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A Memorable Tour of the Route of the Coronation Procession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on June 2nd, 1953.

ON FRIDAY, MAY 29TH, just four days prior to the Great Day, some 35 fellows, members and friends boarded the coach, already waiting to take this merry party, full of pride and expectation, to view the amazing decorations erected all along the route of the Coronation Procession. Greatly adding to the enjoyment was the information as to the history of some of the places passed, in our dear old London, given *en route* by our guide, Mr. Nicholas Jones.

On leaving Queen's Gate, the coach was soon wending its way through Piccadilly, Northumberland Avenue and along Victoria Embankment. Surely never in the annals of the World's history has there been such a multitude of flags of all nations flying from buildings great and small; indeed, the man in the street might be forgiven for his inability to name them all.

The prevailing colours were naturally red, white and blue, but the variety in originality and design was amazing. Passing up Whitehall the party was here reminded of the War Office, containing 1,000 rooms and two and a half miles of corridors. Turning under Admiralty Arch came perhaps the most impressive sight of all—The Mall, spanned by arches surmounted by enormous lions rampant, the Queen's Beasts.

Regent Street, said to be the finest shopping centre in the world, was resplendent with the pink and white Tudor Rose.

Not to forget Eros, in Piccadilly, safe in his golden cage, where 60,000 vehicles pass round every day.

The party were very pleased to renew their acquaintance with the Tower of London, for some half-hour—and also to visit the beautiful St. Bartholomew's the Great, the oldest parish church in London. Everywhere flowers and plants, dainty and rich of colour, were wonderful to behold. Space does not permit the interesting history told by the way—nor of the detail that could be written of the magnificent display of the decorations, which are so evident of the British people's love of and admiration for our Queen Elizabeth II. Long may She reign! Returning to 19, Queen's Gate, all were refreshed by tea and cakes, and much happy chatter concerning the great occasion to come—the Coronation Day!

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