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IN CELEBRATION OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



INCLUDES
FAMILY TREE
POSTER!

MARKING 70 YEARS
ON THE THRONE
1952 – 2022



FROM PRINCESS
TO QUEEN



HISTORIC MILESTONES

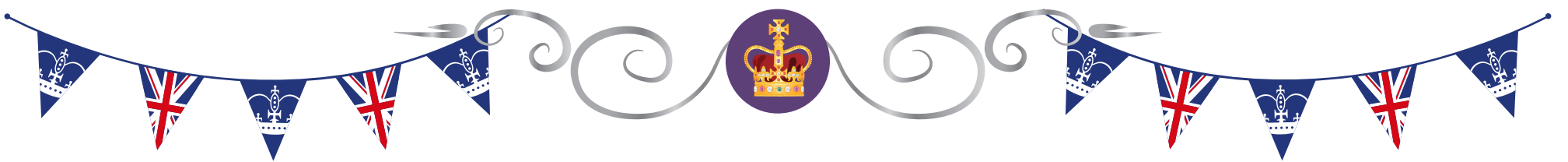


A LIFE OF SERVICE



HER GREATEST LOVES

PLUS the Queen's life in pictures, amazing royal facts and fabulously fun puzzles!



HER MAJESTY'S MILESTONES

IN 2022, Queen Elizabeth II celebrates 70 years on the throne – that makes her the longest-reigning monarch in British history! Here are some of the highlights of her incredible life of service.



DAY ONE

On 6 February 1952 Elizabeth found out her father had died and that she had become Queen. She was crowned a year later on 2 June 1953 at Westminster Abbey



The coronation was the first to be televised. It was watched by 27 million people in the UK and millions more around the world



25 YEARS

The Silver Jubilee was in 1977. The Queen and Prince Philip travelled in the Gold State Coach during the parade to celebrate her 25 years on the throne



50 YEARS

Golden Jubilee: to mark Elizabeth II's 50 years as Queen in 2002, there was a flypast of 27 aircraft, including the Red Arrows and Concorde...



...and she hosted a party for 12,500 guests with a rock concert in the grounds of Buckingham Palace!



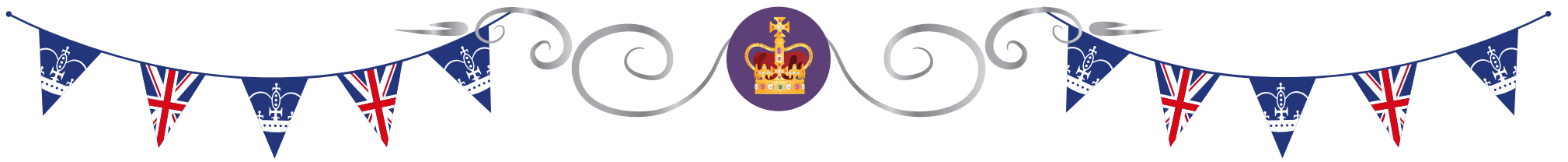
60 YEARS

The Queen travelled to Buckingham Palace in the Diamond Jubilee State Coach



70 YEARS

A portrait of the Queen was shown on the billboards of Piccadilly Circus to celebrate the beginning of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in February 2022



REGULAR ROYAL OCCURRENCES



It's Queen Elizabeth II's job to open the new session of Parliament in the House of Lords in a grand ceremony every year



Every year on Remembrance Sunday, the Queen leaves a wreath in memory of soldiers and others who were killed during wartime

FAMILY HISTORY



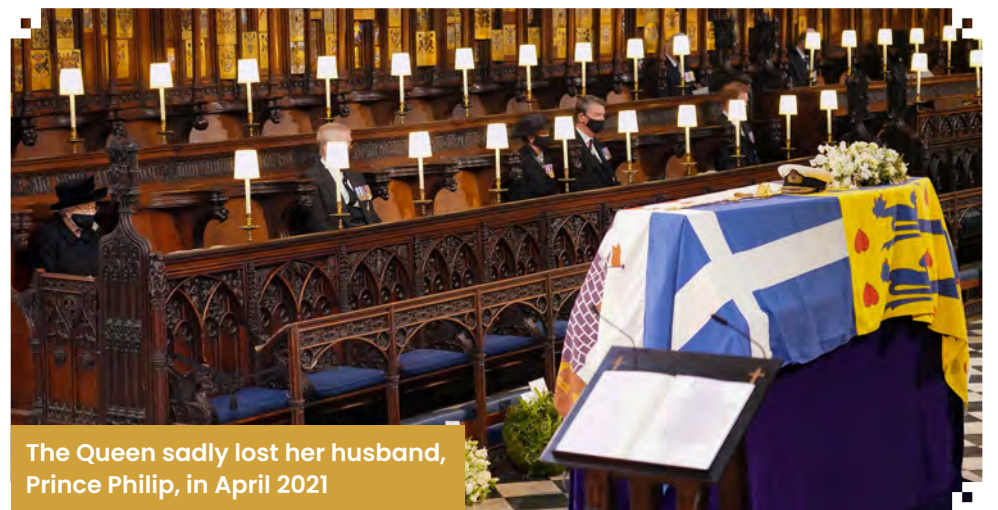
The Queen was married to Prince Philip on 20 November 1947 in Westminster Abbey



