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**Let's Celebrate The  
Queen's Birthday!**

## FACTS ABOUT QUEEN ELIZABETH II

**TITLE:** Queen of the United Kingdom and Head of the Commonwealth of Nations

Nations that belong to the Commonwealth of Nations are Antigua and Barbuda; Australia; Bahamas; Barbados; Belize; Canada; Grenada; Jamaica; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Solomon Islands; Tuvalu; United Kingdom and Great Britain (with its Dependent Territories, including the Cayman Islands) and Northern Ireland.

**REIGN:** 6 February 1952 to Present \* She has ruled longer than any other king or queen in the history of the United Kingdom and longer than any other living king or queen in the world.

**CORONATION:** 2 June 1953 at Westminster Abbey. The queen wore a dress that was decorated with the national flowers of the Commonwealth of Nations.

**BORN:** 21 April 1926 in London at 2:40 am. She is 95 years old now

**HUSBAND:** Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who died in 2021.

**CHILDREN:** Charles, Prince of Wales; Anne, Princess Royal; Prince Andrew, Duke of York; Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex

## EARLY LIFE AS A PRINCESS



Princess Elizabeth

Princess Elizabeth's nickname is 'Lilibet'. She had one sister, Princess Margaret. The two young princesses were taught at home. Princess Elizabeth was 13 years old when World War II started and when London was bombed, Elizabeth and Margaret were moved to Windsor Castle for their safety.

Princess Elizabeth joined the British army in 1945. She drove a truck and was a mechanic. In 1947, she made her first official trip with her parents to South Africa. She made a speech on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday and said that her whole life would be devoted to the service of the British commonwealth and Empire.

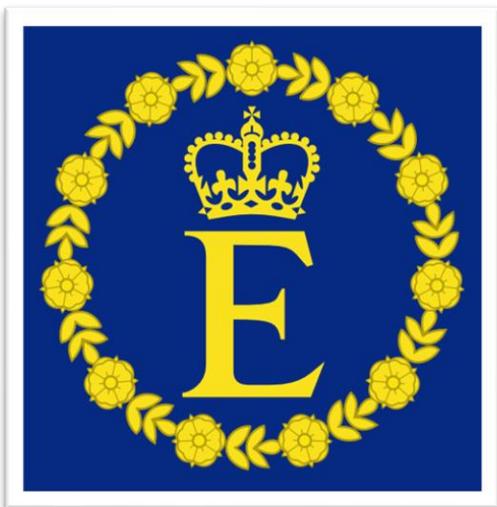
## CORONATION AND LIFE AS A QUEEN

When Princess Elizabeth was 27, her father, King George VI, died and she became queen. She is not a ruler in the usual way. She is interested in the running of her countries, but she does not tell the governments what to do. She has regular meetings with people from her governments around the world, but it is they who run the countries. She performs ceremonies for the governments, gives out Queen's honours, and visits and supports many charitable organisations.

In some countries where she is queen, a person is chosen to represent her. This person may be known as the Governor General. Here in the **Cayman Islands**, we refer to this person as the **Governor**.

Ever since she became Queen, Elizabeth has spent about three hours every day "doing the boxes". Two large red boxes are brought to her from Parliament full of state papers sent to her from her various government departments, embassies, countries. Because she has been doing this since 1952, she knows a great deal about the peoples under her rule. Her promise to serve her people all her life has been very important to her.

SOURCE: Elizabeth II Facts for Kids Kiddle Encyclopedia



The Queen's  
Personal Standard



The Queen's  
Coronation, 1953

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S VISITS TO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

**1983**

After 300 years of British rule, Queen Elizabeth II made her first visit to the Cayman Islands on 16 February 1983 for just one day. The queen and Prince Philip arrived at Owen Roberts International Airport on board a VC10 aircraft. Elected officials and top senior civil servants welcomed the royal couple as they exited the aircraft. It was a historic moment for Annie Huldah Bodden, a member of the Legislative Assembly at that time, who told the queen that the people of Cayman did not want to 'ever, ever, ever' change from being a British colony.

They were also welcomed by a crowd of more than one-quarter of the island's population and school children greeted them with flags, flowers and applause. During the tour of Grand Cayman the queen was welcomed in every district.

