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MAY 2023



YOU LONDON ON THE MALL
FOR THE CORONATION



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Over 280 young people had the privilege of watching the Coronation procession from a dedicated youth enclosure at Admiralty Arch, courtesy of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and the Met Police.

The cadets and young people from the Army Cadet Force, Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade, LFB Fire Cadets, RAF Air Cadets, Sea Cadets and Volunteer Police Cadets had a front row view of HM The King as he made his way from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey accompanied by the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment, and watched the spectacular military procession on the return.



Madison and Poppy, 12, from 1st Hawkwell Girls Brigade got up at 3.45am to travel to The Mall and both girls agreed it was worth the early start. "This is a piece of history that I will be able to tell my friends and family about" said Madison. Poppy agreed adding "this has been really fun and exciting".

Whilst cadets from St John Ambulance were helping provide first aid support to the general public, over 600 adult leaders from the Guides and Scouts were on duty helping with 'way finding' – providing directions and assistance to the huge crowds gathered on The Mall and in Green Park, Hyde Park and Trafalgar Square.

After the procession, the cadets and young people walked the length of The Mall to cheering crowds and had a prime spot outside Buckingham Palace for the famous balcony wave and fly past.

The cadets, young people and adult volunteers came from all over the UK, with some making the journey from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands.

London units represented in the youth enclosure included:

Army Cadets: City of London and North East Sector ACF

Boys' Brigade: 1st and 3rd Enfield

CCF: La Retraite Roman Catholic Girls School CCF and St Benedict's School CCF

LFB Fire Cadets: Officer cadets from across London

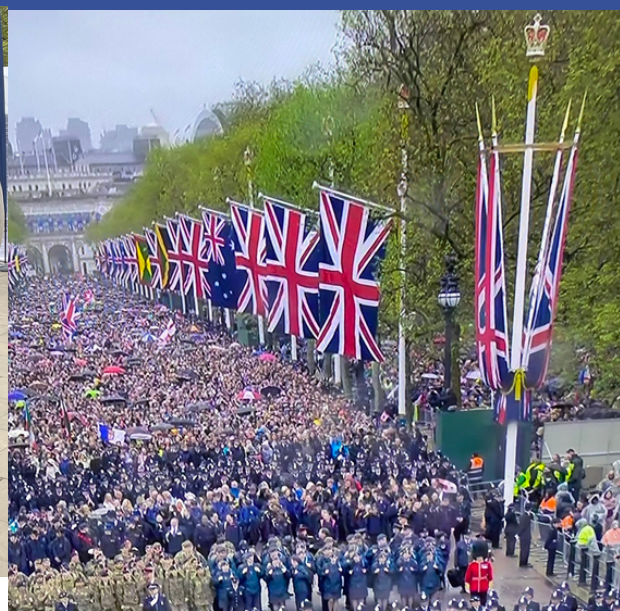
Girls' Brigade: All units were from outside London

RAF Air Cadets: Cadets were selected nationally but included representatives from 34F (Balham and Tooting) Squadron, 1159 (Edmonton) Squadron, 241 (Wanstead and Woodford) Squadron and 350 (Carshalton and Wallington) Squadron.

Sea Cadets: Cadets were selected nationally but included the six First Sea Lord Cadets – the London Area First Sea Lord Cadet being from TS Renown in Rickmansworth and Watford.

Volunteer Police Cadets: City of London VPC and Met VPC cadets from the boroughs of Bromley, Lewisham, Redbridge and Sutton – chosen as these cadets had provided the most volunteering hours in support of their local police in the past year.

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LONDON AREA SEA CADETS CORONATION REVIEW



On Monday 8th May, over 400 Sea Cadets from London and Southern Areas paraded at the Old Royal Naval College Greenwich for a Coronation Review. They were joined by contingents from the Army Cadet Force, RAF Air Cadets, Fire Cadets, Volunteer Police Cadets, St John Ambulance and Scouts.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Commander James T Nisbet VR,
Area Officer,
London Area, Sea Cadet Corps.