In 2011, Prince William, the Queen's grandson, married Kate Middleton as the whole world watched



The Queen welcomed great-grandson, little Archie Mountbatten-Windsor, in 2019



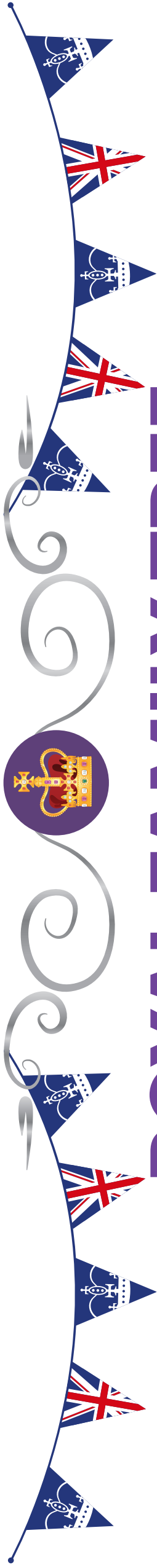
The Queen sadly lost her husband, Prince Philip, in April 2021

I DON'T GET IT: THE HEAD OF STATE AND THE MONARCHY

First News has teamed up with **sky kids** show **FYI** and the **young audiences** CONTENT FUND to make a series of films for you to watch at home or at school, called *I Don't Get It*. The plan is to explain stuff that can be complicated or difficult to understand. Join **FYI** presenter **Braydon** as he takes a look at who holds the most power in the UK and what being a monarch actually means, by scanning the QR code to the right, or heading to [first.news/IDGI](https://www.first.news/IDGI).

Teachers/parents – you can watch the film alongside our tie-in award-winning educational resources at [first.news/EducationTV](https://www.first.news/EducationTV)





ROYAL FAMILY TREE

QUEEN Elizabeth II isn't just the Head of State, she is also the head of her family. Check out who's who among her royal relatives – you might recognise one or two of them!



PRINCE CHARLES

Prince Charles is the Queen's eldest son and heir to the throne. He has two sons, William and Harry, from his marriage to Princess Diana, who died in 1997. He is married now to Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall. Often referred to as the Prince of Wales, his great passions are nature and the environment.



Prince Charles' wife, the Duchess of Cornwall



King George VI (1895-1952) (father)



Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother (1900-2002) (mother)



PRINCE WILLIAM

The eldest son of the Queen's eldest son, Prince William is second in line to the throne. As well as supporting lots of charities, he is a former pilot with the Royal Air Force. He married Kate Middleton in 2011 and the couple are known as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. Prince George is their eldest child.



Prince William's wife, the Duchess of Cambridge



Princess Margaret (1930-2002) (sister)



The Queen (1926-)



Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (1921-2021) (husband)





Prince Charles
(1948-) (son, heir to the throne)



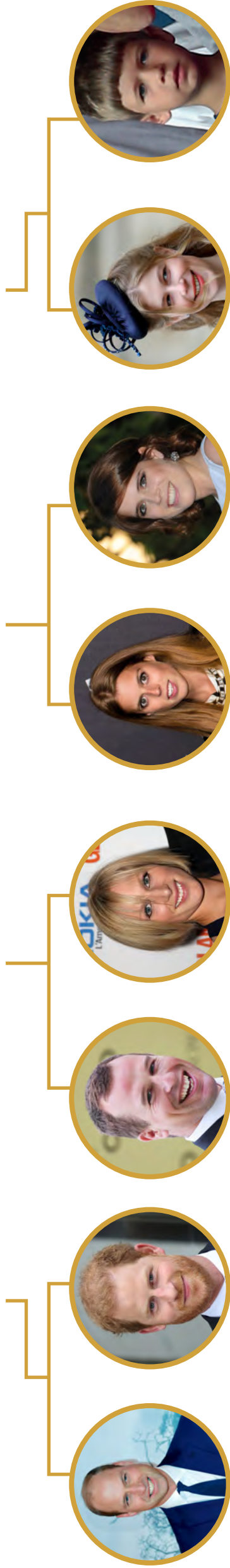
Princess Anne
(1950-) (daughter)



