



On 6th February, this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

To commemorate this historical event, we have invited service users to share their memories and photographs about the coronation and previous jubilees, with events from their lives during those periods.



Coronation 2nd June 1953



Sheila Aged 90

I remember I was 21 years old, and I attended a party in Linton. I lived in Steventon End at the time. I always remember that year fondly as I was recently married and had a new baby.

Ronald Aged 87

During the Coronation I was in Gibraltar in the army. I was only 19. I lived in an Army Camp where I was the cook.

Maureen Aged 79

I remember everything. I was at home watching the coronation on the TV. I was about 11 years old living in Cambridge. My days in 1953 consisted of going to school and swimming.

Hilary Aged 80

I was 11 at the time and was at grammar school in Cornwall; with my twin sister. We were all given a commemoration mug. We had no television, so we had to watch the newsreel at the local cinema and listen to the radio. We attended the local chapel Trethurgy and had tea. During 1953 we had moved to Cornwall as my Father was an architect working for the China Clay Company. They were building houses using bi products which could be constructed quickly.

We had a car (a Wolsey 680 often mistaken as a police car!), but my father was in the war and was away a lot. We went to school on the bus but had to walk some of the way. In bad weather we had to walk all the way as the bus got stuck.

We were lucky as we had a bathroom and a coal fire burner to heat hot water, but we had no central heating. One girl I knew had to do her homework by candlelight. We had a party line telephone shared with a retired army Colonel. We were also lucky to have a refrigerator. Some people in the village had to heat a boiler for filling a tin bath in the living room. The clay miners heated theirs on clay driers while at work.

Groceries were delivered with an overbook from the previous week, milk on a horse and cart or tractor. Clotted cream and parties were popular. Swimming sports were held in Charlestown harbour. We cycled to the beach downhill there and very uphill back!



Coronation 1953 by Adrian Marriette [Coronation 1953 | Guemsey 1953 Rougeval Street Party to rel...](#)
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The Mall- Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II by Paul James [The Mall - Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II | Family photo taken on Flickr](#)

Margaret Aged 76

I was seven when the Queen had her Coronation. I lived with my parents and brother in New Malden. We did not have a television, but we were invited to watch the ceremony at our dentists. A neighbour took me to London (for the first time) to visit the mall which had crowns on every post and streamers coming down. At my primary school we were given a little golden model coach.

Anton 81

For the Coronation I attended a party where I was living, in Cumbria. I was 11 years old. In 1953 I was enjoying my first year at Grammer School.

Brenda Aged 81

I was 12-years old at the time living in County Durham. I was at school, and they gave us a Coronation mug and a celebration coin. When I was on holiday the coin was stolen.



Silver Jubilee (25 Years) 1977



Sheila Aged 90

I watched the jubilee on my television. I must have been around 45 years old at the time. I spent most of 1977 potato picking.

Ronald Aged 87

I was 43 for the Silver Jubilee. I was living in Ireland at the time.

Maureen Aged 79

I remember Virginia Wade winning Wimbledon. I was 35 years old, and I watched the silver jubilee events on the TV. During that year I was living in Histon and working at Impington Village College doing the school meals.

Brenda Aged 81

I was 36 and I remember attending a street party. During 1977 I was married, I had one daughter and I was caring for my parents.

Hilary Aged 80

I was 35 and I had two small boys at the time, and I made them guardsmen (changing of the guard) outfits for school; there were blue trousers with a red stripe, red jackets with gold buttons and a black furry busby hat. The children made commemorative scrapbooks and were given various mementos including a mug. The children all had cardboard cut-outs.

I could not attend any other parties aside from the school one. I was teaching full time in a secondary school in Witchford and all celebrations were centred around the children.

I do not recall a great deal of celebrations, but The Queen had visited Ely in 1973 to give freedom of the city and gave out Maundy money in 1987. The schools were celebrating and there were lots of flags and some bunting.





