











On 6 February this year, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II marked 70 years on the British throne – the longest serving British monarch in history. This is a feat which will be celebrated with a four-day Jubilee weekend at the beginning of June in the UK and also in the Cayman Islands.

Over the last 70 years, the Queen has accomplished several remarkable historical milestones. In 2015, she became the longest ruling British Monarch in history. She has also been the most widely travelled. Her many historic overseas visits, including two to the Cayman Islands in 1983 and 1994, have made her a well-loved figurehead throughout the Commonwealth.

Over the following pages we pay tribute to Her Majesty and her incredible reign, and her and the rest of the Royal Family's connection with the Cayman Islands.



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Cayman's Jubilee celebrations





There will be lots of activities for youngsters to enjoy!

Although the much-anticipated air show has now been cancelled due to the weather, Cayman still has a very busy weekend ahead, so keep this calendar of events handy because you won't want to miss all the fun!

Grand Cayman

School Art Project: Jubilee Bunting 1 March — 28 May

Thursday, 2 June

2p.m. Reading of the Proclamation of the Official Beacon Lighting, Heroes Square. 9.10p.m. Official Beacon Lighting video

premieres on Cayman Islands Government channels.

Sunday, 5 June

5p.m. A service of thanksgiving at Elmslie Memorial Church

Monday, 6 June

5p.m. The Queen's Birthday Parade and Awards Ceremony, outside of Government House, followed by a garden party on the Government House grounds, where the winning creation from the Platinum Jubilee cake competition will be served.

8p.m. A Grand Finale Fireworks Display,



▶ Plant a tree for the Jubilee on 3 June Cabbage (Guapira discolor)

to be broadcast by Radio Cayman on 89.9 FM starting at 7.55p.m.

- Prime viewing locations will be: Downtown George Town (harbourfront by Port Authority)
 - Coral Beach
 - Governor's Beach
 - Seven Mile Public Beach
 - West Bay Public Beach

Cayman Brac

Thursday, 2 June

7.30p.m. Beacon lighting ceremony at Aston Rutty Centre

Saturday, 4 June

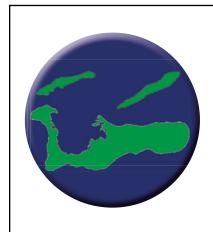
10a.m. The Queen's Birthday Parade and Awards Ceremony, Aston Rutty Centre. 7p.m. A Jubilee celebration with fireworks at Spot Bay Cove.

Sunday, 5 June

5p.m. A service of thanksgiving at the Aston Rutty Centre

Little Cayman

Sunday, 5 June 11a.m. A service of thanksgiving at the **Baptist Church**



The school Jubilee bunting art project finishes on 28 May

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Our 2022 Scholarship Recipients

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Ruby Pileta



James Banks



In keeping with the Company's commitment to scholastic excellence, four young Caymanians have received financial assistance from Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. (CUC) to assist them with furthering their education. Justin Whyte and Ruby Pileta were awarded scholarships to pursue university level studies and James Banks and Amare Hamilton were awarded scholarships to complete their A level studies.

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A CUC employee with the Electrical Maintenance Department since 2018, **Justin Whyte** will be pursuing an Advanced Diploma in Electrical Engineering Technology from Conestoga College in Kitchener, Canada. Justin completed Technical Vocational Studies at the University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI) in 2019 earning an Electro-Technology Certificate. Justin joins an elite group of young apprentice electricians and technicians from the Company who have graduated from Conestoga College with an Engineering Technology Diploma.

Seventeen-year old **Ruby Pileta** will be pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering. A graduate of Clifton Hunter High School, Ruby recently completed her A level studies at St. Ignatius Catholic School with passes in Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics. An avid robotics enthusiast and steel pan player, Ruby aspires to be a Mechanical or Electrical Engineer. Sixteen-year old **James Banks** received a scholarship to pursue A level studies at St. Ignatius Catholic School beginning in September 2022. He will be taking Mathematics, Physics, Biology and Computer Science. James recently graduated from St. Ignatius Catholic School with I/GCSE passes in English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Religious Education, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Geography and Spanish. Still undecided as to what career path he will eventually choose, James has great interest in the sciences.

Sixteen-year old **Amare Hamilton** will be entering Year 13 at St. Ignatius Catholic School in September 2022 after completing his first year of A level studies this past Spring. Amare will be continuing his studies in Computer Science, Marine Science, Music and Travel and Tourism. Having an adoration for the sea and understanding the part the oceans play in climate change, he aspires to be a Maritime Surveyor. An accomplished musician, Amare has been playing the violin for two years and has won a number of national music awards.

CUC established its scholarship programme in 1989 and since then has awarded full and partial scholarships to over 60 current and past employees and high school students in the fields of mechanical and electrical engineering, information technology, systems operations, environmental management, occupational safety and health and financial services. In 2016, the Company further enhanced its scholarship programme by offering assistance for qualified students to pursue their A levels.





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Poetry competition winners and dignitories Premier Wayne Panton, Danielle Player, Kylah Murphy, Aiden Miller, Governor Martyn Roper, Deputy Premier Chris Saunders



Poetry winner Kylah recives her prize from Premier Panton

Community celebrates the Platinum Jubilee At the National Gallery

On 21 May the community got together at the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands for a special tea party to mark Her Majesty the Queen's incredible 70 years of reign, and which featured a series of activities especially designed to get the creative juices flowing.

School bunting art project

A project running from Tuesday, 1 March, all the way to Saturday, 28 May, has given youngsters the chance to showcase their inner artist, as they have designed Jubilee bunting, that most traditional of party decorations. The bunting was on display at the National Gallery's tea party and showed off the artistic talents of students from Village Montessori, Edna Moyle Primary School in North Side, Red Bay Primary, East End Primary and First Baptist Christian School.

First Baptist Christian School was a particularly strong supporter of the project. Mrs Janine Nyyssonen said her grade 3A students really enjoyed learning about the parts of the Cayman Islands crest and what each one represented. "They then had fun creating their own flags and explaining why they chose what they did. They were also amazed at how long Her Majesty the Queen has been on the throne!" she said.