Prince Andrew
(1960-) (son)



Prince Edward
(1964-) (son)



Prince William
(1982-) (grandson)



Prince Harry
(1984-) (grandson)



Peter Phillips
(1977-) (grandson)



Zara Tindall
(1981-) (granddaughter)



Princess Beatrice
(1988-) (granddaughter)



Princess Eugenie
(1990-) (granddaughter)



Lady Louise
(2003-) (granddaughter)



Viscount James
(2007-) (grandson)



Prince George
(2013-) (great-grandson)



Princess Charlotte
(2015-) (great-granddaughter)



Prince Louis
(2018-) (great-grandson)



Archie
(2019-) (great-grandson)



Lilibet
(2021-) (great-granddaughter)



Savannah
(2010-) (great-granddaughter)



Mia
(2014-) (great-granddaughter)



Lena
(2018-) (great-granddaughter)



Sienna
(2021-) (great-granddaughter)



Lucas
(2021-) (great-grandson)



August
(2021-) (great-grandson)



PRINCE HARRY

Prince William's younger brother is actually called Henry but everyone knows him as Harry. He was a captain in the Armed Forces and served as a pilot during the war in Afghanistan. He married Meghan Markle in 2018 at St George's Chapel in Windsor. The couple stepped down from royal duties in 2020 and now live in California, where Meghan is from.



PRINCESS MARGARET

The Queen's younger sister had a busy life as a royal. She carried out many official duties and was patron of more than 80 charities. She was very interested in theatre, art and fashion and was known for her sense of style. She had two children called David and Sarah, the Queen's nephew and niece. Princess Margaret died in 2002.



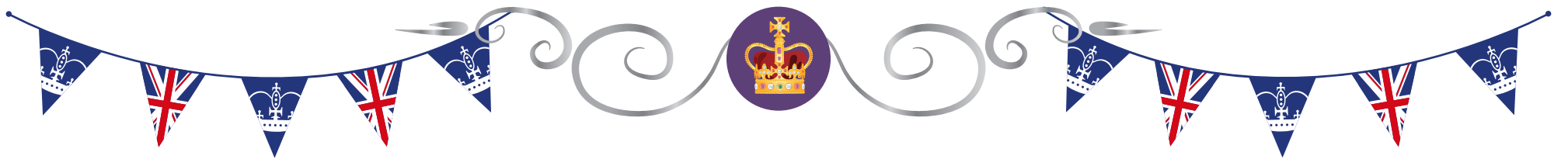
ZARA TINDALL

Zara is the Queen's eldest granddaughter. Old-fashioned rules mean that she does not have a royal title, as she is the child of a daughter (rather than son) of the monarch. Zara is a talented horse rider and has won lots of medals, including an Olympic silver and world championship. In 2006 she was voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year.



PRINCE GEORGE

When Prince George was born on 22 July 2013, there were gun salutes at Green Park and the Tower of London and the ringing of bells at Westminster Abbey. It is the first time since 1901 that the monarchy has had three generations of heirs to the throne – he is third in line.



RANDOM ROYAL NUGGETS

WANT to know some more fascinating facts about Her Majesty? Take a look at these!

WAR WOMAN

When she was 18 years old, the Queen signed up for the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service, donned a pair of overalls and trained to be a driver, map reader and mechanic. She remains the only head of state to have served in World War Two. When the war ended in 1945, Elizabeth and her sister Margaret secretly sneaked out of Buckingham Palace to join the crowds for the celebrations in London.



ABOVE THE LAW

The Queen is above the law, so civil and criminal legal proceedings cannot be taken against her. What's more, she is the only person in Britain who can drive without a driving licence or a registration number on her car – and she doesn't have a passport either!



ANIMAL LOVER

Her Majesty loves animals, especially dogs and horses. She has owned more than 30 corgis, and even started her very own dog breed, called the dorgi, when one of her corgis mated with one of Princess Margaret's dachshunds! She is a keen horse rider, owns and breeds thoroughbreds and likes to go to horse shows to watch her own horses compete.

LIFE ONLINE

The Queen sent her first email in 1976, several decades before most people! She was visiting the Ministry of Defence and used a very early version of the internet. She sent her first tweet in 2014 and published her first Instagram post in 2019.

