

The Llandaff Society

Cymdeithas Llandaf

COMMEMORATIVE SUPPLEMENT



THE NEWS OF THE PASSING OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II CAME JUST AS THIS NEWSLETTER WAS NEARING COMPLETION.

This carving of the Queen's head has graced the south corbel of our cathedral since the year of her coronation. It is the latest in an unbroken line of monarchs first represented on the north corbel in John Prichard's 19th Century restoration

It would be superfluous to attempt here to add to what has been written in all the organs of the press and media, celebrating the fine example of constitutional monarchy our Queen has set, in making herself such a devoted servant to her many subjects.



Whilst acknowledging that amongst our members there is a wide range of attitudes to the institution of monarchy, we are confident that as a community we all join together in saying

**"THANK YOU MA'AM,
FOR YOUR SERVICE"**

We join with all people of goodwill in wishing God Speed to King Charles III as he embarks on his destined task of following what has been perhaps the greatest reign in the constitutional history of these islands. We understand that his carved image will soon take its place on the north corbel

CARDIFF COUNCIL'S MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the Cardiff Council on 13th September 2022 the following was proposed by: Councillor Huw Thomas (Leader of the Council) Seconded by: Councillor Adrian Robson (Leader of the Opposition)

"This Council expresses its deep sadness at the death of Her Majesty the Queen and offers its sincere condolences to His Majesty the King and other members of the Royal Family. We recognise Her Majesty's enduring commitment to public service and duty, including her support for many Welsh charities and organisations, and her lifelong association with Wales and its people."

Speaking in support of the motion, Llandaff Councillor, Sean Driscoll offered these words:

"On behalf of residents I represent in Llandaff, I thank you for this opportunity to pay our respects to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This week, across our city the nation and the world, hearts ache at the death of our beloved Queen. I have heard it said that Queen Elizabeth II was the greatest monarch that ever reigned; one of the greatest women that ever lived. A lifetime of serving her country; An Incomparable woman and monarch who had an unwavering selfless sense of duty that was Inter-generational; an ability to connect with people, especially young people."








Lord Mayor, I wholeheartedly agree with this."

LLANDAFF HOSTS THE ARRIVAL OF KING CHARLES III IN WALES

On Monday September 11th the national TV stations put Llandaff front and centre of its news-casting by presenting from our very own Cathedral Green. High Street, Heol y Pavin and Heol Fair were all cordoned off with band-new yellow traffic cones. An elite police search team was running a security-sweep throughout the area, and special camera-units were being placed on lamp-posts specially wired months before in anticipation of this momentous occasion.

The whole area was a-buzz with hi-viz jacketed Council work-people; scaffolding contractors, lamp-post painters, removers of bedraggled-bunting, pot-hole fillers, tarmac scrapers and weed-clearance teams, all rushing to bring the area to the standard required to welcome our erstwhile Prince of Wales as our new Monarch. His Majesty's first regnant act in Wales, was to be participation in a multi-faith remembrance service in our Cathedral on the morning of Friday September 16th before going to the Senedd to receive a message of condolence from the Welsh Government and to meet the First Minister and the Presiding Officer (Llywyd) in Cardiff Castle.

THE PREPARATION BEGINS

<p>Potholes filled</p>  	<p>Dean's Steps never so clean</p> 	<p>Weeds gone – lamp-posts blacked and secured.</p>  	<p>...and the post-box</p> 
 <p>Paving scrubbed</p>	 <p>Colours revealed!</p>	 <p>TV centre built</p>	 <p>Cars banished</p>
 <p>Mass viewing screen shipped in</p>	 <p>Now Canon Buckley has to queue for the loo !</p>		

FRIDAY ARRIVES - WITH FULL SECURITY



Good natured police and security stewards arrive from all over South Wales



Armed police keep watch.



At last all is ready.....



The people wait.....



A Motorcade brings the King from his helicopter in Pontcanna Fields
(Photo ABOVE BY Alun Salisbury)



The royal Car arrives on the Green



and excitement grows



Canon Buckley joins in



Their Majesties are welcomed



They enter our Cathedral



and take their places

A MULTIFAITH MEMORIAL SERVICE IS HELD



THE VISITORS' BOOK IS SIGNED



A ROYAL WALKABOUT



..... THEN THE KING LEAVES FOR THE SENEDD



MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER
ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL WINDSOR