Derbyshire 1977 by pszz [Derbyshire, 1977, 1 Queens Silver Jubilee, 1 pszz | Flickr](#)

Margaret Aged 76

I remember more about the Silver Jubilee; I was 31 and we had just moved to Swavesey. There was a wonderful display of floats done by village groups. I was able to be on the playgroup float even though I was expecting my youngest daughter. There was a big festival on our village green. I was amazed that my son Andre, daughter Gillian aged 4 and 2 ½ won the 'Fancy Dress' Competition. I had dressed them in their outgrown red dressing gowns with medals made from covered milk tops.

Anton 81

I was 35 years old. I attended a party for the Silver Jubilee in Orpington, Kent where I was living at the time. During 1977 I was a teacher at the local school. I really enjoyed that job especially when we got to take the children on school trips.



Golden Jubilee (50 Years) 2002



Watt Lane Golden Jubilee Street Party 001 by Simonegan [Watt Lane Golden Jubilee street party 001 | simonegan | Flickr](#)

Sheila Aged 90

For the Golden Jubilee I was 70 years old, and I remember attending a party in the village hall, they had lovely cakes and tea.

Ronald Aged 87

I remember that year well I was 67 still living in Ireland. Unfortunately, my wife had passed away that year.

Hilary Aged 80

There were street parties, bunting and flags. I went to a friend's party in Cambridge. At the time and I was working as a voluntary adviser for Citizens Advice and training new volunteers. My boys had finished their education and got married some time earlier. That year my sister and I had a joint 60th Birthday Party in the February.

Maureen Aged 79

I remember everything about the Golden Jubilee, she is wonderful. I was 59 years old and I watched the celebrations on TV. That was the year I was working at Barkers Bakery.

Anton 81

I was 61 years old, in 2022 I was enjoying life, cruising and skiing.

Brenda Aged 81

I remember watching the Jubilee on TV. I was 61 and looking after my husband and my parents. 2002 was the year I had a massive heart attack.





Diamond Jubilee (60 Years) 2012



Diamond Jubilee Pageant 034 by Photothudd [diamond jubilee pageant 034](#) | [One thousand boats on the Thames](#) | Flickr

Sheila Aged 90

I was 80 years old in 2012 and I attended another village hall party for the diamond jubilee. The main thing I remember about 2012 is I travelled on a lot of buses that year.

Ronald Aged 87

That was the year I turned 77, retired and I had moved from Ireland to Longstanton.

Maureen Aged 79

I remember the Olympics were being held in Britain that year. I also remember The Queen went up the river Thames. I watched all this on TV. I was 69 years old that year.

Anton 81

I was 71 years old, I was living in Northamptonshire. I did not attend any Jubilee parties, as this was the year my Dad died. I was very fortunate that I have the comfort from my family and friends.

Hilary Aged 80

My sister and I had our 70th Birthday so we went on a cruise to see the northern lights. I managed to have a cruise once a year so had been to many places.

For the jubilee there was a street party in Cambridge which I attended with some friends.

I was still working as a volunteer advisor and looking after their rented property. I used to go to the local gym after work.

My Grandchildren stayed in the holidays, and we did lots of activities. A memorable one was swinging in the trees at Go Ape, as an adult had to accompany the children. I made all sorts of fancy dress for them as well as special cakes, e.g., Winnie the Pooh, fairy castle, Gruffalo, a pirate ship, football pitch, underwater scene, and many more.

Brenda Grundy Aged 81

I watched the jubilee on TV. I was 71 and caring for my husband.





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Queen's Canopy

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique, UK-wide tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, by inviting people to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee."

We used this idea to create a Tree of Hope. Some of our service users and local primary school children cut out their handprints and wrote their hopes for the future.

