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Queen Elizabeth II marks 70 years as the UK's monarch

This year, 2022 marks the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Queen Elizabeth II, the long-reigning British monarch will be celebrating an incredible 70 years on the throne in June.

At the age of 21 years old, the then princess promised the following.

“whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong”



The Queen has been an inspiration of hope for the United Kingdom throughout the last seven decades. The Queen has dedicated her life to the service of her country and the Commonwealth of Nations.

The Queen breaks a new longevity record, making her the first British monarch to celebrate this anniversary. In 2015 she managed to overcome the 63 years and 216 days of reign of her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, who was until then the sovereign of the islands who had continued on the throne the longest.

Celebrations of the Queens anniversary, events and initiatives will take place throughout the year, culminating in a four-day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June.

Queen Elizabeth II was born on April 21, 1926. However, she celebrates her birthday twice a year: Once in April and once on her official birthday in June, which is often marked with the Trooping the Colour.



The Queens Father, King George VI died on February 6th 1952, this is the official date of the start of the Queens Reign. It is for this reason why the Queen chooses not to celebrate her anniversary, she instead chooses to remember her father.

The Queen first met Prince Philip when she was 8 years old and he was 13. They crossed paths at the wedding of Princess Marina of Greece and Denmark to Prince George, Duke of Kent in 1934. In 1939, when she was 13 and he was 18, they met again at Dartmouth Naval College.

Their engagement was officially announced on 9 July 1947 and the Wedding took place just four months later, on 20 November 1947 at Westminster Abbey.



Queen Elizabeth's coronation took place on June 2, 1953. However, she was announced queen following the death of her father on February 6, 1952. It's traditional for British monarchs to hold off on official celebrations of their ascension out of respect for the dead.

The coronation spawned a sandwich filling that is still eaten today - Le Cordon Bleu-trained British chefs Rosemary Hume and Constance Spry created a coronation-themed dish for members of the public to cook at home in celebration of the event. Featuring chicken, curry powder and mayonnaise, the bright yellow concoction is still known today as "coronation chicken." It remains a popular sandwich filling and salad ingredient.

Before Prince Philip's death in April 2021, Prince Philip was married to Queen Elizabeth II for 73 years, making them the longest married couple in the royal family's history.

27 million people in the UK (out of the 36 million population) watched the ceremony on television and 11 million listened on the radio to the almost three hours long ceremony on television, with only the anointing and communion not broadcast to the wider world. The Coronation service was six parts: the recognition, the oath, the anointing, the investiture (which includes the crowning), the enthronement and the homage.

Queen Elizabeth II wore the George IV State Diadem on the way to the Coronation. The crown is depicted on stamps. Made in 1820, the Diadem features roses, shamrocks and thistles with 1,333 diamonds and 169 pearls.



Prince Charles received a special hand-painted children's invitation to his mother's Coronation. Prince Charles was the first child to witness his mother's coronation as Sovereign. Princess Anne did not attend the ceremony as she was considered too young.

The bank holiday in June will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate this historic milestone. The Platinum Jubilee celebrations will take place throughout the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and around the world as communities come together to celebrate The Queen's historic reign.

The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service.



Events will include The Queen's Green Canopy and the Platinum Pudding competition which will create a lasting reminder of The Queen's Jubilee. A nationwide baking competition sets out to find a brand-new pudding dedicated to The Queen. The Big Jubilee Lunch and Fortnum & Mason are inviting applications from UK residents aged 8 and over to create the perfect Platinum Pudding recipe. Five finalists will prepare their pudding for an expert judging panel including Dame Mary Berry, Monica Galetti and Buckingham Palace Head Chef Mark Flanagan. The winning recipe will be made available to the public and the pudding will be enjoyed at Big Jubilee Lunches during the Jubilee weekend.

The Queen's private estates will also join in with special Jubilee themed events offering more opportunities for members of the public to celebrate this historic milestone.



Thursday 2nd June 2022 - The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour): Over 1,400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians will come together in the traditional Parade to mark The Queen's official birthday

Friday 3rd June - Service of Thanksgiving: A Service of Thanksgiving for The Queen's reign will be held at St Paul's Cathedral. Further events will be announced in due course.

Saturday 4th June - The Derby at Epsom Downs: Her Majesty The Queen, accompanied by Members of the Royal Family, will attend the Derby at Epsom Downs.

Sunday 5th June - The Big Jubilee Lunch: Each year since the idea began in 2009 The Big Lunch has encouraged communities to celebrate their connections and get to know each other a little bit better, coming together in a spirit of fun and friendship. In 2022 The Big Lunch will bring the Jubilee

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