Please convey my thanks to the Cadets, Officers and Adult Volunteers of the London Area Sea Cadet Corps, together with their official guests, for their loyal greetings sent on the occasion of their Parade celebrating the Coronation.

I much appreciate your kind words and greatly value your continued support. I was interested to learn of the range of uniformed organisations represented in the Parade.

In return, I send my warmest good wishes to all those who are present today at the Old Royal Naval College for a most memorable and successful event.

CHARLES R.

8th May, 2023.

The cadets marched into the Lower Grand Square of the Old Royal Naval College where Vice Admiral Sir Adrian Johns, Second Sea Lord 2005-2008 and Governor of Gibraltar 2009-2013, presented London Area with a new Colour.

As Vice Admiral Johns inspected the Guard to the Colour, each Sea Cadet contingent on parade was inspected by a senior Naval officer. The Army Cadet Force, RAF Air Cadets, Fire Cadets, Volunteer Police Cadets, St John Ambulance and Scouts were inspected by VIP guests or senior officers from their own service. The inspections were followed by a brief service that finished with the National Anthem and three cheers for HM The King. Commander James Nisbet, Area Officer London, then read out a message to the participants from HM The King.

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Vice Admiral Johns said: "It is wonderful to see so many young people and so many units here at this historic event. Coronations do not come around often, and you will remember this for a long time. You will be able to say you were part of it; that you were on parade for HM The King. Bravo Zulu. God Save The King!"

Following the Coronation Review, at a separate event organised by the Marine Society and Sea Cadets at the National Maritime Museum, over 400 Sea Cadets, parents, well-wishers and even the local police, set a new Guinness World Record for 'the largest ship's whistle lesson'. The 400 participants received a 30-minute lesson on the bosun's whistle, led by London Area's Lt Cdr Cliff Lewis, and learnt to play the 'Special Call', an audio instruction on a ship calling the hands to action. In a symbolic ceremony across the nation, at 4.30pm Sea Cadets from around the UK joined those gathered outside the National Maritime Museum to play the 'Special Call' calling the nation to action to volunteer as part of The Big Help Out.



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BRITISH NORMANDY MEMORIAL



This month, we celebrated the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. It is an event we all took for granted, however, this was not always the case. In 1940, several European Royal Families were forced into exile as the Germans invaded Western Europe with terrifying speed; spreading panic and uncertainty. With the British Army trapped in Dunkirk, plans were made for the British Royal Family to evacuate to Canada if necessary. For the Danish Royal Family however, it was already too late. They were forced to live under Nazi German occupation until the liberation of Europe in 1944.

That liberation came at great cost for the allied troops involved in the D-Day landings in June 1944 and the subsequent Normandy campaign. 22,442 soldiers, sailors and airmen of the United Kingdom and other nations serving under British command lost their lives during this pivotal campaign and yet, until a few years ago, there was no British memorial to commemorate their ultimate sacrifice and act as a permanent reminder of their bravery.

In 2015, Normandy veteran George Batts pointed this out to BBC Broadcaster Nicholas Witchell, who established The Normandy Memorial Trust and work began to bring together the key players, find a suitable site, research the names to be recorded and liaise with the British and French governments.

The Memorial site, overlooking 'Gold Beach' near Ver sur Mer, was formally inaugurated on 6 June 2019 – the 75th anniversary of D-Day – in a ceremony led by the then British Prime Minister Theresa May and French President Emmanuel Macron. Construction work began soon after (you can read the construction story [here](#)) and The British Normandy Memorial was officially opened two years later (by video link) on 6 June 2021 by HM King Charles III (then HRH The Prince of Wales).



BRITISH NORMANDY MEMORIAL



This year, 6 June marks the 79th anniversary of D-Day and as living memory of the horrors of World War Two fades, it is more challenging for young people today to appreciate the reality of war and the sacrifices and suffering experienced by that generation. This is, of course, a good thing but history teaches us many lessons and future generations do need to understand and apply those lessons to the present. The next phase of the project is therefore to build an Education and Visitor Centre which will play a fundamental part in this learning experience.

