



Parliament
of the Cayman Islands

Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II's
Journey with the Cayman Islands

Special Meeting of the 2021-2022
Session of the Cayman Islands Parliament
Sunday, 6 February 2022 | 4:45 pm



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Programme of Events

12:15 pm	In recognition of the passing of King George in 1952 and Her Majesty The Queen acceding to Throne of the United Kingdom, the Cayman Islands will pause for 70 seconds, i.e. all gatherings, vehicular and pedestrian movements. During this time of silence, church bells will ring, vehicles and vessels in the harbour will blow horns.
3:30 pm	Fort Street in front of House of Parliament will be closed (Albert Panton St/Fort St. junction to Town Clock)
4:30 pm	Parade contingent will be formed up and in place
4:35 pm	Members of public and Members of the Parliament seated
4:37 pm	Officiating Minister seated Chief Justice seated
4:40 pm	Arrival of the Honourable Speaker. General Salute
4:42 pm	Arrival of the Honourable Premier. General Salute
4:45 pm	Honourable Speaker's Procession into the Chamber Prayers – Pastor Wooley Scott, Jr. Reading by the Honourable Speaker of Messages and Announcements
Motion for the Suspension of the House	
4:50 pm	That this Honourable House do rise to await the arrival of His Excellency the Governor Mr. Martyn Keith Roper, OBE to read the Proclamation in Celebration of the 70 th Anniversary of Her Majesty The Queen's accession to the Throne The Honourable Speaker, preceded by the Acting Serjeant-at-Arms and followed by the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition and the Clerks proceed to the forecourt of the building to meet His Excellency the Governor
Inspection of the Guard of Honour	
4:55 pm	Arrival of His Excellency the Governor (met by the Honourable Speaker) The Honourable Speaker, the Honourable Premier, the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, the Clerks, and Acting Serjeant-at-Arms in attendance, stand at the top of the steps to watch the Inspection of the Guard of Honour Royal Salute
5:05 pm	The Honourable Speaker and the Clerks escort His Excellency the Governor and the Governor's Aide-de-Camp inside the House of Parliament building

Parade Contingent

In honour of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, for the first time in the history of the Cayman Islands, the parade contingency is comprised of all female Officers of the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service.

<i>Honorary Senior Aide-de-Camp:</i>	Insp. Wendy Parchment	
<i>Parade Commander:</i>	Insp. (<i>Supernumerary</i>) 410 Keren Watson	
<i>Colour Ensign:</i>	DS 119 Cameca Parker	
<i>Colour Party:</i>	PS 496 Camile Haughton PS 412 Kayon Ward-O'Connor PS (<i>Supernumerary</i>) 351 Khalesiah Barboram PS (<i>Supernumerary</i>) 329 Barbara Dailey	
<i>Right Marker:</i>	PC 211 Olivia Samuels	
<i>Guards:</i>	PC 327 Jodi-Ann Powery PC 440 Vanessa Richards-Seymour PC 233 Asanna Hodgson PC 258 Cheryl Williams DC 301 Juliet Carty PC 229 Carlene Samuels PC 107 Laura Hicks PC 326 Sue-Ann Brathwaite PC 313 Marcia Ellis PC 138 Rachel Rush PC 234 Cameilia Gillispie PC 218 Shanique Frater PC 282 Evelin Mena PC 280 Arissa McKenzie	PC 268 Tameka Josephs-Ricketts PC 168 Khadeen Jackson PC 158 Justina Anderson PC 212 LaVann Sheriffe PC 155 Neddia Bromley DC 110 Wanda Nixon PC 193 Angelita Durrant (<i>reserve</i>) PC 188 Anja Kosar (<i>reserve</i>)





National Anthem God Save The Queen

God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save The Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save The Queen.



National Song Beloved Isles Cayman

(Composed by Hon. Leila Ross-Shier, 1930s)

O land of soft, fresh breezes,
Of verdant trees so fair
With the Creator's glory reflected ev'rywhere.
O sea of palest em'rald,
Merging to darkest blue,
When' ere my thoughts fly Godward,
I always think of you.

Chorus:

Dear, verdant island, set
In blue Caribbean Sea,
I'm coming, coming very soon,
O beauteous Isle, to thee.
Although I've wandered far,
My heart enshrines thee yet.
Homeland! Fair Cayman Isle
I cannot thee forget

Away from noise of cities,
Their fret and carking care,
With moonbeams' soft caresses,
Unchecked by garish glare,
Thy fruit and rarest juices,
Abundant, rich and free,
When sweet church bells are chiming,
My fond heart yearns for thee.