WORLD LEADER

As well as being the Queen of the United Kingdom, she is also the Head of the Commonwealth, a group of 54 sovereign states across the world!



KEEP CALM AND CHAT!

In 1982, an intruder broke into the Queen's bedroom at Buckingham Palace. The Queen is believed to have calmly chatted to the man (Michael Fagan) for ten minutes before a footman arrived to help.

WEDDING BELLS

When the Queen married Prince Philip in 1947, their royal wedding cake measured a whopping 9ft (2.75m) high (that's higher than the ceiling in an average house) and the bride and groom cut it with a sword! Queen Elizabeth II is the first British monarch to celebrate a diamond wedding anniversary – that's 60 years of marriage!



TWO BIRTHDAYS

The Queen has two birthdays – her real one on 21 April (the day she was born) and an official one on the second Saturday of June. It is marked later in the year in the hope there will be better weather for celebrations such as Trooping the Colour, otherwise known as the Queen's birthday parade.

GOOD SPORT

Not only have the Queen's corgis appeared in royal works of art, but three of them – Monty, Willow and Holly – featured in the 2012 Olympics opening ceremony, when James Bond (played by Daniel Craig) arrived at Buckingham Palace to escort the Queen to the Games. Organisers even made it appear as though the Queen had parachuted into the event – of course, it was really a stunt double!



NICKNAMES

As a young child, the Queen was nicknamed Lilibet – the same name that her grandson Prince Harry has given his daughter.



ROYAL READS

WE'VE selected a few of our favourite books about the Queen for you to read during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations!

THERE ONCE IS A QUEEN

by Michael Morpurgo & Michael Foreman

A poetic celebration of the Queen by Sir Michael Morpurgo. Featuring incredible watercolour illustrations, the book tells the story of the Queen from when she was just a little girl.



OUR QUEEN ELIZABETH: HER EXTRAORDINARY LIFE FROM THE CROWN TO THE CORGIS

by Kate Williams & Helen Shoemith

This lovely picture book is a beautifully illustrated collection of fascinating facts about our Queen! Featuring all of her pets and palaces, there's a lot to learn within these pages.



QUEENIE

by Jacqueline Wilson

This one is set in 1953, the year Elizabeth is due to be crowned. Jacqueline Wilson tells the story of Elsie Kettle, who can't wait to go to London to see the celebrations on coronation day, but then an unexpected tragedy strikes.



THE QUEEN'S WARDROBE: THE STORY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND HER CLOTHES

by Julia Golding & Kate Hindley

Did you know the Queen's crown weighs as much as a bag of potatoes? Or that she has her own tartan nobody else is allowed to wear? This book is packed full of facts about the Queen and her life, told through her clothes and jewellery.



QUEEN ELIZABETH II (A LIFE STORY)

by Sally Morgan

The life story of our iconic monarch is told in this book, which takes the reader on a tour through Her Majesty's life.



GREAT ELIZABETHANS: HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND 25 AMAZING BRITONS FROM HER REIGN

by Imogen Russell Williams & Sara Mulvanny

Seventy years is a long time on the throne! Through Queen Elizabeth's life, she has met and seen incredible Brits accomplish so much, and in this book, you can learn about 25 of them!



WHAT'S IN THE SHOPS?

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

FOAM STICKERS

BAKERROSS.CO.UK £4.95

Get stuck into some Platinum Jubilee crafting with these cool foam stickers! This bumper pack includes everything from the Queen, her corgis, and the classic black taxi cab, to famous landmarks. Just peel off and start sticking.



HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II TOP TRUMPS

WINNINGMOVES.CO.UK £10.00

This pack takes you through 30 of the key moments in the Queen's life, from her birth in 1926 to her marriage, her horses and her numerous jubilee celebrations. Discover new and exciting facts about the British royal family and duel your way to becoming the Top Trumps winner.



PIN THE DIAMOND ON THE CROWN

AMAZON.CO.UK £6.99

This is just like the traditional game of pin the tail on the donkey, except you need to pin the diamond on the crown. Each player must try to stick their diamond sticker as near to the crown as possible. The diamond nearest the crown is the winner. The diamond stickers provided are numbered to avoid any cheating! The pack includes an extra large Queen poster, blindfold, 35 stickers and a certificate.



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE SEWING KIT

JOHN LEWIS £18.00

Stitch a regal crown, a sparkly flag and a cute corgi to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Suitable for complete beginners, this kit contains everything you need to sew and assemble the decorations.



