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The second day of the Royal Tour of the West Midlands began at Worcester, where the Queen and Prince Philip arrived, after spending the night in the Royal train.

Here, they were warmly greeted by the Lord-Lieutenant of Worcestershire ~~and~~ after driving to the County Cricket Ground, Her Majesty inspected a Guard of Honour of the Queen's Own Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry, of which she is Honorary Colonel.

And there was kindly recognition, too, for a detachment of more than 150 Old Comrades of this famous Regiment, who were on parade to welcome their Sovereign.

Schoolchildren were among the thousands who cheered the Queen and the Duke as they drove ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ round the cricket ground- soon to play host to the West Indian touring team.

On to Hereford, where 5 year-old Elizabeth Lewis presented a posy of spring flowers to the Queen in her Land-rover.

The Edgar Street Athletic Ground was soon the centre of ten thousand cheering youngsters, who had looked forward so much to voice their loyal acclamation on this perfect day of spring.

The next ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ appointment was in the Market Place, where the Queen and her husband stopped to admire a parade of prize animals-- stalwart Hereford cattle and Ryeland sheep- for which the County is famous.

There were more cheers as the Royal visitors left for the Town Hall, to take tea with the Mayor.