

Reminiscence Activity Pack



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From VE Day to Royal Babies, Coronations to Jubilees, who doesn't love an opportunity to come together with their neighbours to share food and festivities?

This activity pack is intended as a way to spark conversations about how people have come together to celebrate, commemorate and remember in the past.

Activity 1: Can you tell me about...?

A series of questions to prompt conversation about street parties.

Activity 2: Simple coronation chicken recipe

A recipe for a basic coronation chicken.

Activity 3: Time for a singalong

A list of songs you might sing with a group.

Do you have any memories of local street parties which you would like to share with us?

You can email them to us at curator@eghammuseum.org

**Post them to us at:
Egham Museum, The Literary Institute
51 High Street
Egham, TW20 9EW**

or share them with us on social media

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Can you
tell me
about...?



Egham Museum P3918 Street Party in Mullens Road, Pooley Green 1945

These questions are a great starting point for a conversation about street celebrations, they can be adapted for conversations between friends/family members or in a school/care home setting. You might want to use the images at the back of this pack as a visual prompt.

Who organised the street party you attended?

Where was the street party held? Was it in a Village Hall rather than outside?

What different types of food did you eat?

Who cooked the food?

Where did the chairs and tables come from?

Was the venue decorated? If so, how?

Did you play games? If so can you remember any of them?

Were there any special guests?

Did you dress up? What was your costume?

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Simple Coronation Chicken Recipe



Egham Museum P1270 and P1271
Christchurch School, Virginia Water, Coronation Celebrations 1953

Coronation Chicken was a dish created for Queen Elizabeth's coronation in 1953 and was based on an earlier dish used for the Silver Jubilee of King George V in 1935. This simple recipe is a great starting point but you can add sultanas and other dried fruit to taste.

Ingredients:

2 chicken breasts, diced into 1-inch pieces
1 tbsp vegetable oil
1 tsp curry paste
2 tbsp mayonnaise
salt and pepper to taste

Method:

- 1- Season chicken breast with salt and pepper to taste and fry in the vegetable oil until cooked (10-15 minutes).
- 2- Add the curry paste and stir.
- 3- Once cool stir in the mayonnaise

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Time for a
sing-a-long



Egham Museum 3456 Trumps Green Victory Party 1945

Music has always been a huge part of community celebrations. Lots of songs, including the National Anthem were sung by the crowds at VE Day celebrations in 1945 and at Coronation and Jubilee celebrations since.

Why not get together and sing some of them as a group? Backing tracks and lyrics are readily available online.

You might include songs like:

We'll Meet Again - Vera Lynn

Run, Rabbit, Run! - Flanagan & Allen

Lilli Marlene - Lale Andersen / Vera Lynn

It's a long way to Tipperary

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We have included some additional photos of street parties and other celebrations in the area, they can be used alongside the other activities in this pack.



Egham Museum 3456 Trumps Green Victory Party 1945

This marked the start of the Community Association and the Community Centre opened in 1950



Egham Museum 3851 Runnymede - Magna Carta celebrations c.1925

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Egham Museum 3340 Coronation Procession 1937 in High Street



Egham Museum 2788 Egham - Empire Day at Egham School (unknown date)