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Unity Harvey, Alpha Chapter.

I won a clover leaf shaped brooch in a hundred yards race which I still have somewhere amongst my packing case boxes.

as a brown paper parcel and Wee Willy Winky; bottom left. brothers went

left. My two top head; cially for my cut out spe- blanket - a hole the patchwork Swindon. I was dress line up at in local fancy a picture of me



Joan Carroll, Alpha Chapter.

memorable occasion.

Our Coronation meeting was so enjoyable. There were so many different Coronation experiences and memories, past and present. I would like to thank Anne for the skilful way she put all our contributions together. It was a very jolly meeting and a very fitting commemoration of a head of the man in front of me."

Coronation his reply was "All I saw was the back of the

This dates back to the 1953 Coronation - not that I was there! I have made it loads of times, though not always served as shown in the attachment - usually it's in two or three separate bowls, but a large oval platter looks impressive, and I love the flavour.

Kathy Hodgson, Gamma Chapter.

Coronation Chicken

(my very easy version)



Ingredients:

- 1 cooked chicken
- 2 tbsp red curry paste
- 2 tbsp mango chutney (or apricot jam)
- 200ml mayonnaise
- 200ml crème fraîche
- 2 bunches spring onions, finely chopped
- White grapes, sliced in half
- Freshly ground black pepper (I don't add salt, but you may prefer to)
- Salad leaves
- Cooked rice, with diced peppers, cucumber, cherry tomatoes and spring onions
- Coriander to garnish (or parsley)

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ence. When I asked him once what he remembered of the pressed into to their temples so it was not an easy experience. as they got wetter and the curb chains of the bearskins guardsmen's dress uniforms and their bearskins got heavier longer than that of 2023. It was over 5 miles long. The a persistently wet day. The procession route was much very different. Reveille was at 3.a.m. on what proved to be take part in the Coronation. His memories of that day were Guards and his battalion had returned from Germany to was just finishing his national service stint in the Irish glimpse of my future husband Terry for the first time. He Watching the procession that day I possibly caught a squash as we all focused on that tiny screen.

rolls, jam tarts and fairy cakes with cups of tea and fruit passed round throughout the day, sandwiches, sausage where they could. A succession of plates of food were the floor in front of the screen and everyone else perched my cousin's sitting room where the small children sat on My clearest memory of Coronation day itself was being in were lots of sing songs and a party atmosphere.

of people huddled together on the pavements, but there route. I remember it as being damp and chilly, seeing lots the decorations and the crowds already gathering along the On the eve of coronation day we went up to town to see all I think it was 12 inches, so not much larger than an iPad.

latest and best in home equipment and furnishings and theirs was the home with the largest tv screen in the street. my cousin and her husband invited me to stay at their

CORONATION MEMORIES



Coronation Day 1953

- that's me in the white dress (or it may have been a pale colour - can't remember!). My mates from college and I

standing on the steps of a blitzed church in the City - more or less where The Barbican is now. Not on the coronation route but soaking up the atmosphere and excitement.

Di Billam, Gamma Chapter.

On the Sunday we had a coronation picnic on the village green. I ran my usual fundraising stall and raised £485 for church.



Dorcas Rogers, Alpha Chapter.

Coronation 1953

I remember the coronation of 1953 quite clearly. My family had just moved house a few months earlier from Essex to Kent and there was no extra money for a TV set. However,

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Baking Queen Cakes



Penny Kinnear, Alpha Chapter.

This Queen Cakes recipe was originally published in a Woman's magazine in 1953 to celebrate the Queen's coronation. Can't remember which one I found it in but the recipe even appeared in "Australian Women's Weekly Food Magazine". This was how I put it together for my "After School Cooking Club" for Y5 & Y6 pupils. Each pair had a copy which they had to follow. Very successful. Hope these are useful.

Forgot to mention that this will be the second Coronation which I will have watched on TV. I was 5 years old when I watched Queen Elizabeth crowned in 1953. We were all crowded round a very tiny television set (in glorious black and white) at my paternal grandmother's house. I can still picture it.

Method:

- Cut the chicken into bite-sized pieces, and place in a large bowl.
- Mix the mayonnaise and the crème fraîche together in a smaller bowl.
- Stir in the curry paste and mango chutney.
- Season and taste.
- Gently combine with the chicken, spring onions and grapes.
- To serve, place the salad leaves on a large dish, rice around the edge, and chicken on top of the leaves
- Garnish with chopped coriander and reserved spring onions

Note:

The quantities are very approximate – I seldom stick to them. So, make it your own – add extra curry powder if you like it more spicy.

I never usually mix fruit with anything savoury – as my friends will know - but the white grapes add moisture, a little sweetness, and a lot of crunch. Enjoy!



Barbara Kern, Alpha Chapter.

Coronation mug 1953.

- ⇒ Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas Mark 4
- ⇒ Cream the margarine and sugar together.
- ⇒ Add the eggs a little at a time beating well.
- ⇒ Fold the flour into the mixture with a little milk, if necessary, to give a soft dropping consistency.
- ⇒ Add the fruit and mix well.
- ⇒ Place spoonfuls of the mixture into a greased bun tin or cake cases.
- ⇒ Bake for 15-20 minutes until firm to the touch and golden brown.
- ⇒ Cool on the cooling rack and sprinkle with a little extra caster sugar.

Method

- ⇒ Cake Cases
- ⇒ A little milk (if necessary)
- ⇒ A little extra caster sugar.

Ingredients

- ⇒ 110g (4oz) self-raising flour
- ⇒ 110g (4oz) caster sugar
- ⇒ 110g (4oz) soft margarine
- ⇒ 2 eggs (beaten)
- ⇒ 60g (2oz) dried fruit

Veronica Wagstaff, Gamma Chapter.



Coronation Party in 1953

Knitted Coronation figures on a pillar box.

Joan Carroll, Alpha Chapter.





The Dorchester ready for the coronation at night.



Penny Kinnear took photographs of The Dorchester. Here it is ready for the coronation. Seen during the Day.



Penny Kinnear. A cake fit for a king.



Unity Harvey
All ready for the
Coronation Party.

Diana Bell, Alpha Chapter.

A model of the Coronation Gold Coach from 1953.



Tea at The Amelia. Anne Goldstein, Gamma Chapter.