



### GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

**Coronation memory from Kathy Hodges.**

I was nearly six at the time of the Queen's coronation. We didn't have television then so I was unaware of the London celebrations. In our road we had what I think was originally planned as a Street Party, but due to the weather we all ended up in a large garage at the end of the close which was decorated appropriately with masses of bunting etc. I don't remember a lot about the proceedings but I do remember having lots of jelly. We children were all issued with a propelling pencil which had a red, white and blue shaft and a crown at the top which unscrewed. I still have mine. I am assuming every child in the country was supplied with one of these. Do any other members of the u3a still have theirs?



## Coronation memory from Mike Kirkham



### “5-Bob-Bit”

I am not 100% sure of the full accuracy of this story as I was very young when it occurred, but it is embedded in “Family Folk Lore”.

This is my “5-bob-bit”. It is a specially minted Five Shilling Piece issued to commemorate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. I was 10 months old at the time of the Coronation of QEII. Although I cannot recall anything of the event, I understand that there was a celebration party in the street where we lived in Blackpool. The organisers of the event had a number of the coins to give out and they decided that they would give one to the oldest resident of the street and one to the youngest. I was the youngest. However, another resident of the street had a visit from their daughter and her children at the time and they also attended the event. As one of this resident’s grandchildren was younger than me the coin was given to them, much to the dismay of my family. However, the father of the favoured child considered that this was not right (apparently in disagreement with the mother). The following day he came to see my mother, apologised, and insisted that she took the coin for me to have. This is however not quite the end of the story as family folk lore also states that the original coin disappeared along with a lodger and some other valuables, and this is a replacement obtained by my father.

### “Through the Platinum Years” Quiz

1. Which country did the Queen become the 1st reigning monarch to visit in February 1954?
2. In 1958 the Queen made the 1st STD telephone call from Bristol, which UK city did she call?
3. At which Welsh castle did the investiture of Prince Charles as the Prince of Wales take place in 1969?
4. In her Silver Jubilee year of 1977, who did the Queen present the Wimbledon ladies singles Shield to?
5. Where did Charles and Diana marry in July 1981?
6. Which member of the Royal family officially opened Arsenal’s Emirates stadium in October 2006?
7. Which transport hub was opened by the Queen in March 2008?
8. What were the 3 new cities created as part of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee in 2012?
9. Prince George was born to Kate and William in July 2013, what are his middle names?
10. To date, how many Great-Grandchildren does the Queen have?

Answers on the web

## Memories of a Jubilee Past – Diamond – 4th June 2012

In 2012 the village which I called home, and still think of as that, was and is tiny and we liked an excuse to get everyone together and celebrate something special. The best way for our little community to celebrate was to do a country walk and the Diamond Jubilee was an ideal reason – the Queen's Jubilee was definitely for celebrating, the weather should be good and harvesting of the crops would not have started. The sheep would be moved further afield so we wouldn't have to worry if gates were left open.

On the morning of 4th June 2012, the whole village met up in the Village Hall with coffee and chatting flowing freely. Villagers' children, grandchildren, cousins and their children, and friends of friends who had not met before got acquainted and the many dogs introduced themselves to each other. Then off we moved in a cheerful gang.

The committee who had organized everything had got permission for us all to walk through fields usually out of bounds. Actually, most of us had at some point wandered off-piste when no one was about over the years!

The dogs went a little ahead, always looking back to make sure their owners were still with them, and the children ganged up together and went exploring and hiding in the very long grass. The stiles which we usually could not get our big dogs over were dealt with by the gates being unlocked but the smaller children wanted to climb over just for fun.

One little girl, a city dwelling granddaughter of a villager, was terrified of dogs but by the end of the walk, alongside my beautiful Labrador she realised dogs were gentle, fun and lovely to be around and she treasures the many pictures of her special day with my very exceptional dog.



The walk took about two hours and at the end, in the middle of the last field, we all tucked into coffee or orange squash with biscuits and buns which a farmer had brought on his trailer. Then we all went home to get changed for our street party in the afternoon, held down the length of Main Street. So much laughter and also kindness shone during the whole day – the people not as mobile as others were helped to join in every part of the day.

The camaraderie amongst us was lovely and lots of news was caught up on and rumours were discussed – all talked about in voices loud enough for everyone to hear and join in. There was no backstabbing in our village.

The joyful day was followed by an evening bar-b-q in a villager's garden under an enormous chestnut tree with a group of musicians from the village playing without a break. For such a tiny village there was a load of talent.

I have many photos of the day and it's amazing to realise that the children are no longer children but young men and women, off to university or already fully employed.