Hopes for the future from our Service users



"Hoping for peace and the end to wars where children are being hurt" -Sheila aged 90

" Hopefully we will live in a better world than today, with peace. The Queen is fantastic, an inspiration and we are blessed to have her, she is doing remarkable." -Maureen aged 79

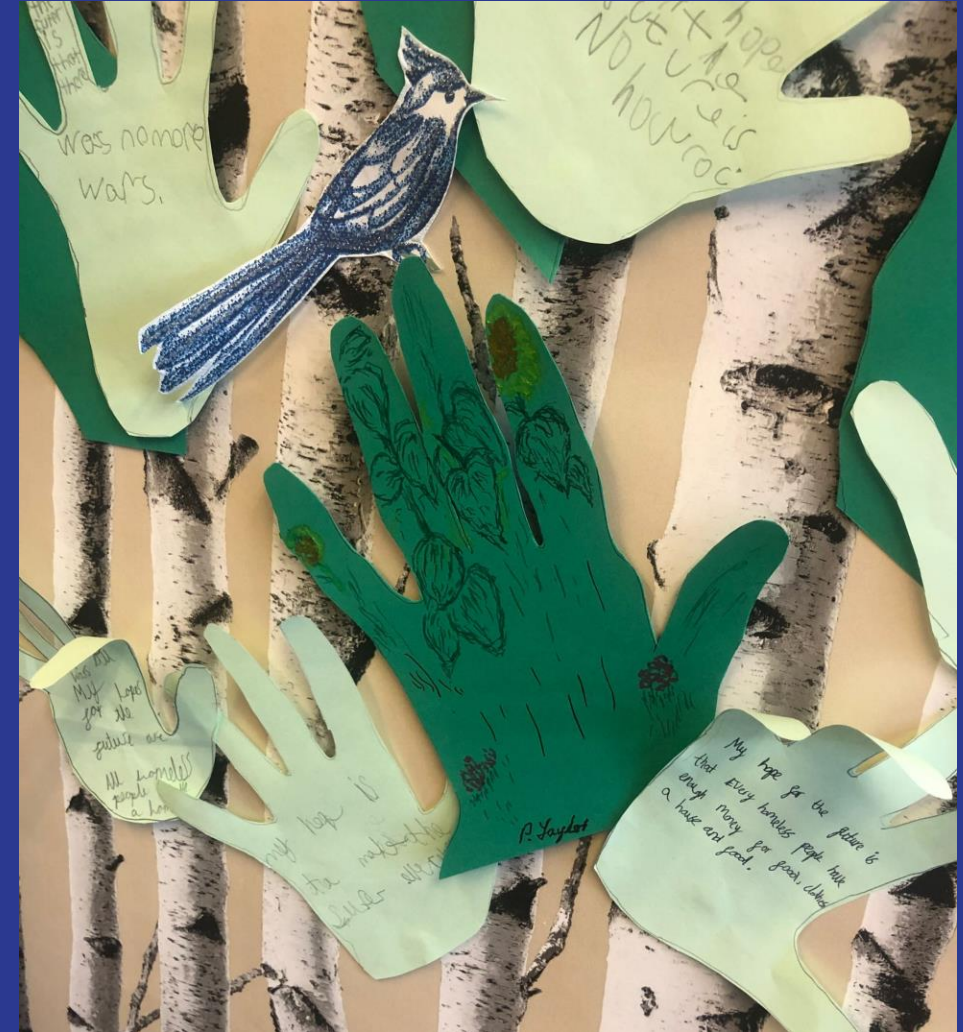
" To quote John Lennon in one of my favourite songs (Imagine) "...all the people living life in peace...no need for greed or hunger... and the world will live as one." -Mary aged 85

Here are some of the **Hopes for the Future** that we had on our Tree of Hope from primary school children.

"My hope for the future is that there was no more wars"

"My hopes for the future are all homeless people have a home"

"My hope for the future is that every homeless people have enough money for good, clothes, a house and food."





The Platinum Jubilee

The Queen has the crown in 53
Since then, she has been a busy bee
When she ascended to the throne
No internet, tv or mobile phone

Our Queen has reigned for 70 years.
There has been happiness and also tears
She has been our head of Royalty
And served us with her loyalty

She has many colours in which to dress
Her appearance will at all times impress.
She cuts the ribbons, opens doors
Her subjects give her much applause.

Her image is on all our cash
On coins and stamps and notes we stash
She recognised wherever she goes
She does not really have to pose

She loves her corgis and her horses
Her beloved husband served the forces
She likes the open countryside
And has a place where she can reside.

