



CENTRAL OFFICE of INFORMATION

WALES

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1st July 1953

To The Editor.

Dear Sir,

Visit of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness
The Duke of Edinburgh to Wales - July 9 and 10, 1953.

I enclose your Press passes for South Wales. There have been very heavy demands for passes to cover this Coronation Visit to Wales, and it has not been possible in all cases to give newspapers all the passes requested.

If there are any which you now do not require, will you please return them without delay. If there are points for which we have not been able to supply passes and which you particularly wish to cover, please let me know. Should any newspaper return unwanted passes for those points, we will pass them on to other papers.

You will, I know, ensure that the front of each pass is properly filled in and that the holder signs it, as the police may view with suspicion the holder of a pass not properly completed.

On the back of the passes there is the general instruction that Press representatives should be in the appropriate press enclosure at least half an hour before the arrival of the Royal Party. In some places Press representatives must be present at least one hour before the arrival of the Royal Party, and, generally speaking, it will be advisable to get to all points an hour in advance of the Royal Party.

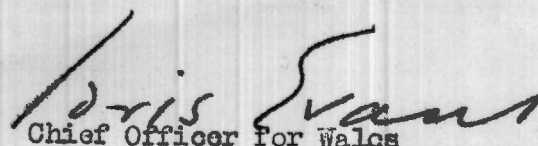
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At each point a Press Steward (a civilian or police officer) will be present to show Press men to their positions and give general assistance. I will also be present at each point (although arriving and departing with the Special Press Party) and will give what assistance I can on the spot.

If - as I am sure they will - Press representatives get to each place in good time and carry out the instructions of the Press Steward, no unusual difficulty should arise.

If, however, there are any points about which you are uncertain or unhappy, please let me know without delay.

Yours sincerely,


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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GENERAL PRESS PARTY

NORTH WALES

CAERNARVON

STATION

Press representatives will be split into two groups, on the arrival platform and just outside. Mr. Brown of British Railways will be present as Press Steward.

CASTLE

Press representatives should be in position at the Castle by 9 a.m. The position for each representative is marked on his card, and he will be shown to his place by Stewards. Arrangements will be made for messengers to take out plates from the Castle to the telephoto van outside. Mr. B. P. Barker, Chief Information Officer, Ministry of Works will be present to deal with all Press matters.

RHYL

EISTEDDFOD FIELD

The reporters will be divided into two groups and accommodated on the two entrance ramps nearest the Royal Dais. When the Royal Party leaves the dais to enter the Pavilion, standard bearers will move up these ramps, and reporters will stand aside to allow them to pass. The photographers of the General Press Party will stand on the ground in the space to the left of the Royal Dais as one looks at it from the Field. From this position they will be able to get excellent pictures of the arrival of H.M. The Queen, of Her Majesty's return to the Dais after the Inspection of the Guard of Honour, and of Her Majesty leaving the Dais to depart from the field.

EISTEDDFOD PAVILION

Only the reporters of the General Press Party will be admitted into the Pavilion, for it is only the photographers of the Special Press Party who will be permitted to take photographs inside. The tickets for admission to

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the Pavilion are those prepared by the Flintshire County Council (though distributed to newspapers by C.O.I.) and the C.O.I. passes, which are valid for the Eisteddfod Field, do NOT admit the holder to the Pavilion. Press representatives covering the Pavilion must be seated by 12.30 p.m.

When the Royal Party leaves the Eisteddfod Pavilion, the members of the General Press Party will not be permitted to move in order to get out on to the field to see the Royal Party depart. No one in the building will be allowed to leave the Pavilion until the Royal Party has left the field.

STATION

The reporters will be divided into two groups: A (Station Approach), B (Platform). A representative of British Railways will be present as Press Steward.

W R E X H A M

STATION

Reporters will be accommodated on the steps of a bridge leading from the Station Approach to the road above. Photographers will be grouped on the pavement at the foot of these steps. A representative of British Railways will be present as Press Steward.

LLWYN ISAF (NEW CIVIC CENTRE)

There will be a press enclosure for the General Press Party (reporters and photographers) at the left hand side of the Dais as one looks out from it. In addition holders of photographers' passes marked 'Llwyn Isaf (A)' will stand at a point to the right of the entrance to Llwyn Isaf, from which they will be able to photograph the arrival and departure of the Royal Party. An Officer of Wrexham Corporation will be present as Press Steward.

L L A N G O L L E N

EISTEDDFOD FIELD

The arrangements for the General Press Party at Llangollen Eisteddfod Field are an extension of the normal Press arrangements for the Eisteddfod, and Editors will have received details from Mr. Trevor Ellis, the Chairman of the Eisteddfod Publicity Committee. Only the photographers of the Special Press Party will be permitted to take photographs inside the Eisteddfod Marquee while the Royal Party is present.

STATION

It has been difficult to make suitable arrangements for the Press at Llangollen Station, and we have therefore issued only 12 passes for photographers. Photographers will be split into two groups on either side of the entrance to the station.

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S O U T H W A L E S

N E W P O R T

STATION

Reporters will stand on the steps which form part of the public footway leading from the Station Approach to the back of the station. Photographers will stand on the pavement near the base of these steps.

CIVIC CENTRE (Outside)

Photographers and reporters will be accommodated on a Press platform. Members of the General Press Party will not be admitted into the Town Hall itself.

