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Throne – by Royal Crown Derby March 2012

One of the most iconic names in UK manufacturing, Royal Crown Derby will be marking Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 with a special exhibition, set to open on March 31, to celebrate the company's Royal connections since 1760.

"Throne: A Diamond Jubilee Exhibition" celebrates Queen Elizabeth II's 60 years on the throne, and shows Royal Crown Derby's special links with the Royal family, stretching back to the eighteenth century.

One of the most comprehensive collections of Royal Crown Derby commemoratives ever seen, the exhibition will also feature photographs, examples of china and gifts given to the Royal Family, and images and commemoratives from the Queens visits to Derby. A 1950's living room set, showing a family ready to watch the coronation on their authentic Fifties TV set will be displayed alongside authentic costume memorabilia, photos and newspapers from the day.

The exhibition as a whole will also feature a 1950's style room setting, examples of china that has been made for Royalty, a candlestick signed by Princess Diana, and numerous royal commemorative items from King George III to William and Catherine.

Royal Crown Derby is also manufacturing a full range of commemorative ware for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, including limited edition plates, loving cups, trays and paperweights. Some of these items are already available for purchase but new editions will be specially launched nearer the Jubilee's event weekend in June.

Admission is included with the cost of a factory tour visit (Adults £3, Children and Concessions £2.50, and Family tickets £8). Open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Saturday, it will run until September 7.

Royal Crown Derby has been manufacturing fine bone china in Derby since 1750, and will be producing a special range of Jubilee ware for 2012. For more details, visit www.royalcrownderby.co.uk.

Derby Cathedral, meanwhile, will be staging a special service to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee on May 27th. During the service, the famous Bakewell Gates - which will return to the Cathedral in May, following their restoration – will be rededicated and named in celebration of the Jubilee.

Nearby Kedleston Hall will also be marking the Jubilee with a range of children's activities themed around royalty, including making and decorating cardboard crowns during the holiday weekend in June; and Calke Abbey is staging a 1950s Jubilee Tea Dance on June 6.

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