**1994**

In February 1994, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip returned to Cayman on a Royal Air Force jet for their second visit. A historic first for the Cayman Islands was the knighting of Sir Vassel Johnson by the Queen. He is considered to have been a driving force in creating Caman's financial services industry.

During that visit, the queen also officially opened the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park.

Source: Cayman Compass, *60 Years of Royal Welcomes* by Jewel Levy, March 2019



Cayman Islands commemorative stamps of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and her Golden and Diamond jubilees



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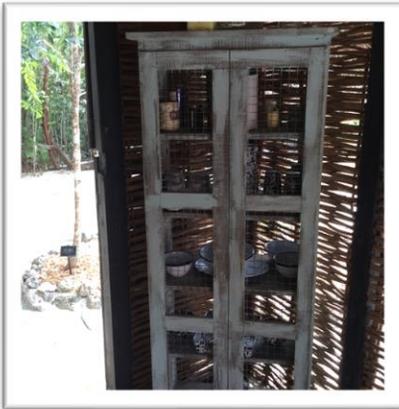
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House Dining Room



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House Girl's Bedroom



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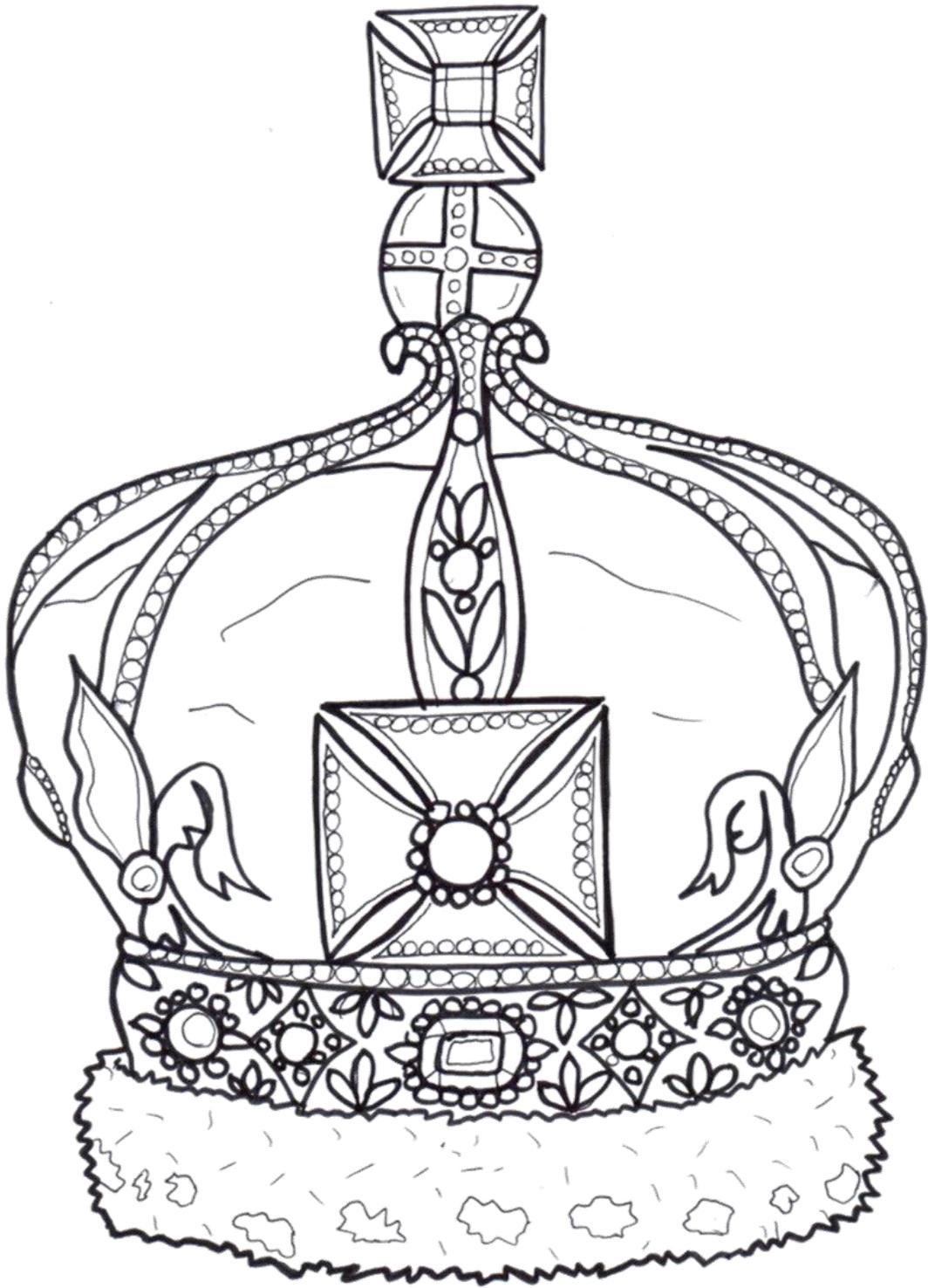
# MAKE A QUEEN ELIZABETH II SCRAPBOOK

