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VISIT OF HM THE QUEEN TO REDDITCH

TUESDAY 5 JULY 1983

PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

1. PROGRAMME

Her Majesty The Queen will visit Redditch on Tuesday 5 July.

In the morning she will visit the Kingfisher Centre, formally open Milward Square, and walk to Redditch Town Hall where she will take lunch.

In the afternoon Her Majesty will visit the Forge Mill Museum and Hymatic Engineering Co Limited.

The official programme and background notes are attached.

Guidance on the Press arrangements is given below in paragraph 4.

2. ROTA/POOL PRESS PARTY

(a) Composition

The composition of the ACCREDITED PRESS PARTY will be:-

	<u>Reporter</u>	<u>Cameramen</u>	<u>Camera Crew</u>
BBC Television	1	-	2
Central Independent TV	1	-	2
Press Association	1	1	-
NPA	-	1	-
Birmingham Post Birmingham Evening Mail)	1	1	-
BBC Radio	1	-	-
BRMB	1	-	-
Redditch Indicator / Worcester Ev News	1	1 afternoon	-
Redditch Advertiser	1	1 morning	-

b) Rendezvous

The rendezvous for the Accredited Party will be at 1115 at the corner of Market Place and Unicorn Hill, Redditch. Members should report to Roy Long or Harry Booth of the Central Office of Information for a briefing.

Would news editors please ensure that their representatives attend at the time stated, namely 1115.

"Royal Rota" passes (GREEN) should be displayed clearly throughout the visit.

c) TV/Radio Coverage

Producers are reminded that microphones should not be used to pick up private conversations during the Royal visit.

d) Car Parking

There are several of public car parks adjacent to the Kingfisher Centre.

e) Transport

The Central Office of Information will provide transport for Rota Party members between venues and will return them to central Redditch at the end of the programme.

f) Telephones

Public telephones are available in the Worcester Square area of the Kingfisher Centre and in the Church Green area adjacent to St Stephen's Church.

A telephone will be available at Forge Mill.

At Hymatic Engineering a telephone will be made available for Rota Party members.

g) Police Liaison Officer

Inspector Mike Bullock, West Mercia Constabulary, will act as Police Liaison Officer for the Rota/Pool Party throughout the visit.

h) Refreshments

Lunch will be provided in the Town Hall for the Rota Party by courtesy of the Redditch Borough Council.

3. NON ACCREDITED PRESS FACILITY

Non-Rota Fixed Point (NRFP) facilities will be provided to cover the arrival and departure by air of Her Majesty at Elmdon Airport, Birmingham. Access to these facilities will be given on production of NON ROTA passes (WHITE) provided by this office. Applications, if not already made, to Ed Shearman (021 643 8191 Extension 2020).

Reporters and cameramen covering Her Majesty's arrival at Elmdon Airport should report to Philip Dalling at the Enquiry Desk in the Arrivals/Departures Building at Elmdon Airport at 1045.

Those covering Her Majesty's departure should report, also to Philip Dalling at the same venue at 1550.

Parking is available in the Airport car parks and public telephones are freely available.

CONTACTS FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Redditch Development Corporation	-	Mr Ian McKay 0527 64200
Redditch Borough Council	-	Mr John Weth 0527 64252
Forge Mill Museum	-	Mr Derek Higgs 0527 62509
Hymatic Engineering Co Limited	-	Mr Brian Longbottom 0527 64931

4. PRESS PROGRAMME ARRANGEMENTS

1115 HM The Queen arrives Elmdon Airport Birmingham
NRFP covers arrival (see paragraph 3)

1115 Rota Party rendezvous at junction of Unicorn Hill and Market Place, Redditch for a briefing

1135 Rota Party takes up position to cover HM's arrival at Kingfisher Centre

Rota Cameramen will be conducted in advance of HM. Rota reporters will follow Royal Party. This applies throughout the visit

1145 HM arrives at Kingfisher Centre by car

Presentations

1150 HM arrives at Worcester Square

Posy presented by Dawn Fryer and Clare Harwood, holders of the Queen's Guide badges

Presentations

1200 HM arrives Owen Owen (restricted photo facility)

Presentations

Presentation to HM of a memento

HM signs Redditch Development Corporation Visitors Book

Presentation to HM of a gift by long serving employee of Owen Owen, Miss Hazel Watkiss

1215 HM arrives in Milward Square

HM opens Milward Square, unveils plaque

Presentations

1225 HM enters Marks and Spencers (no photo facility)

1230 HM walks across Royal Square (the open market) to Alcester Street, thence to Civic Square

1245 HM arrives at Civic Square steps

Presentations

HM walks across Civic Square to Town Hall entrance

Presentations of councillors

1255 Lunch
Rota party withdraws for lunch

1415 Rota/Pool Cameramen depart from Town Hall to Forge Mill

1420 HM signs visitors book
Unveils plaque commemorating her visit
Presentation of Muslim community representatives
HM receives gifts

1430 HM leaves Town Hall by car

1435 HM arrives Forge Mill
Presentations
HM tours Forge Mill displays and walks on to bridge
HM opens Forge Mill Museum by unveiling plaque and starting water mill
HM tours remaining parts of Museum
Signs visitors book
HM receives gifts

1455 Rota/Pool Cameramen depart by car for Hymatic Engineering Limited

1505 HM leaves by car for Hymatic Engineering Limited

1515 HM arrives at Hymatic Engineering Limited
Presentations
Posy presented by a director's daughter, Angela Twine (6)
Tours factory. Signs visitors book

1550 HM leaves Hymatic Engineering Limited by car
END OF ROTA FACILITY

1615 HM arrives Elmdon Airport Birmingham

1620 HM departs by air
NRFP to cover departure (see paragraph 3)

BACKGROUND NOTE

KINGFISHER SHOPPING CENTRE, REDDITCH

One of the largest climatically controlled covered shopping centres in the country the Kingfisher Shopping Centre in Redditch houses more than 200 shops and stores.

One of the notable features of Worcester Square within the Centre is a group of tropical palm trees.

Within the Centre, too, is an Ecumenical Centre, a night club and a pub - there is a large open market and a food hall.

The shopping malls are linked by lifts and escalators to the public transport interchange which contains bus, rail and taxi services for travel to and from anywhere in the Midlands.

For the many visitors to the Centre who prefer to come by car there are four multi-storey parks catering for 2500 vehicles. These car parks give direct undercover access to all parts of the Centre.

All the small squares at the Centre have been given local appellations. The square to be opened by Her Majesty The Queen - Milward Square - has a name important to the town as that of a long established needle manufacturer now forming part of Needle Industries but still known throughout the world overseas as Milward.

Kingfisher Shopping Centre serves a catchment area extending to a radius of 30 miles containing a potential of more than a million shoppers.

In short the Centre is the focal point for the community of Redditch.