Ms Tessa Suckoo's Grade 4 was very intrigued to realise how long Her Majesty the Queen has been on the throne.

"They loved learning more about the symbols and crest of the Cayman Islands. Grade 4 especially enjoyed applying this knowledge to create their own, special flags," she confirmed. Mrs Ines Britton said Kindergarten enjoyed creating their individual flags as well. Maia Muttoo, Education Manager at the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands, said:

"The National Gallery expresses our sincere thanks to all students who participated in the Jubilee school bunting project. We were thrilled to receive such a wide variety of flag designs, some that explicitly referenced official Caymanian National

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Jubilee Tea Party (photo Elphina Jones GIS)

Fun was had by all

Community celebrates

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Symbols, some that re-envisioned these existing motifs in new ways and others that embraced entirely new visuals as part of that student's personal understanding of their environment. Through this educational exercise, students learned about the concept of visual symbols while exploring the history and heritage expressed through our National Flag and Coat of Arms, all while allowing their creative expression to shine."

Poetry competition

In celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, students aged 10 to 18 were invited to participate by writing and performing a poem on the theme 'Majesty' for the annual Youth Services Unit Youth Poetry Competition. First place went to Kylah Murphy, age 14, of Cayman International School and she won a prize of CI\$500. Second place went to Aiden Miller, age 13, of Clifton Hunter High School, who went away with CI\$400 and third place went to Danielle Player, age 13, of Cayman Prep & High School. Danielle claimed her prize of CI\$300

Kylah said her poem was inspired by many different things that extend out beyond the theme of 'Majesty'.

"It is very biblical in the sense that the true master described in the poem can be interpreted to represent God, and the animals are the people in His kingdom. I was also inspired by the French Revolution, where the rich were sitting comfortably amidst the cruelty the French civilians were facing. The jaguar, in this instance, was the people who were treated like slaves and learned to live with the consequences of their actions but were never offered the help they needed to move up in society," she said.

"Of course, the true master described towards the end can represent many different people or things. The Queen, of course, was in mind whilst that stanza was being written, but history has many great masters that fit the description given. However, I would say that there is only one true master, and He was in mind also when I was brainstorming ideas for the ending of the poem. When we look to other gods or idols for stability, we lose sight of what is really important. It can be easy for a person who has so much power to be overcome by the position they hold; one might forget why they were appointed in the first place. The ending illustrates how important this ideology is."

Krista Finch, Enrichment Teacher at CIS, said:

"Words are powerful and I am so proud she has chosen to use her words to make the world a better place! This poem is an example of that."

Antoinette Welch, English Teacher with Goldfield Academy at Clifton Hunter High School, said they were very proud of Aiden.

"He was presented with the information about the competition in his English class and was very excited to participate. Not only did he put great effort into crafting his poem, but he also diligently rehearsed his delivery even after he won the competition at our school. Aiden strives for excellence in everything he does," she confirmed. "Aiden expressed that he was honoured to have been a part of the competition and that it was a good experience for him. He has an admirable passion for reading and creative writing."



 Flags created by Village Montessori's lower and upper Elementary students (ages 6-12)

Cayman Prep and High School's Head of English, Amber Bothwell, said:

"Cayman Prep and Hight School held a competition in school, and Danielle Player of Year 8 was deemed to be our top scoring poet, which gave her a spot in the inter-school competition on Saturday, 21st May. Having come third in that competition (a very close one), Danielle won \$300 and performed her poem at the 'Queen's Jubilee: Family Afternoon Tea Party' at the National Gallery later that day."

Governor Martyn Roper said: "Well done to the winners of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee poetry competition announced at the National Gallery Family Tea Party. Thanks to National Gallery, a national gem, for hosting the event."

The National Gallery tea party event was organised in association with the Ministry of Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage, the Cayman National Cultural Foundation and the Youth Services Unit. 5



A wonderful bunting display



Bunting at the National Gallery Photo Elphina Jones GIS



First Baptist Christian School students display their bunting

QUEENS JUBILEE

The Royals and the Cayman Islands



Prince Charles and Camilla arrived in 2019



Prince Edward has been a frequent visitor to Cayman, his first in 2003



Prince Edward and his wife Sophie last visited in 2016



HM the Queen knighting Sir Vassell Johnson

The Cayman Islands has received royalty many times in recent history, including two visits by Her Majesty the Queen, and most recently by Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall in 2019. Here is a reminder of royal visits over the past six decades.

1960 Mary, the Princess Royal

Mary was the first member of the Royal Family to grace Cayman's shores, arriving on March 22, 1960 on the Royal Yacht Britannia.

1962 Prince Philip

The late husband of HM the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, arrived on a Royal Air Force plane, and visited from 3 to 5 April, 1962, staying at Government House on Seven Mile Beach.

1973 Prince Charles

Prince Charles visited in July 1973, acting in the capacity of an officer aboard HMS Minerva, and was well received by the public. He even managed a dance with tourism industry legend Suzy Soto who danced with the Prince to the Barefoot Man at the old Holiday Inn hotel.

1983 HM Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip

The Queen first visited Cayman on 16 February 1983 for just one day, and toured the island with



Prince Edward is the Royal Patron of CCMI



The Queen's 1994 visit - Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip being greeted by Governor Michael Gore - Source-Getty Images

the occasion, driven by Sergeant

Buel Ebanks. It was estimated

that about a quarter of the pop-

ulation (5,000 people) greeted

their arrival at Owen Roberts

International Airport. The royal

visitors managed to tour the en-

tire island during their short stay,

from West Bay to North Side. The

Queen's Highway was officially

opened by Her Majesty during

In October 1988, the Queen's

cousin Princess Alexandra be-

came the first member of the roy-

al family to visit Cayman Brac, as

1994 HM Queen Elizabeth II

In February 1994, Queen Eliz-

abeth and Prince Philip made a

second visit, arriving on a Royal

Air Force jet. During this visit the

Queen knighted Sir Vassel John-

son, the first Caymanian to re-

The Queen opened two nation-

al projects, the Queen Elizabeth II

Botanic Park in North Side and the

Ed Bush Sports Centre, in West

Bay. She also unveiled a commem-

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well as visiting Grand Cayman.

and Prince Philip

ceive a knighthood.

