

## Chinnor Celebrates Royal Events.

Extracts taken from Parish Council minutes, 1936-1937.

In 1936 we had three kings. King George the V died in January and was succeeded by his son King Edward VIII. Preparations were put in hand for his coronation across the empire including Chinnor. However, in December of 1936 he abdicated and was succeeded by his brother George VI. With Coronation preparations underway the date for the ceremony was retained, in the words of King George, 'Same date, different King.'

In June, 1937 Chinnor planned to celebrate by the lighting of a bonfire which was approved by Magdalen College and a competition was arranged to find the best house decoration. A prize of £3 was to be given divided into: £1, 15/-, 10/-, 5/-, 5/-, 5/-.

In October, 1937 Council discussed the planting of trees down the High Steet to mark the occasion, a subcommittee being formed, and the balance of £8 17/1d from the Coronation fund would be used for future playing fields. Nurseries were to be approached regarding suitable trees and contributions to wards the cost sought from local organisations.

In November 1937, the layout of the High Street footpath was examined to enable the committee to decide the number and type of trees to purchase.

Discussion continued during December 1937. In January 1938, types of trees and their location continued to be discussed. A plan of the High Street was obtained from the County surveyor showing where trees could be planted.

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Thanks to Mr. Goodby for planting trees in the High Street and the Women's Institute for their help were minuted. However in December it was reported that three trees were dead and the double flowering cherry was to be replaced, cost 5/-.