

**Clerk:** Mr. M. Walsh  
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Whittles Shop, Coppice Road, decorated for the Coronation.



We watched the Coronation on my dad's home made TV with the neighbours in Dickens Lane. It was created from a 7 inch army surplus radar screen so it was in green and white, rather than black and white!

I remember being amazed later to see a black and white telly, I thought they were all green!

Bill Brown

- 31 S. TRINITY SUNDAY. CORONATION SERVICES. Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Services 10-45 a.m., 3 p.m., 6-30 p.m.
- June
- 2 Tu. CORONATION OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II. Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
- 3 W. Women's Fellowship, Vestry, 7-30 p.m.
- 4 Th. Mothers' Union, Waterloo House, 5 p.m. Young People's Fellowship, 7-30 p.m.

SPECIAL NEWS SUPPLEMENT

### Royal Visit

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News Supplement - Prince Phillip visits Avro in 1955 - From Harold 'I AM FULL OF ADMIRATION' Banks says Prince Phillip

St George's Church Parish Magazine, May 1953

## 5 years before the Coronation, in 1948...

George VI and Elizabeth (the Queen's Mother) passing the Jubilee Fountain in Poynton - The Roy Dudley Collection - Anson Engine Museum



## THE COMING OF THE CORONATION

By The Rev. C. H. D. GRIMES

IN the book of the prophet Isaiah there are many glowing descriptions of kings and their escorts coming from the most distant parts of the world to Zion to render homage to Jehovah. You will remember some of them as they form some of the finest passages read in church. But for the Coronation of our Queen, not the wildest dreams of the prophet will equal the reality as kings, princes and subjects come to the great service at Westminster and come by ways of which the prophet could never have dreamt, even in the greatest stretches of his imagination. By sea, road and rail they will come, though most perhaps by air. In the prophet's day they would have come as the Wise Men did to Bethlehem, using the camel which has been called the ship of the desert.

when our Queen receives the symbol of her authority at her Coronation, she knows that the women of the world are praying for her in a very special sense that she may be given Grace and Power to fulfil the high office to which she has been called.

Let us, then, not think merely of the Coronation Day and of what we are going to do to mark it, but of how we can welcome our visitors from overseas, make them feel that it is a real "homecoming" fitly crowned with the services in our parish churches.

This is our grand opportunity, a golden opportunity to witness for our Faith, not only at the Coronation Service in Westminster Abbey, but in every parish church. By our manifest loyalty, by our love, by our devotion to Christ, we can prove that the old country is Christian still, in heart and mind and soul.

# Poynton in the 1950s

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I remember waking up to amazing frost patterns on the inside of my bedroom windows looking out on to Fountain Place in cold weather - then making icy slides in the playground and on a frozen Poynton Pool...Walking from Fountain Place to Grandma's in Hockley when most of Park Lane still had front gardens...The freedom to roam almost anywhere on foot and bike until sunset. Kick can, sticklebacks, and piggy nuts in the wood by the cricket pitch. Bluebells and wood anenomes in Prince's Wood. Ten and a half bob for singing at 3 weddings in the church choir on a single day and 3 nights carol singing round the houses at Christmas. Elvis and the Everly Brothers on a juke box in Macc. Steam train to school. Church choir outing to Southport - a return ticket and the oldest person 15 years old. Walking to Lyme Park and Bowstones. Vulcans, Avro, Ansons and Shackletons. The fair in Wakes Week at the top of the football pitch. Matinee at the Brookfield. Family picnics with the Boothos on a bank by the stream that ran through Arthur Moss's farm. Model aeroplanes, whirly-gigs and a WWII yellow kite...Great friends and family.

Mike House

..the best childhood possible, with the best mates you could have

Brian Hawkins



Chester Road looking towards Fountain Place, 1950s, Cheshire Image Bank Ref c.02525

A lot of people will remember the fair at the old school playing field - we would sit on the stone wall and watch for fairground vehicles coming up Park Lane... Hibberts had their 'Speedway', a steam-driven traction engine which towed fairground equipment. After the fair had gone we would scour the ground for anything we could find - hopefully money! You might find a penny but there would be also be those darts used in air rifles!

Alan Hulme



Pauline Johnstone, brothers and sisters at Poynton Pool, 1953

I was talked out of the conker trees outside the NatWest Bank (I think it was the District Bank then) and ticked off after being lifted into the branches by my big cousin Pete. At the age of 5, I was terrified and thought I was going to prison!