I hope today's villagers enjoy their Platinum Jubilee Day as much as we did the Diamond one.

Pat Noble

## Platinum Meaning

Platinum is a silvery-white metal, the chemical element of atomic number 78. It was first found by the Spanish in South America in the 16th Century. It is used in jewellery, electrical contacts, laboratory equipment and industrial catalysts.

The name platinum is associated with luxury and prestige hence its link to a 70th anniversary. The metal symbolises the strength, rarity, endurance and purity of true love. All seem apt for a Queen who has reigned for seventy years.

### Maths puzzle from Ken Smith

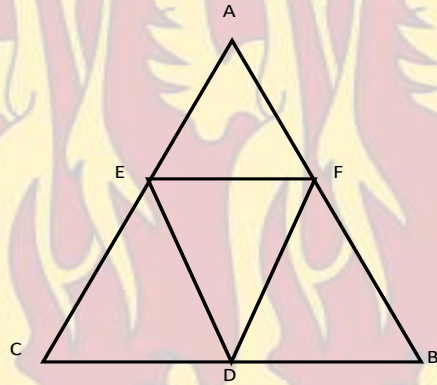
ABC is an Equilateral Triangle.

DEF is an Isosceles Triangle within ABC as shown

such that  $EF = \text{one third of } CB$  and parallel to it.

What is the Ratio of the area of DEF to the area of ABC ?

Answers on the web



### Poem about the Queen By Christian Laccdael

(Just as relevant today as it was when it was written.)

Elizabeth the second's reign,  
Has been much to her realm's gain,  
Her allegiance to her nation,  
Model to those of her station,  
A most wise and respectful Queen,  
Great as those before her have been,  
We'll remain loyal to the crown,  
Lest all we've built up crashes down,  
With Prince Philip by her right hand,  
Meeting duties and touring the land,  
Commonwealth realms unite as one,  
Helped out by all that she has done,  
May she long still be on the throne,  
Reach out so bridges are grown,  
Be a link to an age that's gone,  
She that her subjects depend on.

Do you know which flags still include the Union Jack on them?

<https://flagpedia.net/index>

The Bottom photo has 10 differences can you spot them

Answers on the web



<https://www.royal.uk/50-facts-about-queens-coronation-0>

**SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE QUEEN'S CORONATION:** Have you ever wondered how Coronation Chicken gets its name? And did you know a future First Lady was a newspaper correspondent at The Coronation service? Here's some little known facts about the Coronation Day of Queen Elizabeth II.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were driven from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey in the Gold State Coach – pulled by eight grey gelding horses: Cunningham, Tovey, Noah, Tedder, Eisenhower, Snow White, Tipperary and McCreery.

The Coronation Bouquet was made up of white flowers – comprising of orchids and lilies-of-the-valley from England, stephanotis from Scotland, orchids from Wales, and carnations from Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man.

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.

Prince Charles received a special hand-painted children's invitation to his mother's Coronation.

BBC coverage of the Coronation was a breakthrough for the history of broadcasting. It was the first service to be televised and for most people, it was the first time they had watched an event on television.

27 million people in the UK (out of the 36 million population) watched the ceremony on television and 11 million listened on the radio.

A total of 8,251 guests attended The Queen's Coronation ceremony at Westminster Abbey.

Among the many foreign journalists was Jacqueline Bouvier (later the First Lady of the United States of America, Jackie Kennedy), who was working for the Washington Times-Herald at the time.

The Ministry of Food granted 82 applications for people to roast oxen if they could prove that by tradition, an ox had been roasted at previous Coronations – a welcome concession at a time the meat ration was two shillings a week.

Coronation Chicken was invented for the foreign guests who were to be entertained after the Coronation. The food had to be prepared in advance, and Florist Constance Spry proposed a recipe of cold chicken in a curry cream sauce with a well-seasoned dressed salad of rice, green peas and mixed herbs. Constance Spry's recipe won the approval of the Minister of Works and has since been known as Coronation Chicken.

On 2 June 1953, news reached that Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay had made it to the summit of Mount Everest. The Queen presented the 14 members of the expedition with special edition Coronation medals with the extra wording 'Mount Everest Expedition'.

## Queen's Quiz

### 1. The Queen's Birthday

The Queen's official birthday celebrations take place on a Saturday in June. The high point of the festivities is an official parade. What's it called?

- a) Trooping the Colour, b) Beating Retreat, c) The Royal Maundy

### 2. Spirit animal

Ever since she was a child, Elizabeth has been very fond of animals. The Crown asserts the right of ownership for one species of bird. Which one?