For more information on this new memorial, including planning a visit, researching the Roll of Honour and stories from Normandy veterans, visit www.britishnormandymemorial.org.

The Normandy Memorial Trust receives no government support to maintain the memorial and keep it in an appropriate pristine condition, relying on donations from the public. If you would like to support the Trust, either individually, as a group or corporately, and contribute towards the creation of an Education and Visitor Centre, visit www.britishnormandymemorial.org/donate.

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CAPT	STURMEY F E	MNE	23	BICKERTON R H	CPL	22	COAKER V	SJT	23
SGT	STYLES S V	MNE	21	BICKNELL A	GNR	28	COATES H	PTE	29
MNE	SWEENEY E J	MNE	28	BILLINGTON T W	PTE	21	COBBOLD P L	LCPL	35
MNE	SWINDALE H T W B	MNE	22	BILTCLIFFE D L	SPR	23	COBON J	CPL	27
AB	TAIT J B	SLT	29	BIRCH L C	TPR	19	COCKERILL A	LSJT	25
AB	TAVOLIER J A	CPL	26	BIRD W R	PTE	19	COCKS A D B	LT COL	39
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MNE	THOMPSON A	AB	32	BLERKOM A	PTE	28	COMLEY W J	SSJT	31
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MNE	TURNER S H R	MNE	23	BOUETARD E P A	CPL	28	COOKE V A	FUS	19
SLT	UPTON L	CPL	29	BOUYER W	CAPT	27	COOPER C A P	PTE	20
PO	VENN H A	LT	29	BOYCE H	SPR	44	COOPER L	SPR	30
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SLT	WAYGOOD L T	MNE	19	BRABHAM J P	SSJT	23	COPSON G	PTE	19
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LORD-LIEUTENANT'S AWARDS

On 11 May, 39 London Cadets, Reservists and Cadet Force Adult Volunteers were recognised by the Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE, for outstanding service to London's Reserve and Cadet units.

To Cadet Force Adult Volunteers, the Lord-Lieutenant presented certificates for 'Meritorious Service to London's Cadets', 'Commendation for Adult Instructors to London's Cadet movement', 'Commendation for Civilian Instructors to London's Cadet movement', 'Most Outstanding Sea Cadet Corps Unit Commander', 'Most Outstanding Army Cadet Force Detachment Commander', 'Most Outstanding RAF Air Cadets Squadron Commander' and 'Most Outstanding CCF Contingent Commander'.

He also appointed three Lord-Lieutenant's Cadets for 2023, one each from the Army, Air and Sea Cadets.



ENFIELD BIG HELP OUT

Youth groups from Enfield took part in a volunteer afternoon in Enfield Town Market Square on Monday 8th May.



Charities and volunteer organisations including St John Ambulance, Enfield Scouts, Girlguiding, LFB Fire Cadets and RAF Air Cadets came together to showcase what they do and encourage more local people to volunteer.

LONDON'S LIFELINES



#VOLUNTEERS ARE EVERYWHERE



Look out for Merton Volunteer Police Cadets and Richard from St John Ambulance in these videos produced by the London's Lifelines team to see how volunteers are making a difference to London.

Watch the full film (7 mins) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWV136UwcuQ>

Watch the short film (1 min) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSIHX486IGE>

#VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

If you turn up, things happen...

#VOLUNTEERS ARE KEEPING LONDON ALIVE

ARE YOU A LIFELINE FOR LONDON? SHARE YOUR STORY TOO!

LONDONSLIFELINES.ORG



YOU LONDON QUIZ FINAL

Saturday 20 May saw the final of the YOU London inter-organisational quiz. Eight teams of young people aged 11-16 from the Boys' Brigade, Scouts and Sea Cadets participated in this fun afternoon. Big thanks to Stephen Taylor-Hunt from the Boys' Brigade for writing the questions for both the heats and the final.

The winners on the day were Walton on the Naze Sea Cadets.