Chorus

When tired of all excitement,
And glam'rous worldly care,
How sweet thy shores to reach,
And find a welcome there,
And when comes on the season,
Of peace, good will to man,
'Tis then I love thee best of all,
Beloved Isle, Cayman!

Chorus

Procession into the Chamber

National Anthem – Mr. Rudolph Myles, OMH, Cert. Hon.

His Excellency The Governor's Proclamation in Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of Her Majesty The Queen acceding to the Throne

National Song – Ms. Derri Dacres Lee, AICB, NP

Departure of His Excellency the Governor

Resumption of the Special Sitting of the Parliament

Motion of Thanks to His Excellency the Governor

"BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Parliament records its grateful thanks to His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn K. Roper, OBE, for the delivery of the Proclamation in Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of Her Majesty The Queen's acceding to the Throne."

Salutation from Members of Parliament

Adjournment

The Honourable Speaker adjourns the House



Proclamation

CAYMAN ISLANDS

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION 2022

PROCLAMATION NO. 1 OF 2022

BY HIS EXCELLENCY MARTYN ROPER, OFFICER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, GOVERNOR OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

MARTYN ROPER, OBE
GOVERNOR

HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE ALL CITIZENS, residents and visitors to these beloved Cayman Islands we are today, Sunday, the sixth day of February in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-two, commencing our celebration of our glorious Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Elizabeth – the second of that name – our most beloved Sovereign and Head of the Commonwealth for seventy years.

How apt that this should be the Platinum anniversary of her coronation, Platinum – that most noble of metals, more precious even than gold. And so it is in honour of this unique occasion that a Special Meeting of the 2021–2022 Session of the Cayman Islands Parliament has been called on this day, the sixth of February two thousand and twenty-two, on this occasion of the celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in these Cayman Islands.

LET IT BE KNOWN, in proclaiming this tribute to Her Majesty The Queen on her Platinum Jubilee, that we are one nation and one Commonwealth.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE PUBLIC SEAL OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS AT GEORGE TOWN IN THE ISLAND OF GRAND CAYMAN THIS 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-TWO IN THE SEVENTY FIRST YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II.

Past Members of the Legislative Assembly *(now Parliament)*



1980 – 1984



1984 – 1988



1992 – 1996



2000 – 2005



2005 – 2009



2009 – 2013



2013 – 2016



2017 – 2021

First Members of Parliament

Last Assembly of Justices and Vestry



July 1959

Message from the Speaker The Honourable Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, (Hon) MSc, MP



I take this opportunity to welcome you all in taking time to attend this memorable and historic sitting of Parliament.

This special meeting, is an auspicious occasion for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II seventy years of service. Her 70th anniversary on the throne is no easy feat.

In this year of our Lord 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will historically become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. Because of this monumental and historic achievement, I believe we are all obligated as an Overseas Territory and a member of the Commonwealth, to get involved and engaged in celebrating Her Majesty's momentous reign on her 70th anniversary.

This planned and well organized celebratory Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II highlights and duly demonstrates the recognition and her contribution to the Commonwealth.

This celebratory Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II highlights and marks a momentous occasion in recognition of The Queen's accession to the throne on 6 February 1952.

Undoubtedly, since The Queen's ascension, she has been majestic and royal throughout her tenure and continues to serve us remarkably with virtuous splendour.

There are a number of notable planned events internationally, particularly in the United Kingdom, which includes but not limited to, concerts, parades, extra holidays, ceremonial displays and grandeur pageantry with cutting edge technology, the creation of Jubilee medals and the lighting of Jubilee beacons in every capital city of each Commonwealth country for the first time.

There will be a feature of a platinum strand of The Queen's Baton to memorialise and venerate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee festivities. The Crown dependent territories will all be actively involved in this Jubilee celebration.

Considering the significance of this 70th anniversary, as an Overseas Territory, should also demonstrate commemorating

this landmark achievement in our own unique Caymanian fashion. It is therefore befitting of us to participate locally in both District level and national events, inclusive of musical interludes and pageantry which all should be similarly broadcasted.

Having events at district level is beneficial as it reflects the involvement and interaction with the people, particularly the senior citizens of our Islands, who reveres The Queen.

The opening of the Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II commence at this House of Parliament with a proclamation from the Governor. Here at the Parliament, there will be exhibitions of the Royal Family and flags of countries which have The Queen as head of State. There will be various lightings on the House of Parliament Building. Noteworthy, the exhibits will remain in situ for the duration of the celebration.

From all indications we will be having a series of comparable events and activities locally during this celebrative jubilee which the Governor and the Government will expound further upon.

I will close by emphatically stating that from the genesis of The Queen's tenure, she has and continues to serve magnanimously. The Queen epitomises and is the hallmark of stability throughout the commonwealth and this is augmented by her inspirational speeches and profound messages.