- a) Ravens, b) Swans, c) Owls

### 3. Royal pastime

Which of these activities does Elizabeth like best?

- a) Scottish country dancing, b) Archery, c) Cricket

### 4. How do you do?

If you ever have the pleasure of meeting the Queen, it would be best to know the correct form of address. What should you say?

- a) Your Majesty, b) Ma'am, c) There's no prescribed form of address

### 5. Licensed to...

The Queen never attended school, but Elizabeth did earn professional qualifications in one sector. Which?

- a) Nursing, b) Driving, c) Flying

### 6. Living abroad

In which Commonwealth country did Elizabeth live for a short time when she was a young woman?

- a) Canada, b) Jamaica, c) Malta

### 7. Queen's speech

What other language, besides English, does the Queen speak fluently?

- a) French, b) German, c) Spanish

### 8. Her Majesty's property

Which of these great houses does Elizabeth own herself?

- a) Windsor Castle, b) Kensington Palace, c) Balmoral Castle

### 9. One is not amused

At a state visit to Australia in 1954 there were reports of a heated row between Elizabeth and Philip. How did the Queen express her anger?

- a) She referred to her husband loudly as an idiot, b) She refused to sit next to him at an evening reception, c) She threw a shoe at him

### 10. Impostor to the throne

Which of these actresses won an Oscar for her portrayal of the Queen?

- a) Kate Winslet, b) Helen Mirren, c) Emma Thompson

Answers on the web

Poster from Susan Smith



Dreaming of being a Carnival Princess

by Susan Smith

I've Always wanted.....

To be a Carnival Princess,  
To wear a dress  
Like Elsa in Frozen  
And now? I've been chosen!

I'll sit up high,  
Wave as the float passes by  
The crowds, shouting my name,  
Oooh! All this Fame!

It's a beautiful day, the sun is out  
This is what I've been dreaming about.....

My mother's voice is calling me,  
Waking me from my reverie,  
"Molly! It's after eight,  
Hurry up, or you'll be late"

Looking around, I'm not on a float, instead  
I'm in my comfortable bed.

Princesses have to be over 10,  
I'm only 8, so until then,  
I'll keep on dreaming and one day maybe  
I'll be the Carnival Princess here, in Brackley.

**THURSDAY 2 JUNE:**

**Brackley Platinum Jubilee Festival at Brackley Rugby Club. 15:00 – 23:00. FREE ENTRY.**

Bank holiday celebrations will kick off with a spectacular one off event suitable for the whole family. Live music and kid's entertainment will begin at 15:00 and lead into the evening/night time. At 21:45, the official lighting of the beacon will take place on the mound at the Rugby Club. A variety of catering and bars will also be available at the event. Please bear in mind that there will be no parking at this event.

Whistley 2000 Scout Group will be bringing you their fantastic BBQ with Smith & Clay Butchers Burgers, Jumbo Hot Dogs, Vegan Choices and the Fabulous Sausage Rolls & Cornish Pasties from Butler's Pies. 5th Brackley Scout Group will also be running a delicious tuck shop to keep those sugar levels high!

**Artists/bands performing include:**

**15:00:** Amberkmusic

**15:45:** Daydream Runaways

**17:00:** Astella

**18:15:** BangTailFeathers

**19:20:** Six Feet Apart

**20:30:** Jennah

**21:45:** Beacon Lighting

**22:00:** Pure Genius

We look forward to seeing you there!



### FRIDAY 3 JUNE:

Children's Crown Making Workshops at Egerton Hall. Sessions start times: 10:00, 12:00 and 14:00.  
FREE ENTRY - MUST PRE BOOK.

Come along to our **free crown making workshops** where we will have everything you need to create your own Platinum Jubilee crown ahead of the weekend celebrations. Arts, crafts and crowns will be provided.

**When:** Friday 3 June 2022. **Where:** Egerton Hall. **Workshops times:** 10.00, 12:00, 14:00

**Entry:** Free entry however must pre book on to a session by contacting Brackley Town Council

Please contact Brackley Town Council on 01280 702 441 or email [office@brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk) to book your child/children onto a workshop. All children will need to be accompanied.

**u3a Jubilee Traditional Dancing and Singing for Fun - Brackley Town Hall. 10:00-12:00.**

**FREE ENTRY A morning of traditional dancing mainly from the Georgian era and singing for fun with songs from around the British Isles. Everybody is invited to watch both groups, whilst having lots of fun, laughter and a chat! Demonstrations will be held in the Civic Hall, (upstairs at Brackley Town Hall). Traditional Dancing: 10:00 – 10:30. Singing for Fun: 11:00 – 11:30**

### SATURDAY 4 JUNE:

Brackley Community Carnival at Magdalen College School, St John Site. 12:00-16:30. FREE ENTRY.

