

In the autumn of 1952, possibly with the first Elizabethan era in mind, a piece in the *Bucks Examiner* of 28 November 1952, under the headline

**“AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME FOR CORONATION CELEBRATIONS “**

reported as follows:

*Everyone the young the old and the in-betweeners will be catered for in the Amersham Coronation celebrations. At a meeting at Amersham Council on Tuesday the outlines of the programme on June 2nd were decided upon and seven committees formed. It was decided to accept Mr D O Johnston and Mr Sutherland s proposals for:*

- *Children s sports to be held in Barn Meadow from 2 pm to 4pm.*
- *Following that from 4pm to 5pm a local cricket club play a scratch club match as the Elizabethans would have played it.*
- *An historical pageant with the local amateur dramatic clubs taking a large part would form in line and Queen Elizabeth move to centre of the field It was suggested that she recite a Queen Elizabeth speech. Various people in the procession representative of the last 400 years would be led forward by the compere so that a complete historical era is depicted.*
- *To follow, an act of dedication with representatives of the 1914-18 and the last world wars and if possible representatives of the Boer War, .British Legion Home Guard assembling.*
- *As the accent is on youth a young person will go towards the centre of the field and receive a token of the future.*
- *Dramatic music will be played and community singing follow.*
- *There would then be dancing displays and at night a bonfire fireworks and possibly the roasting of an ox.*
- *Mr Sutherland s proposals for representatives in the procession were: inventions local firms inventions over the past 400 years industrial and scientific progress health and hygiene (which would bring in local doctors and hospitals).*
- *Civil development: fire and police .*
- *Arts: development in music painting dancing (from folk dancing to boogy-woogy) and the theatre.*
- *Famous historical figures had visited Amersham would be personated.*
- *Sport over the last 400 years would be depicted.*
- *It was suggested that the procession should assemble at Little Chalfont, work its way to Amersham Hill then to Old Town where a large part of the celebrations will take place. A Band will be hired and arrangements for one are to be made as soon as possible. The whole day s celebrations must have a definite point and purpose” said Mr Johnston. Cooperation from all the Amersham people was wanted.*