As we celebrate and participate in this august event, let us focus and be mindful of what the occasion means and represents. It is with earnest passion and dignity that we recognize Her Majesty and this Platinum Jubilee commemoration of Elizabeth II gives us that historical opportunity.

We revere The Queen for her relentless and dedicated commitment to enhance the lives of many in the diaspora. The Queen has never capitulated nor did she undermine the sovereignty of jurisdictions. We are in total admiration and awe for her distinguished and stellar tenure as the head of the British Monarch. This commemoration is a worthy and justified series of events that is orchestrated in the form of the Platinum Jubilee for the acclamation and appreciation for The Queen's historic achievement.

We honour and acknowledge her.

God save The Queen.

Message from The Premier

The Honourable G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP

Minister for Sustainability & Climate Resiliency



As Premier, on behalf of my Government and the people of the Cayman Islands, I congratulate Her Majesty The Queen on this special day when 70 years ago she acceded to the throne to become Queen of the United Kingdom, the Realms, and the Commonwealth. Her Majesty is the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee - this demonstrates The Queen's determination and commitment to her duties and the people within her kingdom. We join millions of people around the world in celebrating this milestone anniversary.

We appreciate that 6 February is a day of mixed emotions for The Queen, as it is also the anniversary date of the death of her father, King George VI. As we celebrate the longest-reigning British monarch this year, it will also be The Queen's first Jubilee without her beloved late husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, by her side, for which we offer our most profound sympathies.

In addition to being the longest-lived and longest-reigning British monarch, the longest-serving female head of state in history, the oldest living and longest-reigning current monarch, and the oldest and longest-serving incumbent head of state, The Queen is the most widely-travelled head of state having made hundreds of state visits to other countries and tours of the Commonwealth including her two visits to the Cayman Islands in 1983 and 1994. Caymanians have always held Her Majesty The Queen in the highest esteem and these visits, especially the special activities during her time with us, only reinforced our collective affection for our monarch.

On her first visit in February 1983, The Queen delivered the Throne Speech; officially opened the Queen's Highway where a monument still memorialises that auspicious occasion; conferred the prefix "Royal" to the Cayman Islands Police Force, which was a great honour for all officers; opened The Pines Retirement Home; and, toured Grand Cayman with The Kaibo restaurant first opening to welcome her and Prince Philip during their visit. Captain Eugene Ebanks, a long-serving former Member of Parliament was at the helm of Her Majesty's yacht - a shining moment of pride for all Caymanians and a tribute to our seafaring heritage.

During The Queen's second visit in February 1994, she opened the Ed Bush Sports Complex in West Bay and the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park in North Side. The Queen and Prince Philip, also commemorated the 200th anniversary of the Wreck of the Ten Sail and dedicated a commemorative monument and park in remembrance of the 8 February 1794 shipwreck. The highlight of this trip for many Caymanians and residents is likely to be right here on the steps of this House of Parliament as part of a beaming, patriotic crowd that witnessed the moment when The Queen knighted former Financial Secretary Sir Vassel Johnson for his role in modernising the laws of the Cayman Islands for us to become a global financial centre. In addition to bestowing the Cayman Islands' first knighthood, The Queen conferred honours on more than a dozen men and women on this memorable occasion.

The warmth, care, and good wishes for our people, especially, our elders was felt throughout both visits and we continue to cherish these special moments during her time with us.

Since the weight of responsibility for the monarchy fell to The Queen at the age of 25 years old, the world has seen successes, struggles, triumphs, and tribulations, and many here at home and abroad have looked to our monarch for confidence, stability, and strength. Throughout these changes, our relationship with the United Kingdom has remained strong and, as a United Kingdom Overseas Territory, we continue to highly value our ever deepening and strengthening relationships with other Overseas Territories and members of the Commonwealth and envisage continued partnership and prosperity.

For a relatively young country like the Cayman Islands, The Queen's role is an essential tie with systems of constitutional government that have histories much longer than our own. As we, through The Queen's unifying presence, work together to build a better future for the current and coming generations in particular, it is pleasing to know that the bonds between us are enduring and resolute.

We look forward to the many initiatives and events being planned to commemorate this most historic Platinum Jubilee as we collectively demonstrate our admiration for this incredible achievement by our monarch and celebrate the connection between The Queen and the people of our Beloved Isles.

We offer prayers of thanksgiving to Almighty God for her exemplary life of service and we extend heartfelt wishes for Her Majesty The Queen's good health and joy throughout her Platinum Jubilee!