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1988 Princess Alexandra

that trip.

Prince Philip in a Rolls-Royce **2000 Prince Andrew** which was brought especially for Prince Andrew, the I

Prince Andrew, the Duke of York, visited Cayman from 18 to 20 March, 2000, taking part in a reception at Pedro St James and speaking with residents of The Pines Retirement Home.

Prince Edward – 2003, 2004, 2007, 2009 and 2016

Prince Edward has been a regular visitor to Cayman in recent years, as the Royal Patron of the Central Caribbean Marine Institute on Little Cayman. He has visited in May 2003, November 2004, February 2007, January 2009 and March 2016. The Prince unveiled and dedicated the Wall of History in Celebration Park during Cayman's Quincentennial in 2003. Cayman residents were able to meet his wife, Sophie, the Countess of Wessex, in March 2016 during their most recent visit, when the Prince joined Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme participants at Government House, while the Countess addressed 100 Women in Hedge Funds at the National Gallery. Her Royal Highness then rejoined her husband at Government House for the presentation of the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award to Lashonda Powell.



► The Queen opened the Botanic Park in 1994



Edward in 2016 day, a



Prince Charles and Camilla enjoyed a special evening at Pedro St James in 2019

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Two very special days

On the 27 March 2019 Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, began a two-day tour that saw them meet and greet hundreds of Cayman residents across all three islands.

Prince Charles visited Cayman Brac, opening its swimming pool and attending a reception with the Governor and the Premier of the Cayman Islands, and met with the local community. He then went on to Little Cayman to visit the CCMI where he watched a presentation on marine conservation with Cayman International School students.

The Central Caribbean Marine Institute tweeted after his visit that it was "a privilege to share the work we do at CCMI with Prince Charles today. Our key takeaway - we can save coral reefs if we act now!"

His Royal Highness then travelled to Grand Cayman where he visited Clifton Hunter High School to meet with its Head Boy, Head Girl, and Principal before heading to the Queen Elizabeth II Royal Botanic Park to attend a roundtable discussion on sustainability.

At the Botanic Park, Prince Charles met with its manager to learn more about its future goals to engage children through the

Children's Centre before cutting a ribbon and unveiling a plaque to commemorate his visit. The Prince went on to meet with hurricane relief workers, who provided hurricane relief to Turks and Caicos following Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

The Duchess of Cornwall visited Jasmine Villa Hospice with the Governor's wife, Lissie Roper, at which she unveiled a plaque and cut a ribbon to mark her visit. Camilla then paid a visit to the Cayman Islands Crisis Centre to learn about the work of the Teens and Young Adults Lounge. She then visited George Town Primary School where she watched a choir performance, met with staff members, and listened to a poetry recital from several students.

For their final engagement in the Cayman Islands, the royal couple attended a reception and cultural celebration at Pedro St. James, where Prince Charles presided over the Investiture Ceremony for three Caymanians, including Deputy Governor Franz Manderson, who were recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

The Prince said: "We are deeply grateful to have been given such a special welcome on all three islands and to have met so many people from such diverse backgrounds who now call these islands home. As we leave you this evening, we will take with us the fondest memories of these beautiful islands and the warmth of the Cayman Islands people."



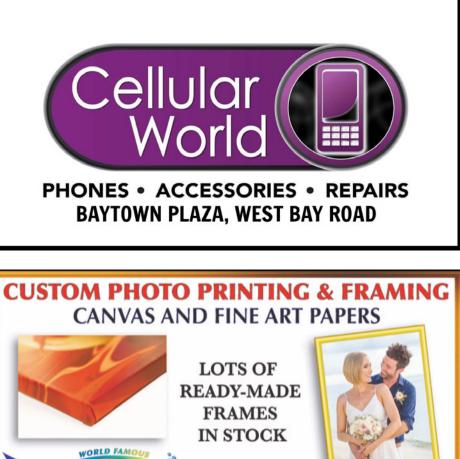
▶ Prince Charles at the Botanic Park in 2019



Camilla met with George Town Primary School students



Prince Charles met with hundreds of residents in 2019



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Time to get green, Cayman!



Prep students prep the ground for planting

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CUC advises customers that the Customer Service Centre currently located in the Company's Administration Building on North Sound Road will be moving to Caribbean Plaza (878 West Bay Road) on **Tuesday, June 7, 2022**.

As of **Tuesday, June 7**, the Customer Service Centre on North Sound Road will be **CLOSED** to walk-in customers. Customers are reminded that they can complete the majority of our services online through our website at *www.cuc-cayman.com*.

Opening hours for the new Customer Service Centre in Caribbean Plaza is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In addition, bill payments can be made at our Remote Payment Agents across the Island. A list of these Remote Payment Agents can be found on our website.

For additional information on this relocation, please contact CUC's Customer Service Team at 949-5200 or via e-mail at *service@cuc.ky*.



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Cayman Prep students planting a tree for the Jubilee

Plant a Tree for the Jubilee

To help celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, people in Cayman are being encouraged to plant a tree to support the Queen's Green Canopy project, which aims to encourage everyone to learn more about the best way to plant trees so that they survive and flourish for years to come.

The project is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and encourages everyone in Britain - from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, school and corporates – to plant trees from October 2021 when the tree planting season began, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022. The Cayman Islands government is joining the initiative by inviting the people of the Cayman Islands to plant 70 native, endemic or fruit trees in each constituency, and 70 Mahogany trees across all three islands.

It doesn't matter if you have green fingers or are a complete novice in the garden, you could be part of a church group or a member of a corporate green team, everyone is invited to help create a living legacy that honours The Queen's leadership and benefits future generations.