John Holden



Fountain Place, 1950s, Cheshire Image Bank Ref c.04997

I remember the fair there, we used to go over the road to the cottages to my aunt Sarah for sixpence so I could go again and again on the swing boats - happy days. Also Dr Cox and all the old shops in Poynton- Ikes, Idas, Anne Dodds, Nadens, and Bancrofts for meat and potato pies

Barbara Barber



Left - Clayton's Stores, Fountain Place 1957 The Roy Dudley Collection

I remember scoring for Dad and Uncle Roy at crown green bowls on the green at the back of the Vernon Arms. "Here's a coca cola and bag of crisps - now keep an eye on my score, it'll be good for your sums"

Bill Brown



Poynton Pool, 1950s, Cheshire Image Bank Ref c.04950

Beswick's Farm at Dale Fold - he taught me to milk by hand. He used to sit on the milking stool chewing thick twist tobacco and could hit a fly on the window with a good spit

Mike Ridgway

Fountain Place 1957 - The Roy Dudley Collection

...the sound of the Vulcan bombers roaring over our house. They rattled the windows and woke my baby sister. Sometimes armed with Blue Steel missiles, electronics tested by my Dad, George Hammond. It was The Cold War. I used to have a Saturday job further up at Mr and Mrs Clayton's fruit and veg shop. They were nice people. I loved serving the fruit and veg but not cleaning out the wet fish trays at the end of the day!

Wendy Davies (was Hammond)

Canon seeks Sunday rest from V-roar

CANON J. G. S. WINSTANLEY, vicar of St. George's Church, Poynton, is protesting to the Avro company over the testing of the giant Vulcan bomber at Woodford on Sundays.

He said to-day: "The din was so bad yesterday morning that I had to bawl to make myself heard in church.

Mr. F. Hallworth, of Park Lane, Poynton, said: "The sound shakes the whole village."

28th Nov 1955 - The Manchester Evening News, from the British Newspaper Archive

Brookside Avenue was an unadopted road with fields at the end of it. School was less than 5 minutes away..The "Rec" of course, and my grandparents' home in Clayton fields

Steve Newman

...Clayton's store on Park Lane, Bailey Brothers, Brookfield Picture House, smog, meat pies from the fish and chip shop on Park Lane

Joseph Daniels

I remember staying with my Auntie Miss Pritchard in Dickens lane. Playing by Poynton Brook, going to the Brookfield cinema, milkman called Harry who lived in Clumber Road, he brought the milk in a churn in a pony trap

Rebecca Black



Fountain Place looking up Park Lane, 1957 The Roy Dudley Collection

Kitty Henshalls' homemade ice cream on a Sunday afternoon on the way home from our Grandmas' in Worth Clough

Brian Oldham





..Moving house on Barnaby Rd... most, if not all of our stuff made the trip on the back of Pearson's coal lorry!

Terry McLaughlin

We played hockey in the field we called "3 ponds". My brother and pals also built a track on the croft to race their bicycles round. Lots of fun for free

Ann Booth



Many good memories of living in Poynton. I was a Rose Bud at the Rose Queen celebration at the Social Centre.. hearing the Vulcan Bombers going over, music lessons and freedom. A good place to grow up

Heather Jones

...at Poynton Primary school, Miss Chappell was the lovely Reception teacher . I remember Mrs Dunning, and later Miss Gilby. I lived at Hope Green , there was a petrol station at Midway, 'Shrigley's Garage' and a grocers' shop where I used to wait in a queue for a quarter of ham!.. Midway Bakery.. There was a Methodist church opposite the school on Clumber Rd. They had Rose Queens and a parade of churches through the village. You could park a car easily on Park Lane both sides, it was quiet

Kate Collins (was Beard)

I remember the track on the croft..and getting the school bus from the Crescent to school. It was a long walk if you missed the bus! Loved living at Lower Park, it was such a small community and everyone looked out for each other. I think just after the war must have been the best time for growing up - the freedom we had was wonderful. I can still go round the Crescent in my head and name the residents of all the houses then. Potato picking at Garners farm, haymaking for Jim Wainwright, who took all the helpers to Macclesfield for a Chinese meal (my very first one) after we had got all the hay in. Across the fields to Mill Hill for sledging in the winter, paddling in the brook in summer - Not a care in the world.. Wonderful

Jennifer Hall

Whittle's Shop, Coppice Road, 1959, Photo - the Whittle family

A place where everyone knew each other and Nobby Clarke was the overseer! A great place to live though and who could forget the "stale cakes" from Bancroft's on the way home from school?

Peter O'Brien

Bilberry tarts.... loved them

Carole Cheetham

Bilberry tarts....

Les Higginbotham

Meat and potato pie and bilberry tarts....

Maralyn Lomas



I remember the kittens at Moss' Farm, walking over Poynton Pond when it had iced over and seeing all the poor, dead fish caught beneath the ice...the Poynton Fair with the girls all dressed in white with flower garlands in their hair, seated demurely on the back of a lorry...so many other memories,...but best of all for me, the magnificent Vulcan bombers flying above the roof tops. Adored that aircraft, iconic and beautiful!

