

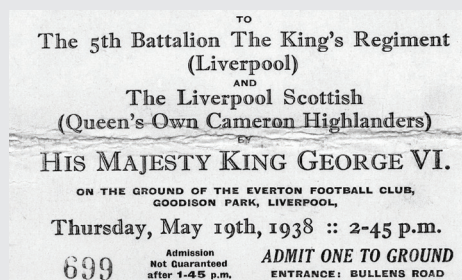


THE KING'S VISIT TO GOODISON IN 1938

Goodison Park has been the venue of many famous footballing occasions, including an FA Cup final and a World Cup semi-final. The EFC Heritage Society will cover these and some of the more unusual events throughout this historic season as we celebrate 125 years at our beloved stadium.

On 28 October 1978, Andy King became the 'King of Goodison' when he scored the winner in the Merseyside derby. However, almost 40 years earlier, it was the venue of a visit from King George VI, accompanied by Queen Elizabeth, mother of the Queen.

On Thursday 19 May 1938, a packed Goodison Park witnessed the Royal visit to present colours to The 5th Battalion The King's Regiment [Liverpool] and Liverpool Scottish [Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders]. Each military unit has its own



distinctive Colours, or flags, which were historically used in battle to signify the location of each unit. Whilst no longer carried into battle, Colours remain very symbolic, constituting a regiment's honour and representing its devotion to duty.

The Royals had a fairly extensive tour of the North West including Manchester, Preston, Blackpool, Leigh, Wigan and Rochdale over a few days.

Similar ceremonies still take place and, in 2015, the Queen presented new Colours to The Royal Welsh Army at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, to mark the centenary of the unit.

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