Cayman's own project is focusing on native and endemic plants with cultural signif-

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Cayman Prep's gardening club students participate in tree planting

Time to get green

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icance, such as Mahogany (Swietenia mahagoni), Cabbage (Guapira discolor), Strawberry (Eugenia axillaris) and Cayman Sage (Salvia caymanensis). In this way, the Queen's Jubilee tree planting initiative will support local biodiversity, enhance community wellbeing and combat climate change.

Everyone in Cayman is urged to commemorate the tree planting by taking a photo of your tree and posting it on a digital map record of all the Jubilee tree planting projects across the Cayman Islands, found here: https://www.gov.ky/national-tree-planting/home#pin-yourtree-to-the-map

You can also register your tree planting under the British Overseas Territories section of the Queen's Green Canopy website. You can visit this here: https://www.royal.uk/ queens-green-canopy

One school that is behind the project is Cayman Prep and High School, which has an afterschool gardening club run by teacher Jane Wall. Ms Wall confirmed: "I saw reference to the 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' project a while back and so as a

school gardening club we purchased some indigenous trees to plant around the school. We've saved one tree for the official planting on June 3rd."

Get involved! You can help in three easy ways:

PLANT A TREE

Plant a tree for the Jubilee

Individuals, schools, constituencies and corporations are all encouraged to get involved in planting trees for the Platinum Jubilee. Whether you're on Grand, Brac or Little, pin your tree to the map today.

NOMINATE A TREE

Recognise a tree

Do you have a favourite tree? Nominate a significant tree and help us increase public awareness about the important contributions of trees to the culture, history or environment of the Cayman Islands.

DONATE A TREE

Donate a Tree

Do you have a tree, saplings or seeds you would like to donate towards the Jubilee? Email treeplanting@gov.ky with details of your donation and they will connect you directly with schools and other community organisations in need of trees.



Raise money for education, medical needs, animal welfare, youth programs, your church, school PTA efforts and more! DONATE & WIN!

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Grant Thornton Graduate Recognised at 13th CIIPA Awards Gala



Mikhalia Byndloss was recognised for her successful completion of a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and Finance from Leeds Beckett University, at the recent Cayman Islands Institute of Professional Accountants Awards Gala. She is part of the Grant Thornton Graduate Programme and a member of the fund audit team, and is working towards her Association of Chartered Certified Accountants qualification.

"Our leadership team were delighted to celebrate this key milestone with Mikhalia and her family," says Dara Keogh, Managing Partner at Grant Thornton Cayman Islands. "People make the biggest difference to our firm, and we are excited to have Mikhalia as part of our team, and to support her in reaching her next career milestone."



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UK IN PARTY MODE FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND



Queen Elizabeth

Four days of lavish celebrations are taking place across the United Kingdom in a special extended bank holiday weekend to celebrate the historic milestone of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee.

On February 6th Her Majesty became the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of her reign.

Unprecedented anniversary events and initiatives which started earlier this year will culminate this weekend in a four day UK bank holiday from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. The four days of non-stop celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service.

The celebrations start on Thursday June 2nd with a special Trooping the Colour for The Queen's Birthday Parade. More than 1200 officers and soldiers from the Household Division will put on a display of military pageantry on Horse Guards Parade, together with hundreds of Army musicians and around 240 horses. This annual event has now marked the official birthday of the British Sovereign for over 260 years. On the same day, the Platinum Jubilee Beacons will be lit with over 1,500 of them throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

The Principal beacon, involving The Tree of Trees (a 21m high 'tree' constructed of 350 smaller trees), will be lit in a special ceremony at Buckingham Palace on June 2nd.

A beacon chain, once used as a tool for communication, has now become a symbol of unity across towns, borders, countries and continents and is often the central point of focus for any outdoor gathering or celebration. In 1897, beacons were lit to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. In 1977, 2002 and 2012, beacons commemorated the Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees of The Queen, and in 2016 Her Majesty's 90th birthday.

A Service of Thanksgiving for The Queen's reign will be held at St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday June 3rd during which 'Great Paul', the largest church bell in the UK, will be rung for the Service. It's the first royal occasion that the bell will be rung since it was built in 1882. It fell silent in the 1970s due to a malfunction and was restored last year.

The partying starts in earnest on Saturday 4th June with the famous horse race, The Derby at Epsom Downs. Her Majesty The Queen, accompanied by Members of the Royal Family, will attend.

Then in the evening, the Platinum Party hits high notes with famous faces from the world of entertainment coming on stage for a night of musical tributes to celebrate the Jubilee. 22,000 people will attend the event including 10,000 allocated in a public ballot and 5,000 tickets for key workers.



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The partying continues on Sunday 5th June with the Big Jubilee Lunch.

Over 60,000 people have registered to host Big Jubilee Lunches on the Platinum celebration weekend, with events ranging from world record attempts for the longest street party to back garden barbecues and everything in between. Over 10 million people across the UK are expected to join the celebrations to share friendship, food and fun at Big Jubilee Lunches as part of this nationwide act of community friendship.

Another major event in the UK on Sunday June 5th is The Platinum Jubilee Pageant. It's described as having all the excitement and spectacle of an international parade and carnival – awe-inspiring and filled with marvel and delight. The Pageant will combine street arts, theatre, music, circus, carnival and costume "to celebrate Her Majesty's unwavering duty, love of the natural world and dedication to the Commonwealth".

And that's just for the events on the official UK programme for the Platinum Jubilee anniversary weekend. It's clear that not even the predictably unpredictable British weather will stop any of these parties.



THE WORLD JOINS IN CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



HM Queen at Commonwealth meeting

The world is joining the United Kingdom in marking the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's 70th year of reign as the longest-serving British monarch.

Beyond the United Kingdom, various countries are marking the observations with different degrees of extravagance whether or not the Queen is their titular head of state as with the Commonwealth member countries.

Several countries including the UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies have enacted special public holidays to mark the occasion similar to what's happening in the UK their 'mother country'.

To celebrate the 96-year-old Queen's Plat-

inum Jubilee milestone, there will be a fourday bank holiday weekend in the UK from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022, including two days off work on Thursday and Friday June 2nd and 3rd for lavish events across the country.

