

Celebrating our Queen



Queen Elizabeth the 2nd was our longest reigning Monarch, she sat on the throne for 70 years, from 1953 to 2022.

Interesting Facts

1. Queen Elizabeth II was born at 2.40am on 21 April 1926.
2. Her parents were the Duke and Duchess of York, who later became King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (the Queen Mother).
3. She was crowned Queen on 2 June 1953.
4. The Queen's full title was: Elizabeth II, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of her other realms and territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.
5. Her favourite dogs were corgis. She even invented a new breed of dog, the "dorgi" (can you guess what two breeds the dorgi is)?
Answer: corgi and dachshund.
6. Queen Elizabeth II had two birthdays. Her actual birthday – 21 April – and her official birthday, which was held on a Saturday in June.
7. Queen Elizabeth II first sent an email in 1976... and published her first Instagram post in 2019!
8. She had many hobbies, including horse riding, pigeon racing and football – she was an Arsenal supporter!
9. Queen Elizabeth became a homeowner at just six years old when the people of Wales gifted her a house in the grounds of Windsor's Royal Lodge. It was named Y Bwthyn Bach, which means "little cottage".
10. In her lifetime, Queen Elizabeth II sent around 50,000 Christmas cards!
11. She owned an elephant, two giant turtles, a jaguar and a pair of sloths. They were presents from other countries, and they all live in London Zoo.
12. Her nickname was Lilibet.



Judith Ford presented a bouquet to Queen Elizabeth in Cambridge in 1953.

Queen Elizabeth and Guiding

In 1937 a lady called Violet Synge was asked to set up a new Guide company. The 1st Buckingham Palace Brownie Pack and Guide Company began in June of that year, with 14 Guides and Brownies recruited from friends of the Princesses, cousins and children of the staff at the Palace. Elizabeth was 11 years old when she joined Guides. The Princesses attended camps every year, except during World War 2 when they were unable to sleep outside.

In 1946, Princess Elizabeth became the Chief Ranger of the British Empire. At the age of 20, the future Queen was still taking part in camps wherever possible. The 500lb wedding cake of Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Mountbatten was made from ingredients sent by the Australian Guides.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth was Guiding's patron from 1952 – 2022.

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Activities

Pippins and Brownies

- **A high tea** – with tea and scones, use your best china and wear your finest royal clothes.
- **A parade** in Her Majesty's Honour wearing your royal finery.
 - **Union Jack Flags**
Make tissue paper Union Jack flags to wave at your parade.
 - Cut a piece of rectangle card and outline the Union Jack on it, screw up small balls of blue, red and white tissue paper to decorate the flag. Attach your flag to a stick and wave away!
 - **Commonwealth coins** – bring in coins from New Zealand (or other commonwealth countries if available) and look at the Queen's picture on them. Make coin rubbings with paper and crayons or pencils. Order the coins according to date. Talk about the Queen on the twenty dollar note and the other famous NZers.
 - NZ money – [link](#).
 - NZ \$20 note – [link](#).
- Watch the **Changing of the Guard** and recreate it in your Unit
- **Colour in a corgi** – Pippins – [link](#)
- **A simple papercraft** – Brownies – [link](#)



Guides

- **A high tea** with tea and scones
- **Bake Queen Cakes** – [link](#) – or make **Coronation Chicken salad** – [link](#) – a dish that was invented for Queen Elizabeth's coronation banquet – [link](#)
- **Make a crown** (printable with video tutorial) – [link](#)
- The Queen is on all of our currency, now that Charles is King that will need to change. **Design new currency** with King Charles 3rd on it.
- Invite a guest who remembers the **Queen's Coronation** and can talk about it to your group as well as how life and technology has changed since then.
- Learn to **draw a Corgi** – [link](#)
- You could **fly the flag** at half-mast and explain the significance of this in terms of showing respect.

Rangers

- **A high tea** with tea and scones
- Make a **Victoria Sponge** or other royal themed cake to have with your high tea
- **Corgi papercraft** – easier [link](#) – harder [link](#)
- **Corgi keychain** out of felt – [link](#) – (sewing/gluing project)
- Make a **memento necklace** remembering the queen using a coin.
Using masking tape, secure the coin to a piece of wood, then use a drill to make a hole in the top so either a cord or a jump-ring can be threaded through the hole to make it into either a necklace or pendant. Picture instructions [link](#)
- To celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Coronation, a coronation chicken salad was invented and served at her banquet. **Invent a new dish** that could be served at King Charles III's Coronation.