

Few people know that St. George, the Patron Saint of England, has a statue in Hyde Park. ON ST GEORGE'S DAY THE

~~the Royal Society of St. George~~

Royal Society of St. George ~~w~~, combined their annual service with a Parade in Trafalgar Square, ATTENDED

~~by General Sir Edmond Schreiber~~ Schreiber ^{AND} ~~the Duke of Devonshire~~ the Duke of Devonshire - the Society's President.

On the Parade were four holders of the Victoria Cross - for St. George's DAY holds imperishable memories of English valour. ~~marks the birth of~~

So we pay tribute to St. George - whose character and deeds, inspired our forbears to adopt him as Patron Saint of the Realm.

Another St. George's Day occasion - the arrival by helicopter at Biggin Hill, Kent, of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Her Majesty had flown from Windsor (her first flight by helicopter) to inspect R.A.F. Auxiliary Squadrons; ^{she} was welcomed to the famous Battle of Britain Airfield, by the Station Commander, Wing-Commander Smallwood.

Then came Service recognition of this proud anniversary, when Flight-Lt. Linford presented a single "Red Rose of England" for the Royal Visitor.

During her visit, the Queen Mother took the salute at a march-past of the two Auxiliary Squadrons - of which she is Honorary Air ^{Commodore.} ~~Commander.~~

And then met the volunteer pilots of the 600th (City of London) Squadron - before they set out on a ceremonial fly-past.

Her Majesty also watched a Gun Drill Display by the other Squadron - ~~before returning to Windsor~~

before flying back to Windsor - after bringing Royal encouragement to those who devote their spare time ^{to} in their country's service.

~~Nearly a thousand Queen's Scouts~~ - Nearly a thousand Queen's Scouts - holders of Scout Gallantry Awards and overseas representatives - paraded before their Sovereign in the Quadrangle of Windsor Castle.

Accompanied by Lord Rowallan, the Chief Scout, the Queen and her husband, had a cheery word for many of the youngsters - some of whom have been crippled since birth.

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Eager onlookers from the Royal Apartments were Prince Charles and Princess Anne.

The Castle reception was held on the occasion of the National Scout Service and later - the contingent marched past the Queen - on their way to St. George's Chapel, Windsor.