Clerk of Parliament



Mrs. Zena Merren-Chin, BSc, LLB
2009 – Present

Past Clerks of Parliament

Hon. Sybil I. McLaughlin, MBE, JP
National Hero
1959 – 1984



Mrs. E. Gay Jackson, JP
1984 – 1987

Mrs. Georgette Myrie, MBE, JP
1987 – 2001



Ms. Wendy Lauer, JP
2001 – 2009

Parliament Management Commission Officers

Zena Merren-Chin, BSc, LLB
Chief Officer and Clerk of the Parliament

Kim Evans
Acting Deputy Chief Officer

Patricia Priestley, BSc, LLB (Hons.)
Acting Deputy Clerk of the Parliament

Garfield Ellison
Chief Parliamentary Advisor

Elizabeth Smith, MSc (Hons), BSc, (Hons.)
HR Manager

Nordra Walcott, LLB (Hons.)
Acting Assistant Clerk of the Parliament

Akeeme Lopez, BA
Parliamentary Officer

Susan Burke
Parliamentary Procedural Clerk

Charles Bodden
Finance and Administrative Officer

Kimberley Powell
Finance Officer

Christopher Clarke
Acting Serjeant-at-Arms

Kimberley Rivers
Parliamentary Security Officer

Eric Ebanks
Parliamentary Security Officer

Cynthia West, BSc
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Lauren Downs
Hansard Officer

Albertini Holness
Acting Parliamentary Page

Marlyn Moxam
Clerical Officer

Anita Salmon-Beezer
Messenger /Housekeeper

Locksley Gould
Recording Technician

Past Speakers of Parliament



Hon. Mrs. Sybil Ione McLaughlin, MBE, JP
1991 – 1996



Hon. Capt. Mabry S. Kirkconnell, OBE, JP
1996 – 2001



Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
2002 – 2003 | 2013 – 2017



Hon. Dr. Linford Ainsworth Pierson, OBE, JP, PhD, FCCA
2003 – 2005



Hon. Edna M. Moyle, OBE, JP
2005 – 2009



Hon. Mary J. Lawrence, JP, MP
2009 – 2013

Message from The Leader of the Opposition
The Honourable Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP



On behalf of the loyal Opposition, I extend our congratulations to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of her accession to the throne.

We give thanks to our Lord for Your Majesty’s seventy years of selfless service to our country and, as we prepare to celebrate this unique platinum jubilee, we recall fondly the occasions on which Your Majesty visited our Islands in 1983 and 1994. For thousands of Caymanians who greeted Your Majesty during those visits, the occasions provide both a special personal memory and a source of collective national pride.

The past seventy years have been a time of tremendous change in our Islands. We recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of our first Constitution which came into being through Your Majesty’s Order in 1959. Through subsequent changes we have maintained our status as a British Overseas Territory and we give thanks for the enduring relationship that we, as Your Majesty’s loyal subjects, share with the Crown and with the United Kingdom. Ours is a bond that neither time nor distance can diminish.

The celebrations planned for the coming months across our three Islands to mark the occasion of the platinum jubilee are a demonstration of the affection that we in the Cayman Islands feel for Your Majesty. They are an opportunity for us to give thanks for all that Your Majesty has done for our people and to reaffirm our own commitment to our future service to the Crown.

Your Majesty, please accept our heart-felt congratulations on this special occasion and our fondest wishes for your personal happiness and well-being.

The Parliament of the Cayman Islands

The House of Parliament of the Cayman Islands is a unicameral Legislature comprising 21 Members, 19 of whom are the Elected Representatives for the Islands’ 19 constituencies: one each from West Bay Central, West Bay North, West Bay South, West Bay West, George Town Central, George Town East, George Town North, George Town South, George Town West, Prospect, Red Bay, Bodden Town East, Bodden Town West, Newlands, Savannah, North Side, East End, Cayman Brac East, Cayman Brac West & Little Cayman.

There are two Ex-Officio Members who are appointed by the Governor, the Deputy Governor and the Attorney-General.

The Governor may at any time, by Proclamation, prorogue or dissolve the Parliament.

The Governor shall dissolve the Parliament at the expiration of four years from the date when the Parliament first meets after any general election unless it has been sooner dissolved.

There shall be a general election at such time within two months after every dissolution of the Parliament as the Governor shall, by Proclamation, appoint.

The first meeting of every session of the House shall, by Proclamation, be held on such day as the Governor shall appoint. A session usually consists of four meetings. A meeting comprises several sittings.



The first ever meeting of like-minded individuals coming together to discuss the possible legislative future of the Cayman Islands took place on 5 December 1831 at the now beautifully restored great house, Pedro St. James, in the fertile area of Savannah on Grand Cayman. This building is now revered as the seat of parliamentary beginnings in the Cayman Islands.