Yvonne Ashman

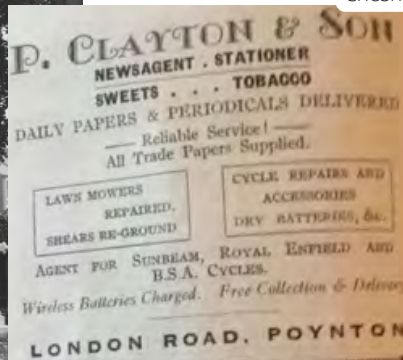
Bancroft meat and potato or cheese and onion pies were the best. I remember the lovely smell of baked bread when you walked in the little shop door. Great times

Susan O'Donnell French



Poynton WRVS Meals-on-wheels Service 1950s Cheshire Image Bank c.02703

The Oldham family in their garden on Vernon Road, 1957 - Pauline Johnstone



From 1936 Poynton Show Official Programme







# This Place Poynton

Find out more about the history of Poynton

## Fountain Place

Foundation stone of St George's Church laid-1858

**POYNTON NEW CHURCH.**—The foundation stone of the intended new church at Poynton was laid by the Hon. Augustus Henry Vernon, eldest son of the Right Hon. Lord Vernon, on Wednesday. Owing to the very unfavourable state of the weather, the number of persons present was not so large as it doubtless would have been. Many of the leading gentry in the neighbourhood were, however, present, and most of the tenantry on the estate. After the ceremony, the company retired to Poynton school-room, where an elegant cold collation was provided, to which upwards of 100 persons sat down. After the repast, the chair was taken by the Rev. Mr. Littler, the vicar, and the usual loyal and other toasts were given and responded to.

10th April 1858 - The Manchester Times, from the British Newspaper Archive

### St George's Church spire, 1883

A spire is to be added to Poynton Church in memory of the late Lord Vernon. His widow and son have each promised £250 towards this object. Mr. Howard, of Poynton Birches, is contributing £50, as also is the vicar, Rev. Andrew E. P. Gray; Bishop Kelly gives £5. Other sums raise the amount promised to nearly £700. The cost of the work will be about £1200. The spire has been designed by Mr. Crowther, who is engaged in the restoration of Manchester Cathedral.

11th October 1883 - The Liverpool Mercury, from the British Newspaper Archive

### Charabanc Outing from St George's Church - 1920s



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### Ernest Bryning's Butcher Shop (now Manners Pimblett)



The Roy Dudley Collection

Bryning's Butcher Shop stood on Fountain Place from the early 1920s until the early 1950s.

### Heath and Shufflebottom Confectioners and Tea Rooms - 1920



Heath and Shufflebottom's Confectioners and Tea Rooms were located where Richard Lowth now stands, from c.1910 until the mid 1930s. Sarah Heath and Sarah Shufflebottom passed the shop on to their nieces in the 1930s.



Alan Hulme 1950s



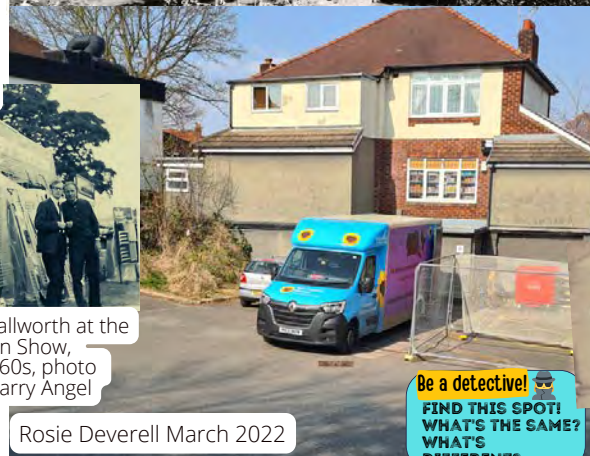
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Fred Hallworth's Ironmongers and Cycle Agents was open from around 1930 until the mid 1980's, when Mates opened. Before 1930, there was a gravel pit at this site and older Poynton residents remember being told about cock fights being held there! The picture to the right shows Fred Hallworth's back garden in the 1950s. Can you spot the car parked a the side? You can see the same spot in 2022, where the car park now dips down behind Mates.

### Back of Hallworth's Shop (now Mates)



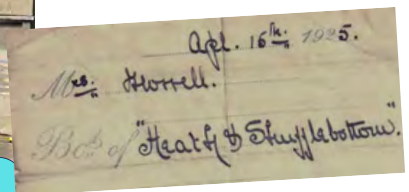
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Fred Hallworth at the Poynton Show, mid 1960s, photo from Harry Angel



Be a detective! FIND THIS SPOT! WHAT'S THE SAME? WHAT'S DIFFERENT?