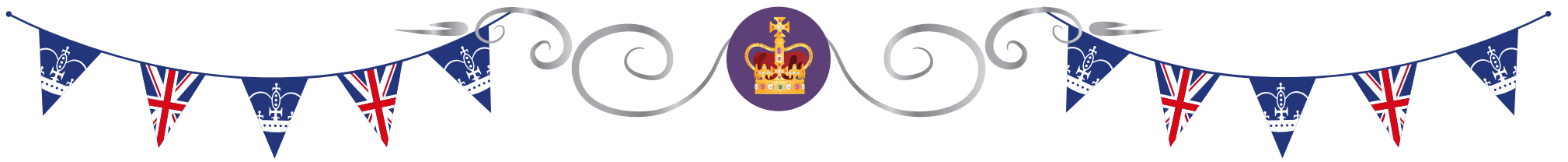
ROYAL RESIDENCES PUZZLES

AMAZON.CO.UK £24.95

To help you celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, this wonderful set of puzzles includes four 500-piece jigsaws, each featuring a royal residence. The set features Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, Balmoral Castle and Sandringham House.



*All prices correct at time of printing



A RIGHT ROYAL PARTY!

TO celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, everyone has been given a special long bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June. Thousands of street parties and events are expected to take place across the UK to mark the Queen's historic milestone.

CELEBRATING IN STYLE

HERE are our top tips on throwing your own royally fabulous party or hosting a weekend of fun!

SEND SOME PARTY INVITES

Get the pens and paper out, or get creative online, and send some fancy invites to your party guests. The Queen regularly hosts garden parties and balls at her homes, and the invites are meant to be very posh! You could use stamps or stickers to seal your envelopes.

GET YOUR BAKE ON

The Queen loves nothing better than a bit of cake or afternoon tea! Why not try whipping up some chocolate biscuit cake (apparently Her Majesty's favourite!), scones or cheese straws. Finger food always goes down a treat too, so stock up on some tasty nibbles.



DECORATE YOUR HOME



Add some colourful decorations to your home to get it looking fit for a queen! Hang some bunting, blow up balloons and dot flags about for people to wave. If you feel extra creative, make your own Platinum Jubilee sign or design a pattern for your very own bunting.

ENJOY GARDEN GAMES

Let's hope the sun is shining! Become the host of a special garden event with egg and spoon races, the water balloon toss and pin the crown on the Queen. Put your family to the test with an afternoon quiz and discover how much everyone really knows about the royal family.

PUT ON SOME ENTERTAINMENT

Write a poem for the event, create a song or dance, or even attempt your own world record. If you're tired out from all the fun, find a good film to enjoy together, such as *The BFG*. Did you know the Queen has – sort of – a starring role?!



CREATE A JUBILEE SCRAPBOOK

Remember this historic moment in time by collecting stories from newspapers, taking photos and recording a diary of what you got up to. You'll love looking back on it in years to come and sharing your experiences with others.

THE ROYAL RUNDOWN OF EVENTS

● THURSDAY 2 JUNE

TROOPING THE COLOUR – The Queen's Birthday Parade is at 11am. Thousands of officers and soldiers will take part in the special parade, which will feature a royal gun salute and a flypast. The event finishes with the Queen appearing on the balcony of Buckingham Palace alongside her family.

PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS – Over 1,500 beacons (fires or lights) will be lit throughout the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories. Beacons will also be lit in all capital cities of the Commonwealth, and a principal beacon will be lit in a special ceremony at Buckingham Palace at 9pm.

● FRIDAY 3 JUNE

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING – There's a service at St Paul's Cathedral, including the ringing of Great Paul, the largest church bell in the country.

● SATURDAY 4 JUNE

THE DERBY AT EPSOM DOWNS – The famous horse racing festival.

● PLATINUM PARTY AT THE PALACE –

A huge celebration outside Buckingham Palace that will bring together a load of musicians and performers. Hosted by Kirsty Young and Roman Kemp, the show will be attended by thousands of people, including 5,000 key workers. There will be live coverage on BBC One, BBC iPlayer and across the BBC network.



● SUNDAY 5 JUNE

THE BIG JUBILEE LUNCH – Families and communities will come together across the UK to celebrate the Jubilee, with drinks, food, music and dancing. People across the world are also joining in, with over 600 international Big Jubilee Lunches being planned throughout the Commonwealth and beyond.



● THE PLATINUM JUBILEE PAGEANT

– The Queen's Gold State Coach (left) will lead the Platinum Jubilee Pageant through London. The special event will bring to life iconic moments from the Queen's 70-year reign, as well as how society has changed. It will feature thousands of military personnel, performers, volunteers and famous faces.