Teams were from:

4th London Boys' Brigade
2nd West Kent Boys' Brigade
Cheam Explorer Scout Unit
3rd Kenton Scouts
13th Wimbledon Scouts
17th Harrow Scouts
Bexley and Lewisham Sea Cadets
Walton on the Naze Sea Cadets



#AskAboutAsthma

Supporting children and young people with asthma

NHS England - London's [#AskAboutAsthma](#) campaign returns on 11-15 September 2023 for its seventh year to raise awareness around childhood asthma and how to manage it.

10% of children and young people have asthma, but with the right care in place they can fully take part in activities and experiences - and youth organisations can help support them.

This year's theme is 'Widening our view' and aims to shine a light on the wider factors of children and young people's asthma care including air pollution, vaping and smoking.

Everyone can help get involved and share the campaign with young people, families and carers. Encourage them to check if they have the right asthma care in place for themselves and their children, speaking to their GP or pharmacist if they need any support.

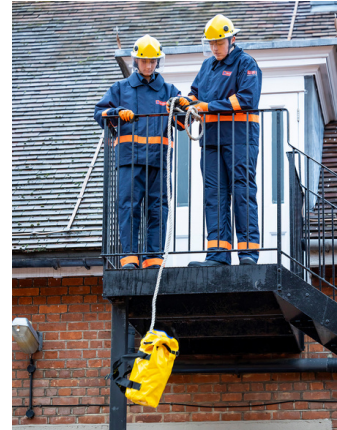
Learn more about #AskAboutAsthma at: www.transformationpartnersinhealthandcare.nhs.uk/ask-about-asthma. Details about the week, daily webinars and flagship conference will be shared on this website soon.

YOU LONDON CONFERENCE



This year's YOU London Leadership Development Conference will take place at the City of London School over the weekend of 30 September to 1 October.

This inspiring weekend of motivational talks and practical challenges is designed to stimulate and develop leadership skills in 15 to 17 year olds. Look out for more details through your chain of command in the coming weeks...



Could you be an #iwill Ambassador?

**APPLICATIONS NOW
OPEN**

**BECOME AN
#IWILL
AMBASSADOR**



Each year the #iwill Movement recruit young people (aged 10-25) to act as #iwill Ambassadors. Their role is to champion youth social action, inspire other young people and help build the Movement.

Recruitment is open until midnight on 11 June. Individuals can apply themselves or can be nominated.

The #iwill Ambassador role is a development role for young people, and as such there are no minimum educational or work experience requirements.

If young people are passionate about making a difference, want to develop their skills and be a leader in their community, then this could be the perfect role for them!

Check out the [#iwill web site](#) for more information as well a comprehensive [suite of supporting recruitment resources and assets](#).

*Good
Luck*

*...to all students sitting exams in May and
June - you've got this!*



It's all about YOU...

The aim of YOU London is to work together to support young people by maximising the benefits of the existing youth organisations.

Working together takes many forms including inter-group competitions, sharing premises, sharing information, exhibiting together at recruitment events or simply being aware of who's who within each borough.

Working together often produces for the groups much more than the sum of the individual parts.

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Z-CARDS

Fold out business-card sized 'Z-cards' which advertise all of the YOU London groups are available from Donna at gl-offcadets@rfca.mod.uk.



Upcoming dates:

- 1-7 June - Volunteers Week
- 4 June - YOU Croydon Challenge
- 10 June - Youth Enclosure at Trooping the Colour rehearsal
- 17 June - Youth Enclosure at Trooping the Colour
- 24 June - YOU Haringey Challenge
- 17 Aug - A Level results day
- 24 Aug - GCSE results day
- Sep - Youth bands invited to participate in the Lord Mayor's Music Competition
- 30 Sep - 1 Oct - YOU London Leadership weekend
- 11 Nov - YOU London float in the Lord Mayor's Show
- 11 Nov - Remembrance Day
- 12 Nov - Remembrance Sunday

If you would like to contribute to the next edition of YOU London News, please send articles and images to youlondon1@gmail.com by 30 September 2023. We're particularly after stories of collaboration between 2 or 3 organisations of no more than 200 words with a good digital image of at least 500KB in size.