While the level of pageantry might nor be not on the same scale as the UK, various countries have organised their own grand events to mark the historic occasion.

British Embassies and High Commissions have also organised functions in their host countries.

Where there are no planned official public events, communities of British expatriates across the globe and communities of their host countries are also organising an array of events.

Special merchandise and 70th-anniversary memorabilia celebrating British royalty along with official tributes, commemorative stamps, garden parties, parades, concerts, tree-planting, exhibitions and British-themed events are some of the more common global features.

The most international celebration of the occasion are the Platinum Jubilee Beacons which will be lit in many countries.

More than 1,500 beacons in total will be lit throughout the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and British Overseas Territories and for the first time, they will also be lit in each of the



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capital cities of Commonwealth nations.

Among some of the more distinctive highlights; in Canada - a commemorative silver two-coin set is being issued to mark the Platinum Jubilee, in Australia - from June 2nd to 5th buildings and monuments throughout Australia will be illuminated in royal purple and Aspen Island will be renamed Queen Elizabeth II Island.

Meanwhile, in the United States which had had long and deep historical ties with the UK and the British monarchy, several formal and informal events are taking place in many states. Among them is a toy soldier display of more than 500 pieces depicting the Trooping the Colour organised by the Historical Society of Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

The actual date of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was Sunday 6th February 2022.

On September 9th 2015, Queen Elizabeth II became the longest-lived British monarch, having previously surpassed her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria, in 2007.

Of the 25 longest-reigning monarchs of states that were internationally recognized as sovereign for most or all of their reign, Queen Elizabeth II ranks third with her reign of 70 years, 111 days and counting.

Louis XIV of France had the longest reign of 72 years and 110 days, followed by Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX) of Thailand with 70 years and 126 days.



▶ The Commonwealth has always been dear to HM The Queen's heart



The Queen

Minister Updates the Public on EU / UK Visit



Minister of Financial Services and Commerce, the Hon. Andre Ebanks (second left) led a Ministry delegation to the EU and UK from 16-20 May; and then joined Civil Aviation Authority of the Cayman Islands representatives for the European Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition (EBACE), from 23-25 May in Switzerland. From left are Cayman Islands Representative for the EU, Deborah Bodden; the Ministry's Parliamentary Secretary, Katherine Ebanks-Wilks; and the Cayman Islands Financial Services Representative for the UK, Gene DaCosta.

The EU and UK visit by a Ministry of Financial Services and Commerce delegation, led by the Hon. Minister André Ebanks, continued the Cayman Islands' productive discussions with stakeholders on antimoneylaundering, Russia sanctions, international tax cooperation, sustainable finance, and transparency and good governance.

"Building this mutual understanding, which moves both sides of the table beyond misperceptions that may be held, is vitally important to the Cayman Islands' socioeconomic health, as well as the socioeconomic health of the countries with whom we had the opportunity to meet," Minister Ebanks said.

Stakeholders, he noted, were keen to talk about further strengthening the global partnership to fight financial crime, as well as interests they share with the Cayman Islands, including international developments in virtual assets regulation, and sustainable finance (also called green or blue finance).

In addition to these global topics, the delegation answered stakeholders' questions about how the Cayman Islands' financial services and commerce industries operate from a regulatory and tax transparency perspective; and outlined our constitutional relationship with the UK as well as the Cayman Islands Parliamentary process, through which global standards and initiatives are incorporated into local acts of Parliament. Minister Ebanks said such in-depth conversations are vital during overseas engagements, particularly when there are rotations in EU and UK staff and elected officials.

"For instance, the EU Presidency rotates every six months among the EU 27 Member States," he explained. "Having face-toface discussions with both the outgoing and incoming administrations gives us an opportunity to share updates, and to gain insights, with officials who have weighty responsibilities for financial services and commerce matters."

Accompanying the Minister were the Ministry's Parliamentary Secretary, Katherine Ebanks-Wilks; Cayman Islands Representative for the EU, Deborah Bodden; and the Cayman Islands Financial Services Representative for the UK, Gene DaCosta. The EU / UK meetings were held from 16-20 May.

For the EU/UK meetings, the delegation met representatives from:

The EU Code of Conduct Group

• The Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union

• Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs

• Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union

• EU Member States Permanent Representatives, including of the Czech Re-



Minister of Financial Services and Commerce, the Hon. Andre Ebanks (front, left); joined by His Excellency the Governor, Mr Martyn Roper, OBE (front, right); hosted an event for Cayman Islands students who are studying in the UK. The event was held during the Ministry's EU and UK visit, from 16-20 May.



Minister of Financial Services and Commerce, the Hon. André Ebanks (fourth left) leads the Cayman Islands Government delegation as they meet with the EU Code of Conduct Group (Business Taxation) representatives. From left are Cayman Islands Representative for the EU, Deborah Bodden; Cayman Islands Financial Services Representative for the UK, Gene DaCosta; the Ministry's Parliamentary Secretary, Katherine Ebanks; Wilks; Minister Ebanks; Head of Ecofin 2B GSC Andreas Strub; Hana Stulajterova, Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic; and Maxime Monleon, Permanent Representation of the French Republic.

public (incoming EU Presidency), France (outgoing EU Presidency), Germany, and Cyprus

• The Channel Islands

Members of the UK Shadow CabinetForeign and Commonwealth Develop-

ment OfficeIndustry associations

• Industry associations

• The Cayman Islands All-Party Parliamentarian Group in the House of Commons The delegation then joined Civil Aviation

Authority of the Cayman Islands representatives for the European Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition (EBACE), from 23-25 May in Switzerland. Adding to this list, Minister Ebanks said, "Among many highlights, one standout was meeting our Cayman Islands students who are studying in the UK. Talking with them about their studies and plans, and encouraging them to take full advantage of their opportunities while taking challenges in stride, was a proud Caymanian moment for all of us in the delegation."

To further update the public on the visit's outcomes, Minister Ebanks is scheduled to appear on Radio Cayman's Talk Today programme on Tuesday, 7 June at 12:30pm. A CIGTV appearance also is planned.