As head of state, she plays her part
She opens parliament at the start
Resplendent in her special robes
These are very special cloths

She is Patron of so many things
This is what a badge of office brings
The Duke by her side gave her support
He was very good consort

A horse and carriage was his pleasure
An activity he used to treasure
He helped young lives with his award
Involved in this none would be bored

Bronze, silver, gold helped them achieve
A value to strive for and believe
The very nature of the schemes
Helped youngsters blossom in their teens

Her Majesty in her quiet unassuming way
Does her duty day by day
She shows an interest in what she sees
We are now inspired to plant many trees

Amidst the events in all her time
Big Ben had only once lost chime
When covid hit we all stayed home
A lot of us were left alone

The Commonwealth look up to her
That adds more visits to occur
A warm welcome then awaits
From Presidents and heads of state

As Church of England, She's the head
A role model here is must be said
She participates when duty calls
Her image is on many walls

Maundy money comes around
Coins for poorer pensioners found
Made how icy of silver and of gold
Tradition dating back to days of old

Birthday honours and New Year
The recipients hold very dear
A Knight is dubbed and has to kneel
Her Majesty has a blade of steel

Then there's trooping the colour
The Cenotaph has tributes for the valour
Wreaths are laid and poppies worn
So many families the grief had borne

On Christmas day there is her speech
She is not often out of reach
There was the Annus Hornbills
And hope there's no repeat of this

She was away when her father died
The Duke of Edinburgh by her side
So, she ascended to the throne
Albeit with a sombre tone

For 70 years she's done her best
She really now deserves a rest
We really must congratulate
It is a time to celebrate

Out come the banners and the flags
And many more souvenirs in the bas
Even a very special cake
A challenge out of all who bake.

You have earned respect your Majesty
To miss this would be a travesty
A big thank you from everyone
Even now your work is never done

Written
By Hilary
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The Platinum Pudding

A nationwide baking competition was launched by Buckingham palace to find a brand-new pudding dedicated to HM The Queen as part of the official Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We invited you to share with us any recipes you have for your favourite puddings and any memories you have about this pudding.

Syrup Pudding Recipe from Maureen

It reminds me of me and my mum who made these when we were children, and she was a fantastic cook.

75g Suet
3 Eggs
Golden Syrup
150ml Milk
175g Self-Rising Flour
50g Sugar

1. Measure the syrup in the bottom of the greased pudding basin.
2. Mix the flour, sugar and suet and enough milk to make a soft dough. The pour over the syrup. Cover with greaseproof paper and seal with a foil lid
3. Put in a saucepan with a lid. And fill with water enough to come halfway up the basin. Cook for about 3 hours
4. When cooked turn the pudding upside down on a plate and serve.



pudding by Lamerie [pudding | a proper one, made with suet, it was nicer than it... | Flickr](#)

Jam Roly Poly Recipe from Mary

This was my late husband's favourite and gives me very fond memories when I have it.

225g Self-Raising Flour	Pinch of salt
115g Suet	Milk to glaze
8 tbsp Water	Butter for greasing
4 tbsp Raspberry Jam	
1 tsp Vanilla Extract	
2tbsp Caster Sugar	

1. Preheat oven to 200°C/gas mark 6 and lightly grease a large roasting tin with butter
2. Sift the flour into a bowl, add a pinch of salt, caster sugar, the suet and mix. Add vanilla extract to the water and slowly pour into the mix to form a soft dough that's not sticky (all the liquid may not be needed).
3. Knead dough, then roll on a floured board into a rectangle about 20cm x 30cm. Spread jam evenly across the surface but leaving a border all around the edge
4. Roll up the dough over the jam. Press the edge and ends together gently to seal. Place the roly poly in the buttered roasting tin and brush with milk to glaze.
5. Sprinkle with caster sugar, then place in the centre of the oven and bake for 35-40 minutes until golden brown

Serve with warm custard.



Jam roly-poly & custard by Simon Tunbridge [jam roly-poly & custard | Simon Tunbridge | Flickr](#)



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