

The Queen: VE Day and the Coronation



These photos, from the Royal Collection, all show celebrations of VE Day and The Queen's Coronation.

- Photograph of King George VI and Family during V.E.-Day, Tuesday, 8 May 1945 (detail)
- Queen Elizabeth meeting returned prisoners during an Empire Day Garden Party at Buckingham Palace May 1945
- The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II [The Coronation procession passing through Trafalgar Square on the way back to the Palace]c. 1953
- Street party to celebrate the Coronation, Birmingham

Conversation starters:

- Crowds formed outside Buckingham Palace on VE day as the Royal Family and the Prime Minister appeared on the balcony – how did you celebrate?
- Food rationing continued until 1954 – how did day-to-day life feel after the War had ended?
- The Coronation marked a new beginning after the War and people celebrated with street parties – how did you celebrate?