Come along and join in the fun at this year's Brackley Community Carnival. There is something for the whole family to enjoy and a perfect opportunity for us to come together as a community to celebrate. The carnival procession will leave from Bracken Leas School at 11:00 and arrive at Magdalen College School – St John Site at 12:00.

Whether you are taking part in the procession, dancing in the arena, having a stall or enjoying watching the arena acts with a picnic, this is a great day out! We're delighted to announce that this year, entrance to the Carnival is FREE and it's packed with lots of fun entertainment including:

The Black Eagles, Acrobatic Show

Paws for Thought, Dog Display Team

The Pre-Hee Men

Punch & Judy Show

Colour Maze

Circus Avago & Wonder Wheels

Dinosaur Invasion!

Classic Car show

Funfair

Brackley Carnival is a fantastic opportunity for groups, charities and businesses to have a stall and fundraise for themselves. This year, all 5m x 5m pitches are FREE (including charity and commercial stalls). Larger stalls are available by arrangement (price on application). Booking forms are available via the Brackley Carnival Facebook page. Alternatively, email [booking@brackleycommunitycarnival.org.uk](mailto:booking@brackleycommunitycarnival.org.uk).

### SUNDAY 5 JUNE:

Service of Thanksgiving for The Queen's Reign at Brackley Park. 11:00 – 11:30. FREE ENTRY

Please join us for an outdoor Thanksgiving Service on the Jubilee Sunday. There will be short service led by the Churches of Brackley, songs of praise style, to reflect and give thanks for HM The Queen's 70 year reign and her Jubilee themes of 'Hope and Service'. Residents are then encouraged to continue the celebrations by joining in the Jubilee BIG lunch, by sharing a picnic in the park or returning to your own Street Parties. Bring your own picnic!

The Big Jubilee Lunch – Residential Street Parties

People are invited to share friendship, food and fun with neighbours as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations on Sunday 5 June. The **Big Jubilee Lunch** can be a street party, picnic, tea and cake or a garden barbeque. If you do not have a road closure in place on your street or have limited outdoor space, we would like to encourage our residents to use Brackley's open spaces instead; Brackley Park and St James' Lake are all available spaces to use.

## My Jubilee Pudding

This pudding brings back memories of when I was young and is not a new creation like those I have just witnessed being judged for the Jubilee Pudding on the BBC.

My Mum used to shop for food everyday except Sunday, we didn't have a refrigerator until I was eleven so nothing could be kept for very long. Sometimes the shopping didn't stretch through to the weekend and then she would view the contents of the store cupboard and pantry to consider what pudding could be served after the Sunday roast. I marvel at the fact we always had a Sunday roast when there wasn't a lot of money but of course it was served cold or made into a Shepherds pie on Monday, and sometimes Tuesday. In the early fifty's there was still some rationing and definitely that ethos prevailed for some time after. The desert was an important part of the meal for me so I was much more concerned about what magic could be brought to bear on such a few ingredients. If there was fruit in the garden it would be a fruit pie and custard, my favourite though was Queen of Puddings, what a delicious and majestic desert! Just some milk, bread, egg, sugar and jam could be quickly made into this heavenly pudding. The ingredients could be increased, decreased or in some cases changed depending on the store cupboard. Sometimes it would be apricot jam, sometimes one egg and sometimes brown bread but I always loved the result.

I recently served it to my family and everyone loved it so it has stood the test of time throughout the Queen's 70 year reign. I believe the thing that may have changed most in that time is the portion size because I struggle today to eat a roast dinner let alone the desert!

If you want to revisit this gourmet delight or taste it for the first time follow the link. This is rather an upmarket version and the one I remember was made with a single egg for four people!

By Janet Whitby

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/queen\\_of\\_puddings\\_79904](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/queen_of_puddings_79904)



## The Platinum Jubilee Pudding:

70 years in the baking

Jemma Melvin's Lemon and Swiss Roll Amaretti Trifle. Jemma Melvin created the dessert, inspired by the lemon posset served at the Queen's wedding to Prince Philip.

## And Finally

### Eurovision Song Contest

Sam Ryder did extremely well with his Space man song coming first in the judges vote and second overall, a great turn around in fortunes after last year. The Ukraine entry from Kalush Orchestra won the contest. I'm sure everyone wishes Ukraine well in their bid to win back control of their country.

