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The Queen's Visit to Worcester Cathedral

Nearly fourteen hundred people packed the Nave of Worcester Cathedral yesterday (11 July) as the Cathedral hosted the final stage of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Visit to Worcestershire.

Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh were the guests at a presentation of the history and heritage of the County. A spoken narrative was accompanied by pictures of the County produced by James Atkinson, and projected on to a big screen. This was interspersed with music sung by the Cathedral Choir under the direction of Peter Nardone, and by a dance performed by the boys' dance group of Bishop Perowne Church of England College, Worcester. The audience, which included more than 300 schoolchildren, joined in a refrain based on words by J.R.R. Tolkien in celebration of Worcestershire, sung to Elgar's tune of *Land of Hope and Glory*.

The presentation was followed by prayers, and the singing of the National Anthem, after which the Queen unveiled a plaque, and she and the Duke met the performers.

The Dean of Worcester, the Very Reverend Peter Atkinson, said, 'It was a great day for Worcestershire, and a great day for the Cathedral, and a wonderful way for the Cathedral to host a celebration on behalf of the whole County'.

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