By 1909 what was established as the Legislative Assembly of Justices and Vestry was a meeting in the Court House on the waterfront in what is as present the headquarters of the Cayman Islands National Museum. The building served as the seat of government, the court house and the legislature in its heyday. Now, it is the home of the Cayman Islands National Museum in a fitting tribute to its historic past.



The present House of Parliament (former Legislative Assembly (LA)) building was built on the site of the former Princess Royal Park. Being the first poured concrete public building in Cayman, we didn’t yet have the modern techniques, so the concrete was mixed on the street and poured pail by pail by a sort of bucket brigade. The cornerstone was laid by Captain Royal Brazly Bodden, MBE, JP, on 29 September 1971. The building was completed in July 1972. (Source: National Trust Cayman Islands – An Historical Walking Tour – Central George Town)



By 2003, the legislature had outgrown the space and the building was in need of renovating. Repair and refurbishment work on the Legislative Assembly building began in February 2003, not only adding as much more space as possible through reconfiguration of the floor space, but also to renovate and refurbish portions of the interior, including the main chamber.

Past Commissioners



Capt. G.H. Frith
Commissioner
1929 – 1931



Mr. Allen Wolsey Cardinall, CMG
Commissioner
1934



Mr. Ivor Otterbein Smith
Commissioner
1946 – 1952



Mr. Andrew Morris Gerrard, CBE
Commissioner
1952 – 1956



Mr. Jack Rose
Commissioner & First Administrator
1960 – 1964

Missing Photographs

Mr. Frederick Shedden Sanguinetti, ISO | 1898
Mr. George Stephenson Shirt Hirst | 1907
Mr. Arthur C. Robinson | 1912
Mr. Hugh Houston Hutchings | 1919

Mr. Ernest Arthur Weston | 1931
Mr. Albert Colinridge Panton, Snr, MBE (acting) | 1940
Mr. John Penry Jones | 1941
Mr. Alan Hilliard Donald | 1956



Governor of the Cayman Islands

His Excellency Martyn Roper, OBE
2018 - Present

Past Governors of the Cayman Islands



Mr. Athelstan C.E. Long, CMG, CBE
1968 – 1971



Mr. Kenneth Roy Crook, CMG
1971 – 1974



Mr. Thomas Russell, CMG, CBE
1974 – 1981



Mr. Alan James Scott, CVO, CBE
1988 – 1992



Mr. John Wynne Owen, MBE
1995 – 1999



Mr. Peter John Smith, CBE
1999 – 2002



Mr. Bruce Harry Dinwiddy, CMG
2002 – 2005



Mr. Stuart D. M. Jack, CVO
2005 – 2009



Mr. Duncan Taylor, CBE
2010 – 2013



Ms. Helen Kilpatrick, CB
2013 – 2018



Mr. Anwar Choudhury
2018 – Present

Missing Photographs

Mr. George Peter Lloyd, CMG, CVO | 1982
Mr. Michael Edward John Gore, CVO, CBE | 1992



The newly refurbished and expanded building was inaugurated with the opening of the Legislature session on 2 July 2004, a scant two months before Hurricane Ivan. The Legislative Assembly building withstood the storm with minor damage to its roof.



On 2 November 2020, the Legislative Assembly sat for the last time as “Legislative Assembly” and the transition to a House of Parliament was celebrated at an historic ceremony – Official State Opening – on Friday, 4 December 2020. The renaming of the Legislative Assembly institution to Parliament was agreed between a delegation of Members of the House and the United Kingdom Government in a package of important enhancements to our Constitution. This amendment also brought about the transition from “Members of the Legislative Assembly” to “Members of Parliament” and established the positions of Parliamentary Secretaries.

The Cayman Islands’ unicameral legislature is now only the third United Kingdom Overseas Territory (UKOT) to be designated as a Parliament, behind Bermuda and Gibraltar, and the second among Caribbean UKOTs.

In addition to the transitioning of the Legislative Assembly to that of a Parliament, the Parliament became autonomous with the passage of the Legislative Assembly (Management) Law, 2020 (now Parliament (Management) Act, 2020) on 30 October 2020.

The independent Parliament is now governed by a Commission, which is managed by the Parliament Management Council. Headed by the Speaker of the House, the Council comprises nine members as provided for by the Parliament Management Act, and the Clerk of Parliament, Mrs. Zena Merren-Chin as the ex-officio, non-voting member of the Council and was appointed as the Chief Officer of the Commission.