**Scrapbook** – a book to place a collection of newspaper or magazine clippings, photos, information and other small items of interest about a special person or topic

**Directions:** Check local thrift shops for a used scrapbook or buy a new one. Glue in photos and information about the queen that you've just seen and read here and continue adding more photos and information as you follow the life of the Queen from now on.

## ART ACTIVITY





St Edward's Crown is the most important and sacred of all the crowns and is part of the Crown Jewels collection. It is only used at the moment of crowning itself.

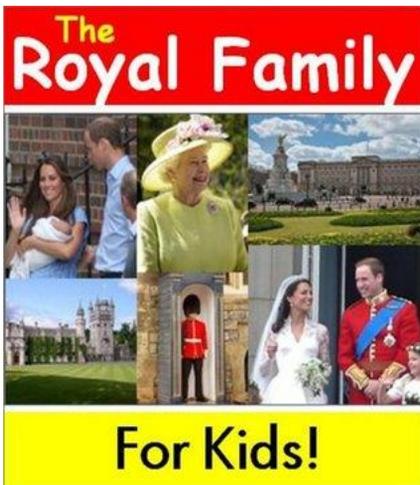
## 5 FUN FACTS ABOUT THE QUEEN

Impress everyone with these fun facts that you know about the queen.

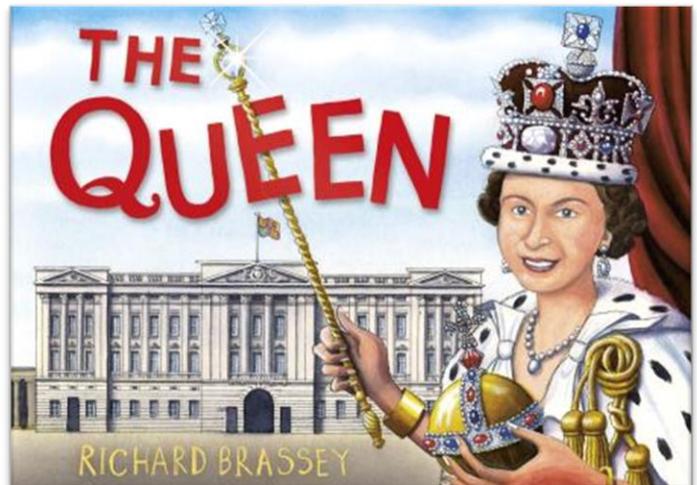
- ☰ The Queen's favourite dogs are corgis. She even invented a new breed of dog when her corgi mated with a dachshund belonging to her sister, Princess Margaret, creating a "dorgi"!
- ☰ The queen celebrates two birthdays: Her actual birthday – 21 April and her official birthday. In the **Cayman Islands** this is a **public holiday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in June** every year!
- ☰ The queen sent her first email in 1976 and published her first Instagram post in 2019!
- ☰ The Queen has sent over 50,00 Christmas cards and she's still sending more every year!
- ☰ The Queen owns an elephant, two giant turtles, a jaguar and a pair of sloths which are gifts to her from other countries and all of them live at the London Zoo! **Maybe she would like a pair of blue iguanas or a Cayman Brac parrot and a Grand Cayman parrot?**

Source: <http://www.natgeokids.com>

## BOOKS ABOUT THE QUEEN



Written by Colin Banks  
Discover fascinating facts and captivating photos about the Royal Family of England.



Written by Richard Brassey  
This eye-catching book provides insight into the life of the woman who is our longest-reigning monarch with fun facts, hilarious anecdotes and fascinating info!