

TEN WORD TALES No. 4

Blackberry-on-the-Mead

by The Story Spinner

CHAPTER 4



Mia jumped off her bicycle and ran to help Antoine. The shops had quickly printed Welcome Your Majesty notices and put them in the windows. The village children stood at the edges of the road, with flags and voices ready for cheering. Everyone else stood in their gardens ready to wave.

Slowly Mr Jones's old car came up the road with the Queen inside and there was a great roar as everyone cheered and waved their arms, their flags and their banners.

The Queen had a lovely lunch at Antoine's, having salmon-en-croûte, which is fish in a crisp pastry parcel. She met lots of grown-ups.

The Queen went for some delicious cake at The Victoria Sponge. She met lots of children.

At half past three, the Queen's own silver car, mended at last, arrived outside the pub where the Queen was drinking a last cup of coffee and chatting to Mr Jones about Jack. Jack did not realize that the Queen was the Queen but he enjoyed her patting him kindly and licked the royal hand until it was wet and sticky. Fortunately the Queen had so many dogs herself that she knew his enthusiastic slobber was meant as politely as the banners and flags and cheers.

It was almost time for the visit to end

Watch out for Chapter 5 tomorrow!