Members of the Parliament Management Council

Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, (Hon) MSc, MP (*Chair*)
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP (*Deputy Chair*)
Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP (*Premier*)
Hon. Christopher S. Saunders, MP (*Deputy Premier*)
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP (*Leader of the Opposition*)
Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP (*Deputy Leader of the Opposition*)
Hon. Sir Alden McLaughlin, KCMG, MBE, QC, JP, MP
Mr. Isaac D. Rankine, MP
Mrs. Zena Merren-Chin, BSc, LLB





Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Early Life & Education

The Queen was born at 2.40am on 21 April 1926 at 17 Bruton Street in Mayfair, London. She was the first child of The Duke and Duchess of York - who later became King George VI - and Queen Elizabeth. She was christened Elizabeth Alexandra Mary at Buckingham Palace on 29 May that year.

In 1930, Princess Elizabeth gained a sister, with the birth of Princess Margaret Rose. The family of four was very close. Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret were educated at home like many girls from wealthy families at that time.

After her father succeeded to the throne in 1936 and Princess Elizabeth became heir presumptive (first in line to the throne), she started to study constitutional history and law as preparation for her future role.

Princess Elizabeth also learned French from a number of French and Belgian governesses. It is a skill which has stood The Queen in good stead, as she often has cause to use it when speaking to ambassadors and heads of state from Frenchspeaking countries, and when visiting French-speaking areas of Canada.

Princess Elizabeth also studied art and music, learned to ride, and became a strong swimmer. She won the Children's Challenge Shield at London's Bath Club when she was thirteen. Princess Elizabeth enrolled as a Girl Guide when she was eleven, and later became a Sea Ranger.

Marriage & Family

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh's enduring marriage saw them support each other through many years of Royal duties, and produced four children, eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Though the early years of their marriage saw them living a relatively normal life as a naval officer and wife, The Queen's Accession changed everything as Her Majesty took on her new role, and The Duke of Edinburgh a new status in support of her work.

Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip first met when they attended the wedding of Prince Philip's cousin, Princess Marina of Greece to The Duke of Kent, who was an uncle of Princess Elizabeth, in 1934. Their engagement was announced on 9 July 1947 and the couple were married in Westminster Abbey on 20 November 1947. The event was fairly simple, as Britain was still recovering from the war, and Princess Elizabeth had to collect clothing coupons for her dress, like any other young bride. They spent their honeymoon at Broadlands, Hampshire, the home of Lord Mountbatten, and at Birkhall, Balmoral.

Members of Parliament



Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Leader of the Opposition

Opposition Member
Elected Member for George Town East



Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Deputy Leader of the Opposition

Opposition Member
Elected Member for George Town North

Hon. Sir Alden McLaughlin, KCMG, MBE, QC, JP, MP
Opposition Member
Elected Member for Red Bay



Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Opposition Member
Elected Member for Cayman Brac West & Little Cayman



Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, NP, MP
Opposition Member
Elected Member for George Town South



Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Opposition Member
Elected Member for George Town West

Officers of Parliament

Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, (Hon) MSc, MP
Speaker of the House

Mrs. Zena Merren-Chin, BSc, LLB
Clerk of the Parliament

Mrs. Patricia Priestley, BSc, LLB (Hons.)
Acting Deputy Clerk of the Parliament

Ms. Nordra Walcott, LLB (Hons.)
Acting Assistant Clerk of the Parliament

Mr. Christopher Clarke
Acting Serjeant-at-Arms

Mr. Albertini Holness
Acting Parliamentary Page

Members of Parliament



Hon. Johany “Jay” S. Ebanks, MP
PACT Government
*Minister for Planning, Agriculture, Housing,
& Infrastructure (PAHI)*
Elected Member for North Side



Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Deputy Speaker
PACT Government
Parliamentary Secretary to FSC & EDAL
Elected Member for West Bay Central

Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP
PACT Government
*Parliamentary Secretary to Labour, Housing
& Transport*
Elected Member for Bodden Town East



Ms. Heather D. Bodden, OCl, Cert. Hon., JP, MP
PACT Government
*Parliamentary Secretary to T&T
and IISD*
Elected Member for Savannah



Mr. Isaac D. Rankine, MP
PACT Government
*Parliamentary Secretary to HAYSCH &
PAHI*
Elected Member for East End



Hon. Franz I. Manderson, MBE, Cert Hon., JP
Deputy Governor
*Ex-officio Member responsible for the
Portfolio of the Civil Service*

Hon. Samuel W. Bulgin, QC, JP
Attorney General

*Ex-officio Member responsible for the Portfolio
of Legal Affairs*



Family

Prince Charles, now The Prince of Wales, heir apparent to the throne, was born in 1948, and his sister, Princess Anne, now The Princess Royal, two years later.

Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip lived in Malta between 1949 and 1951, where Prince Philip was an officer in the Mediterranean Fleet.

After Princess Elizabeth became Queen, their third child, Prince Andrew, arrived in 1960 and the fourth, Prince Edward, in 1964. Prince Andrew and Prince Edward were the first children to be born to a reigning monarch since Queen Victoria had her family.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh's grandchildren are Peter and Zara Phillips (b. 1977 and 1981); Prince William of Wales and Prince Henry of Wales (b. 1982 and 1984); Princess Beatrice of York and Princess Eugenie of York (b. 1988 and 1990); and The Lady Louise Windsor and Viscount Severn (b.2003 and 2007).

Their great grandchildren are Savannah Phillips (b. 2010 and Isla Phillips (b. 2012), children of Peter and Autumn Phillips; Prince George (b. 2013), Princess Charlotte (b. 2015), and Prince Louis (b. 2018) children of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge; Mia Tindall (b.2014), Lena Tindall (b. 2018) and Lucas Tindall (b. 2021), children of Zara and Mike Tindall; Archie Mountbatten-Windsor (b. 2019) and Lilibet Mountbatten-Windsor (b. 2021), children of The Duke and Duchess of Sussex; and August Brooksbank (b. 2021), son of Princess Eugenie and Jack Brooksbank.

Accession & Coronation

On 6 February 1952, King George VI died following a prolonged illness. Princess Elizabeth immediately acceded to the throne, becoming Queen Elizabeth II and taking on all of the responsibilities which came with her new title. Later in the year, the date was set for the Coronation at Westminster Abbey and preparations began for the spectacular ceremony.

In 1952, King George VI's health was poor, and illness forced him to abandon a proposed Commonwealth tour. Princess Elizabeth, accompanied by Prince Philip, took his place.

On Wednesday 6 February 1952, she received the news of her father's death and her own Accession to the throne while staying in a remote part of Kenya. In an instant, she had ceased to be Princess Elizabeth and became Queen Elizabeth II.

Following the news, the tour was abandoned, and the young Princess flew back to Britain as Queen. She was greeted by Prime Minister Winston Churchill and other officials at the airport before returning to Clarence House, where the Royal Standard was flown for the first time in her reign.

The Coronation

The Coronation took place in Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953. It was a solemn ceremony conducted by Dr Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Television brought home to hundreds of thousands of people around the Commonwealth the splendour and significance of the Coronation in a way never before possible.

The Coronation was followed by drives through every part of London, a review of the fleet at Spithead, and visits to Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

Jubilee Celebrations



Royal Jubilees are an occasion to celebrate the life and reign of a Monarch, and are significant events which are celebrated around the world. Though the concept of the jubilee began in biblical times, today the term is most closely associated with the Royal Family, and the ceremony and spectacle which the term symbolises

Royal Jubilees celebrate significant periods in monarchs' reigns and the national life. Few British monarchs have achieved reigns of 50 years, and Golden Jubilees are very rare. There are few records of how – if at all – Henry III, Edward III and James VI and I celebrated their 50-year milestones.

The first British monarch to mark 50 years on the throne in a significant way was George III, followed by Queen Victoria.

The Queen's reign has been punctuated by an unprecedented series of milestones. Her Majesty's jubilees and birthdays have provided cause for celebration and reflection throughout the remarkable years since her Accession. Such events help reinforce the Sovereign's role as a focus for national identity and unity as people across the Commonwealth come together to mark an important occasion for their Head of State.

On 9 September 2015, Queen Elizabeth II became Britain's longest Reigning Monarch and as of 6 February 2022, the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee.

The Silver Jubilee **1977**

The Golden Jubilee **2002**

The Diamond Jubilee **2012**

The Sapphire Jubilee **2017**

The Platinum Jubilee **2022**

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The Silver Jubilee

In 1977 The Queen's Silver Jubilee was marked with celebrations throughout the UK and Commonwealth.

The actual anniversary of The Queen's Accession on 6 February 1952 was commemorated in church services throughout that month. The Queen spent the anniversary weekend at Windsor with her family and the full jubilee celebrations began in the summer of 1977.

On 4 May, at the Palace of Westminster, both Houses of Parliament presented loyal addresses to The Queen, who in her reply stressed that the keynote of the jubilee was to be the unity of the nation.

During the summer months The Queen embarked on a large scale tour, having decided that she wished to mark her jubilee by meeting as many of her people as possible. No other Sovereign had visited so much of Britain in the course of just three months - the six jubilee tours in the UK and Northern Ireland covered 36 counties. The home tours began in Glasgow on 17 May, with greater crowds than the city had ever seen before. The tours continued throughout England and Wales - in Lancashire over a million people turned out on one day - before culminating in a visit to Northern Ireland.

