

North Devon: A flag day indeed - for five thousand schoolchildren of the ancient Borough of Barnstaple - as they joined the West Country's welcome to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

During the two-day visit - the Queen unveiled a Memorial Stone at Eggesford Forest - to mark the planting of a million acres in 37 years - by the Forestry Commission.

Before leaving, the Royal Visitors planted oak saplings and Her Majesty was presented with a pair of secateurs.

The following day was spent in Cornwall - where visits were made to several farms on the Duchy of Cornwall Estates: which are being administered on trust until Prince Charles comes-of-age.

Despite the depressing weather, ~~on 11th~~ - it was a memorable day for Liskeard - and this long-awaited visit by the Sovereign was recorded in fitting style...

For the Queen there was a posy of Cornish wild flowers - gathered by local schoolchildren. And for the Duke <sup>a bit of a posy...</sup> ~~a posy - where to put his buttons...~~

Back in London, the Albert Hall is the setting for a Royal occasion, when Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Chancellor of the University of London - presided at the presentation ceremony of graduates for first degrees.

~~at the University of London~~  
~~Her Majesty~~  
Union Presentation Day

That same evening brought the traditional Presentation Day Ball at Grosvenor House - and again, the Queen Mother brought grace and charm to the occasion.

Looking ~~radiant~~ radiant in a lovely evening gown - the Queen Mother was partnered by Mr W.J. Thomas, President of the Union...

A brilliant ending to a distinctive day for London University.