Cayman Islands Air Show Postponed Until Further Notice Due to Forecasted Weather

The Cayman Islands Air Show originally scheduled for 3-4 June as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration weekend has been postponed until further notice due to the forecasted weather of heavy rain and intermittent thunderstorms for the rest of the week. The decision was made for the safety of Air Show participants, local and overseas, and the public by the Civil Avia-

tion Authority (CAA) and Department of Tourism (DOT), the organisers of the Air Show, and supported by the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Steering Committee.

New dates for the Air Show will be announced in the coming weeks and updates will be shared on the Air Show website, CaymanAirShow.com, as well as the Air Show Facebook and Instagram pages.



Lions' international convention is a huge success

By Christopher Tobutt

The Lions Clubs of the Cayman Islands won their struggle to host the 42nd Multiple District 60 Convention right here in the Cayman Islands. The convention-proper was spread over three days, but there were other activities, such as a big reception by His Excellency the Governor, at Government House, two days before the official opening. It is only the second time that Cayman has played host to this prestigious convention, which is all the more remarkable since it is the very first 'in-person' (as opposed to Zoom!) Multiple District 60 Convention since 2019, and although numbers were much smaller than before because of Covid, there were still many distinguished Lions members from all over the region who came to the official launch night at the Lions Centre on Friday 27. Local dignitaries included Cayman Premier, Hon Wayne Panton and Hon André Ebanks, MP, Minister for Financial Services, Commerce, Investment, Innovation, and Social Development.

This year also marks 50 years since the introduction of the Lions movement in the Cayman Islands. The conventions mark the end of the 2021-2022 lionistic year as the Lion leaders give account of their stewardship and recognize achievements and milestones.

Lions Club International President, Douglas X. Alexander had flown all the way from Brooklyn, New York. He warmly welcomed all the local Lions, as well as the ones watching from their phones or computers from all around the region. "There was something we learned during the pandemic was how to continue to serve our communities in need," he said, "Lions are resilient, and creative, We continue to serve. We've got better, we are using the technology virtually, and that's not going to go away. Lions are a family in more than 200 countries around the world that we serve in, as we move forward, so let's take away the plusses from this pandemic. Let's continue to serve our communities, and continue to be able to say, "Where there's a need, there's a Lion."



Council Chairperson Denise Bentinck from Guyana, said, "This year has been a difficult year for many, but we as a family continue to sow seeds of hope in various communities. We Have been serving, from the heart. Our annual convention is a celebration of our achievements and it's a time to usher in the new team."

Hon Minister André Ebanks quoted from U.S President Franklin D. Roosevelt,"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much, it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.' That is the essence of what I see you in Lions do." He suggested that in future, Government could engage the service-clubs to help with things that they cannot do by themselves, and gave an example of the 200 homes that still needed to be repaired from Hurricane Grace, which is a challenge because of the Government's limited budget. "It never really dawned on me till coming to this conference, that we should engage the service clubs, and incorporate you into our government program, because you're doing great work, maybe we can do more in a coordinated fashion to bring you into our current challenges."

Hon Wayne Panton began his message by commending the Lions club for being more 'do' and less 'talk.' "I was reminded of your five global causes, diabetes hunger the environment vision and childhood cancer. You set out to improve the quality of life for some of the most vulnerable people, you are determined to protect and



(left-to-right) Lion Claudio Buncamper, Lions International President, Douglas X. Alexander, Lion John Ebanks, Premier Hon. Wayne Panton, Council Chairperson Denise Bentinck, and Minister for Social Development Hon. Andre Ebanks



Cayman Islands scouts performed a parade of all the flags representing the nationalities of the Lions Multiple District 60

restore the environment, and encourage peace and international understanding. The mission reflects Lions and Leos longstanding commitment to create a more sustainable future for the communities you serve," he said.

Before the opening ceremony drew to a close, the Cayman Islands Folk singers treated everyone to some lovely traditional Caymanian folk-songs.



► The Cayman Folk singers entertained everyone with some traditional Caymanian folk songs

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lighting of the Beacon,

Platinum Jubilee Concert 2 June - Due to the inclement weather expected towards the end of the week, the official lighting of a beacon commemorating the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty's ascension to the Throne will now be an online event only. The concert portion of the event has been cancelled. Tune in on Facebook, YouTube, Radio Cayman & CIGTV cable (Logic -Channel 23, C3 - Channel 3, Flow -Channel 106) from 7:00 PM. Watch the YouTube coverage here: http:// ow.ly/948v50JgIs5. Official lighting of the beacon takes place at 9:15pm

Cayman Islands Astronomical Society – Stargazing from Spotts Dock

2 June - Join the Cayman Islands Astronomical Society for an evening of stargazing over the southern skies from 7:30pm on Thursday the 2nd of June. View the Southern Cross, which is only seasonally visible in our evening skies. You'll also learn how to identify Alpha Centauri, the closest star system to us beyond our sun. Omega Centauri, a cluster of millions of stars that appears like diamonds spilt over velvet should look amazing! As a bonus, the International Space Station will pass overhead at 8:55pm! The event will be cancelled if there is more than 50% cloud cover. Check the Cayman Islands Astronomical Society Facebook page for the latest updates.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the Cayman Turtle Centre

3 – 6 June – Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the Cayman Turtle Centre from Friday 3 June to Monday 6 June with food and drink specials all weekend long. Enjoy live music at the poolside on Saturday and Monday. The Turtle Centre is opened from 8am to 5pm daily. For more information, call 949 – 3894 or email info@turtle.ky.

Jubilee Chess Classic

3 – 6 June – The Cayman Islands Chess Federation is hosting a Jubilee Chess Classic from Friday June 3 to Monday June 6 at the George Town Public Library beginning at 9:30am. Joining the islands' leading players will be overseas rated players including WIM Rachel Miller of Jamaica. Go to www.cicf.ky to register or for more information.

Residents Free Entry – National Museum

4 June - Residents can enjoy free entry to the National Museum every first Saturday of the month. View two floors of galleries that contain six exhibitions to learn about the unique natural and cultural heritage of our three Islands. Call 949 – 8368 for more information.