The climax of the national celebrations came in early June. On the evening of Monday 6 June, The Queen lit a bonfire beacon at Windsor which started a chain of beacons across the country.

On Tuesday 7 June, vast crowds saw The Queen drive in the Gold State Coach to St Paul's Cathedral for a Service of Thanksgiving attended by heads of state from around the world and former prime ministers of the UK.

Afterwards The Queen and members of the Royal Family attended a lunch at the Guildhall, in which The Queen made a speech. She declared, 'My Lord Mayor, when I was twenty-one I pledged my life to the service of our people and I asked for God's help to make good that vow. Although that vow was made in my salad days, when I was green in judgement, I do not regret nor retract one word of it.'

The Golden Jubilee

A packed programme of events took place in 2002 to celebrate fifty years of The Queen's reign. Six key Jubilee themes shaped events: Celebration, Community, Service, Past and future, Giving thanks and Commonwealth.

The central focus for the year was the Jubilee weekend in June 2002 which began with a classical music concert in the gardens at Buckingham Palace. There was a Jubilee Church Service at St George's Chapel in Windsor and a National Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral which followed a Ceremonial Procession from Buckingham Palace. Events culminated in a pop concert at Buckingham Palace with performers including Paul McCartney, Bryan Adams, Elton John and Shirley Bassey. The evening ended with a spectacular fireworks display and The Queen lighting the National Beacon, the last in a string of 2,006 beacons which had been lit in a chain across the Commonwealth.

"Gratitude, respect and pride, these words sum up how I feel about the people of this country and the Commonwealth – and what this Golden Jubilee means to me."

- The Queen

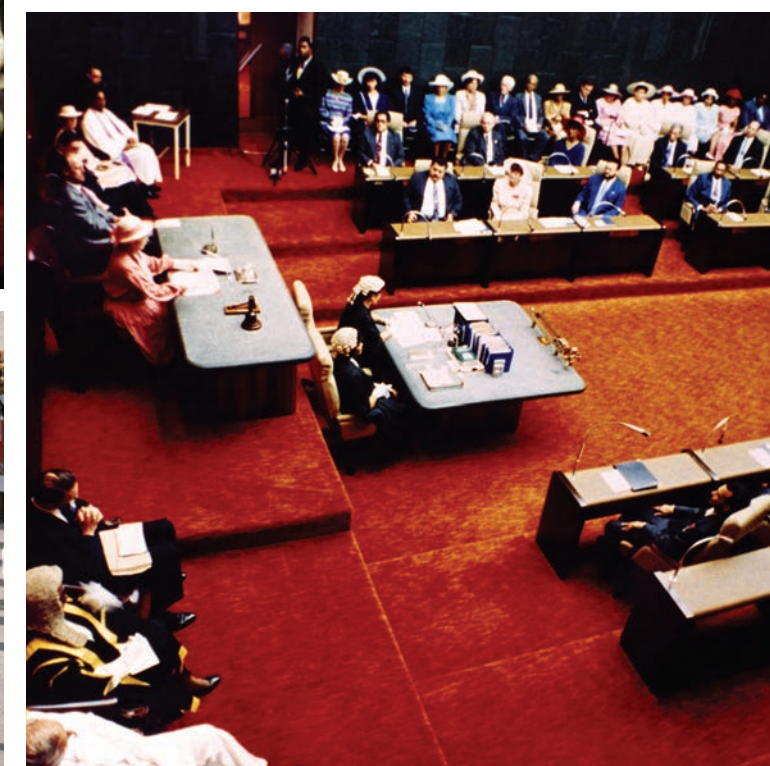


The Diamond Jubilee

The Diamond Jubilee was marked with a spectacular central weekend and a series of regional tours throughout the UK and Commonwealth.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh travelled as widely as possible across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, visiting every region during 2012 whilst other members of the Royal Family visited all of the Commonwealth realms (countries where The Queen is Head of State) between them. Visits included The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea and The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in Tuvalu.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Trust was set up to take donations from those wishing to present a gift to Her Majesty in her Diamond Jubilee year. The funds raised have gone towards initiatives such as Queen's Young Leaders, which supports young people across the Commonwealth who are blazing a trail in their communities.



The Sapphire Jubilee

6 February 2017 marked 65 years since The Queen acceded to the throne, becoming the first British Monarch to mark their Sapphire Jubilee.

To coincide with the occasion Buckingham Palace re-released a photograph of Her Majesty taken by David Bailey in 1947. In the photograph, The Queen is wearing a suite of sapphire jewellery given to her by King George VI as a wedding gift in 1947.

