

Making her first visit to Bristol since her accession, the Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, arrived at Temple Meads Station ~~where~~ ^{Here} the Duke of Beaufort, ~~High Steward~~ Lord Lieutenant and High Steward of Bristol - led the welcome of ~~Stry...~~ County and City.

A welcome that was to be oft repeated throughout a memorable day - first, by the happy crowds that lined the route to ^{The Church of} St. Mary Redcliffe ~~Church~~.

A link here with the first Elizabeth, who, during a visit nearly four hundred years ago, described it as "the fairest, goodliest and most famous Parish Church in England!"

On then - to the Albion Dockyard - where the Royal Visitors were shown an exhibition, covering the background of the famous ^{Shipbuilding firm} ~~works~~ that has contributed so much to ^{Bristol's} ~~the city's~~ prosperity.

During a tour of the ^{Dockyard,} ~~works~~ - the Main Welding and Prefabricated Shed was of special interest to the Duke.

Then the journey by Royal Barge up the Avon - to the very heart of Bristol - and once again, the Queen was following the custom of her ^{great} Tudor ^{ancestor} ~~namesake~~ - who arrived in ~~like~~ like manner for her visit, in 1574.

Passing the busy dockside scene - the marine hub of the City - to ~~the~~ Narrow Quay - where the Lord Mayor, Alderman Crook, welcomed the Royal Guests.

Following the traditional salute - Her Majesty inspected the Guard of Honour - mounted by the Severn Division of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

On then to the centre of civic pride - for the opening of the new Council House by the Queen. ~~SOUND.~~

Commemorating the formal opening of this ^{million-pound} nerve centre of Local Government (~~that has cost a million pounds~~) Her Majesty unveiled an engraved inscription.

And ^{the Queen} won the hearts of the crowd waiting on College Green, by a balcony appearance. ~~SOUND.~~

Following a Civic Luncheon, taken at the Mansion House - the Royal Visitors journeyed to the site of Bristol's second achievement of vision and enterprise - the Chew Valley Lake.

Royal Visit (continued)

Here - in ~~what was~~ a North Somerset valley - a Reservoir that has cost one-and-three quarter millions - was inaugurated by the Queen. Sound.

The Commemoration Stone will record, for future generations - the Royal Approval bestowed on ^{the} ~~a~~ scheme. Besides augmenting the water supply for Bristol and surrounding areas, ^{it} has also preserved, even enhanced, the scenic beauty of an area that may well win unbounded praise as the "Lake District of the West Country"

Finally - ^{on} after a day measured by loyal greeting and civic achievement - the Royal Visitors stopped at gaily decorated villages on their way to Bath..