Services for the month of June at St. Alban's Church of England, Shedden Road 5 June - Services of Holy Communion will be held on Sunday June 5th and Sunday June 19th at 9:30am. Morning prayers (Matins)will continue on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in June at 9:30am as usual.

Queen's Birthday Parade 6 June - On Monday, 6 June, the Queen's Birthday Parade takes place on Grand Cayman in front of Government House (Governor's Residence) on West Bay Road beginning at 4pm. Immediately following that, His Excellency the Governor will host the Queen's Birthday Garden Party on the grounds of Government House. Monday evening will feature a fireworks display as the grand finale to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee/Birthday long weekend celebrations.

Cayman Youth Choir – Kings & Queens

9 June - Come to hear the fantastic Cayman Youth Choir sing a range of songs in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee featuring pop, jazz, soul, classic R&B, gospel, reggae, rock, musicals, movies



and more! The performance takes place at the John Gray High School new Performance Hall beginning at 5:30pm. Tickets are USD\$20 for adults and USD\$8 for children 12 and over. They can be purchased on Eventbrite.com

"I Am Worth the Wait" – Teen Forum

10 June - As part of their Teen Pregnancy Prevention Campaign, The Family Resource Centre would like to extend an invitation to young people, specifically between the ages of 12 and 16 years to the "I am Worth the Wait" Teen Forum on Friday, June 10th beginning at 6:00pm at the Parcel 110, Cardinal Avenue. Refreshments will be provided and prizes up for grabs! The event will consist of experts in the field of sexual health, as well as those well versed in the laws as they relate to sexual relationships. Teens will be placed into separate breakout rooms where they will get a chance to meet with these professionals, receive relevant information and process what this means for them as individuals. Call 949 – 0006 for more information.

Send your community events to wendy@caymaniantimes.ky

Prevent Holiday Pounds (survivial guide)

The time is here for parties, family dinners, and goodies around the house. This is a recipe for disaster, and if you're not careful it could reverse your fat loss results quicker than you can say Happy Holidays!

I'd like to make it easy for you to stay on track with your healthy eating, even while being tempted by all kinds of holiday foods during this festive time of year, so keep reading for 5 Holiday Party Survival Guide Tips...

Holiday Party Survival Guide Tip #1: Don't Eat Anything Fried

Fried food is loaded with fat and calories while offering zero nutritional value. It's a lose-lose! Sure, fries and chips TASTE good, but healthier items also taste good. Just say no to the deep-fried items on the menu. You'll be leaner, healthier and won't have greasy fingers.

Here's a healthier alternative to frying foods... Use a broiler

If you simply must have a French fry, then make them at home in your oven. Use sweet potatoes, as these are a more complex carbohydrate. Cut into matchsticks, drizzle with a tablespoon of olive oil along with a dash of salt, then place in your oven on broil. Mix every 5 minutes until the fries are tender on the inside and crispy on the outside.

Holiday Party Survival Guide Tip #2: Don't Eat White Bread

White bread products have zero nutritional value and are quickly converted by your body into sugar. So, you really may as well eat a cupcake. Even breads that are technically wheat, but are as soft and smooth as white bread, should be avoided. Don't be afraid to discard the bread from your sandwich or to push away that bread basket. Your waist will shrink and you'll lose that bloated feeling that high carbohydrate meals give you.

Here's a healthier alternative to white bread... Enjoy Sprouted Grain Bread

If you must have bread, then stick with sprouted. Sprouted grain bread is a lot easier on your digestion and is packed full of nutrients. Sprouted grain breads are often kept in the freezer section since they don't contain preservatives to prolong shelf life.

Holiday Party Survival Guide Tip #3: Don't Eat Creamy Dressings

You were so good to order a salad, but then you ruined it by

drenching the salad in fattening creamy dressing. Just a few tablespoons of creamy dressing contain more than 20 grams of fat and hundreds of calories. Same goes for pasta dishes – avoid the ones with creamy, heavy sauces, as these are simply loaded with extra fat and calories.

Here's a healthier alternative to creamy dressings... Vinegar Dressing and Red Sauce

Dressing and sauce are meant to lend flavor to salad and noodles, not fat and calories. Vinegar-based dressings pack amazing flavor in with minimal fat and calories. You can even mix your own dressing at home. Take high quality vinegar, fresh lemon juice, salt and pepper, your choice of dried herbs, and a bit of olive oil.

Holiday Party Survival Guide Tip #4: Don't Drink Sweet Beverages

'Tis the season for sugary beverages like eggnog, sweet cocktails, and hot cocoa. Just like white bread, these sugary drinks have zero nutritional value – other than calories. The sheer number of sugar grams in one of these beverages is usually the same as dessert! So before you indulge in a sweet drink, consider changing your order to something less sweet, or count it as your dessert.

Here's a healthier alternative to sweet beverages... sweeten with liquid stevia

Carry a small bottle of water-based, liquid stevia and use a little squirt to sweeten your beverage of choice this holiday season without adding any grams of sugar. Ask for your beverage to be made without sugar, and then sweeten it yourself without any repercussions to your fitness results.

Holiday Party Survival Guide Tip #5: Don't Overindulge on Sugar

Sugar and high fructose corn syrup are the epitome of anti-fitness food. Nothing will destroy your progress, expand your waist and plummet your energy levels like sugar will. If you only take away one tip from this article, please let it be to not overindulge on sugar! The holidays are full of sugary treats, so you must make a conscious effort to keep your intake under control.

