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I have just been watching the State Opening of Parliament, which was different as the Queen could not attend, the Prince of Wales and Duke of Cambridge as Councillors of State were there on her behalf.

It made me recall going to London with the school for few days in November 1952. We watched the Queen as she went in procession to her first Opening of Parliament. There was something unusual about it (I cannot remember exactly what) because she had not been crowned. It may be the more knowledgeable of my readers will know. My guess is she could not wear the crown in Parliament, but whatever we watched her drive through Horse Guards Parade anyway!

We all have memories which are good to recall. Important days like our Wedding Day (I remember how stunned I was when I turned around and saw Alison arrive at the church door!). It may be a holiday you remember, or an important family Party ... or perhaps you saw / met the Queen!

All these are looking back to something that is usually comforting and pleasant. Although I appreciate some memories are less so.

All this is good, but we must not live in the past. Our lives, our needs, are geared to look forward. This is the positive for us, as you hear so often you must not live in the past – but we can learn from it.

We look forward to celebrating the Jubilee which in itself it will bring new ideas, new targets, and new things to do with other people.

It was not all wonderful in the past (was it?). Life is about new and interesting things that we shall find ourselves doing in the future!