C A R D I F F

CIVIC CENTRE (Outside)

Reporters will stand to the East of the Porte Cochere and will be able to view the proceedings over the heads of the official guests who will be seated. Photographers will stand at the Porte Cochere (on the East side). Mr. Lyn Evans, C.O.I. Press Officer for Wales, will act as Steward for Press, B.B.C. and Newsreels. Members of the General Press Party will not be admitted into the City Hall itself.

P O N T Y P R I D D

YNYSANGHARAD PARK

Photographers and reporters will be accommodated in a Press enclosure.

H I R W A U N

STATION

Reporters will stand on the platform (Merthyr end), from which they will be able to look over the wall at proceedings in the Station Approach. They will also be able to see the Royal Party enter the Royal train.

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Photographers will be split into two groups: one on the bottom steps of the platform bridge; the other in the Station Approach in the corner to the left of the entrance as one approaches the station. Mr.G.Penny, of British Railways, will be present and will assist the Press generally.

SWANSEA

STATION

The General Press Party will be accommodated in a Press enclosure on the top of the platform. Mr.H.Humphreys, British Railways, will be present as Press Steward.

GUILDHALL (Outside)

Press representatives will stand in a Press enclosure to the left of the Guildhall steps as one looks at the Guildhall from the road. Members of the General Press Party will not be admitted into the Guildhall itself.

L LANELLY

STATION

Press representatives will be split into two groups, A (Platform) and B (Station Approach).

TOWN HALL (Outside)

There will be a Press enclosure near the point at which the Royal car will stop. Members of the General Press Party will not be admitted into the Town Hall itself.

VISIT OF THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH TO WALES
9th and 10th JULY, 1953.

The following details of the programme of the State Visit of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh to Wales on 9th and 10th July have been announced.

Thursday 9th, July.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will arrive at Newport Railway Station at 10 a.m. and will be received by the Lord Lieutenant of Monmouthshire. After certain presentations have been made to them, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will move to the Station entrance where they will be received with a Royal Salute. The National Anthem will be played and a Salute of 21 Guns will be fired.

After The Queen has inspected the Guard of Honour, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will leave by car for the Civic Centre.

On their arrival at the Civic Centre the National Anthem will be sung by a choir of school children.

At 10.30. a.m. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will go to the Mayor's Parlour and sign the Visitors' Books.

After the Lord Lieutenant and the Mayor of Newport have presented a number of persons, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will leave the Civic Centre for CARDIFF by car taking the following route:

Maeshon, Trothomas, Bedwas and Caerphilly, Llanishan and from there to the City Hall.

A Salute of 21 Guns will be fired at Cardiff Castle as they cross the City Boundary at Llanishan.

On arrival at the Porte Cochere at noon, The Queen will inspect an Inter-Service Guard of Honour.

At the entrance to the City Hall, certain presentations will be made to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness who will then watch a short performance by the Schools Choir and a Gymnastic Display by children.

The Queen and The Duke will then enter the City Hall where, after signing the Visitors' Book and having a number of persons presented to them, they will proceed to the Assembly rooms for luncheon.

During luncheon, Welsh music will be played by a String Orchestra.

Shortly before 2 p.m. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will leave for PONTYPRIDD where they will stop at Ynysygharad Park for presentations to be made to them by the Lord Lieutenant.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness then resume their journey, travelling via Porth, Maerdy, and Aberdare to HIRWAUN Railway Station, where they will board the Royal Train to travel to SWANSEA.

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Wrexham.

The Queen and The Duke will arrive at High Street Station, Swansea, at about 5.30. p.m. and will travel from there to the Guildhall.

After The Queen has inspected the Guard of Honour, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will enter the Guildhall and sign the Visitors' Book and go to the Reception Hall where a number of persons will be presented.

At 6.15. p.m. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will then go the Brangwyn Hall to view the Brangwyn Panels and to hear music by a school choir.

The Queen and The Duke will then leave for the Station to travel by train to LLANELLY.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will arrive at Llanelly Station shortly before seven p.m. and, after certain presentations and an inspection of the Guard of Honour, will leave by car for the Town Hall.

After a number of presentations at the Town Hall, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will sign the Visitors' Book and then leave for the station to return to the Royal Train.

A Salute of 21 Guns will be fired as Her Majesty and His Royal Highness leave Llanelly.

Friday, 10th July.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will arrive at CAERNARVON Station at 10 a.m. where they will be received with a Royal Salute. Detachments from the W.R.N.S., W.R.A.C., W.R.A.F. and Civilian organisations will be drawn up in Station Square.

After certain presentations by the Lord Lieutenant, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will drive to the Water Gate of Caernarvon Castle. Before entering the Eagle Tower the Queen will inspect the Guard of Honour.

A fanfare of trumpets from the Castle Wall will announce the arrival of Her Majesty and His Royal Highness. The Constable of the Castle will surrender the Key.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will then go to the Dais where a number of people will be presented to them. The Choir will sing during the presentations.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will then go by the South Walk to Queen Eleanor's Gate where her arrival will be announced by a Fanfare of Trumpets.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness then return by the North Walk to the Eagle Tower.

At 10.45. a.m. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will then leave the Castle by the Water Gate for their drive to RHYL, via Bangor, Llandegai, Aber, Llanfairfechan, Penmaenmawr to the County Boundary at 12.15. p.m. where the car will stop; continuing via Mochdre, Colwyn Bay, Abergelle to the County Boundary.

A Royal Salute will be fired as The Queen approaches Rhuddlan Castle.

On arriving in Rhyl The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh drive to the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales Pavilion where, on their arrival, at 1.14. p.m. Trumpeters will sound a Fanfare.

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