Here's a healthier alternative to sweet beverages... enjoy some fruit

Don't turn to artificial sweeteners to get your sweet fix, instead turn to nature's wholesome

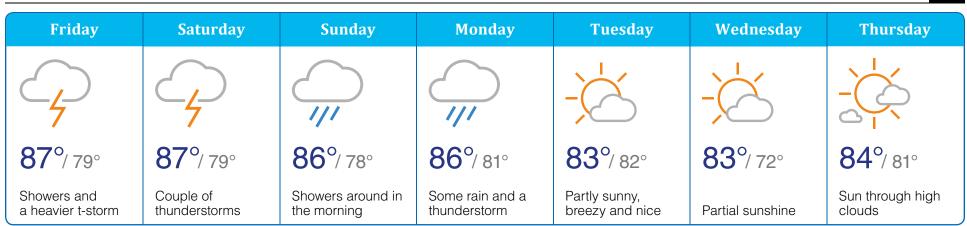


source of sugar: fruit. Eat organic fruit that is seasonal and locally grown. Stay away from dried fruit and fruit juices, as these are high in simple calories.

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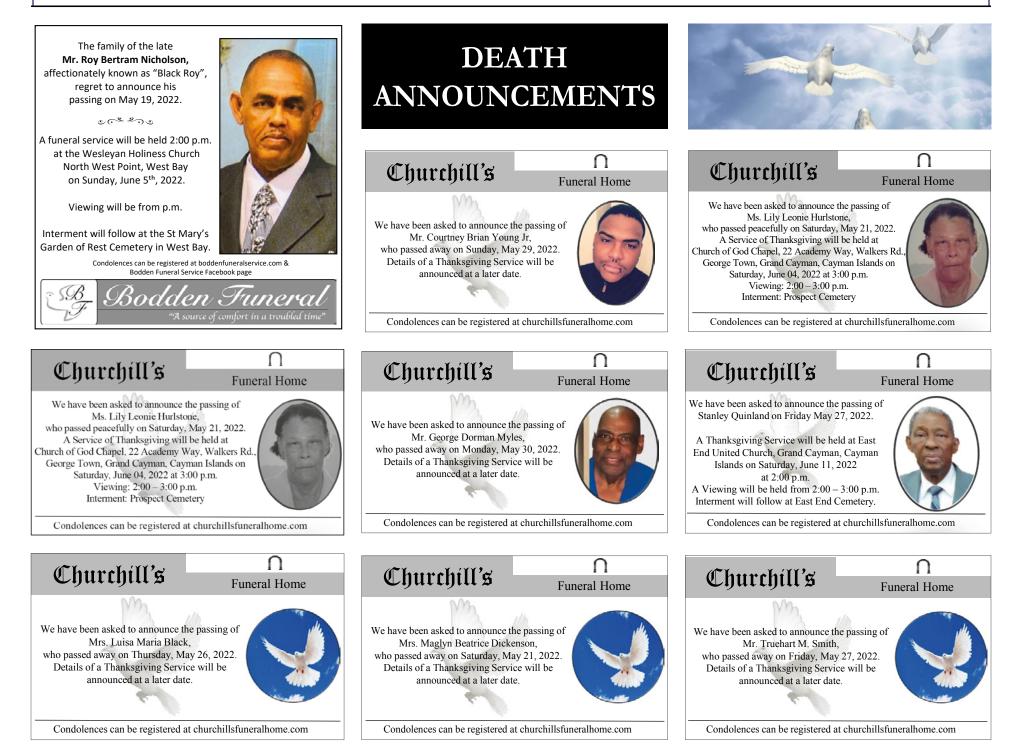


When Abraham Lincoln became president, he was tasked with leading a fractured nation. He was viewed as a wise leader and man of high , moral character. He understood that he was inadequate for this task. What was his response? " I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction thst I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed

insufgicient for thst day."

Life's challenges are massive. We cannot and do not have the answers to them. 1Peter 5:7 says," Cast all your cares upon for He careth for you. God's love for His children, paired with His absolute power, make Him the perfect Person to approach wirh our frailities.

That is the essence of prayer.



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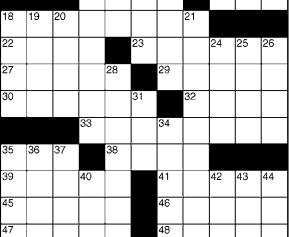
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Milestones in the remarkable life of HM Queen Elizabeth II



► HM the Queen during a trip to the Bahamas



HMY Britannia



► HM The Queen during WW II

The Queen was born at 17 Bruton St, London W1 on 21 April, 1926, was christened on 29 May, 1926 in the Private Chapel at Buckingham Palace and was confirmed on 28 March, 1942 in the Private Chapel at Windsor Castle.

In 1940, at the age of 14, the then princess Elizabeth made her first ever radio broadcast during the BBC's Children's Hour, when she spoke to children who had been separated from their families and evacuated from UK cities. Thousands of children were sent to 'safe' areas around the country to escape the bombing raids on major cities.

In 1945, shortly after she turned 18, Princess Elizabeth was determined to play her part in World War Two and so she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service (the women's branch of the British Army). This was a milestone moment. By volunteering, she became the first female member of the Royal Family to join the armed services as a full-time, active member. During her training in the south of England, she learned to drive and look after all types of vehicles including ambulances.

On May 8, 1945, when the war in Europe finally came to an end, Princess Elizabeth, dressed in her ATS uniform, slipped out of Buckingham Palace with her sister Margaret to join the thousands of people celebrating in the streets. She later told how she tried to avoid being spotted: "I remember we were terrified of being recognised so I pulled my uniform cap well down over my eyes."

The Caribbean has been a favourite destination for Her Majesty ever since she first visited the region in 1953, her Coronation year. On that occasion she toured Bermuda and Jamaica.

The Queen has made more than 150 visits to Commonwealth countries during her reign.

In her long reign the Queen has sent congratulation cards to more than 300,000 people celebrating their 100th birthdays, and more than 900,000 cards to couples marking their Diamond Wedding Anniversaries.

The first Investiture of the Queen's reign took place at Buckingham Palace on 27th February 1952. The first person to be presented was Private William Speakman, of The King's Own Scottish Borderers, who received the Victoria Cross for his actions during the Korean War.

Many of The Queen's official tours were undertaken on the Royal Yacht Britannia. It was launched by Her Majesty in April 1953 and was commissioned for service in January 1954. It was de-commissioned in 1997. Britannia travelled more than a million miles on Royal and official duties.



HM the Queen and Prince Philip during a tour of Australia