

Elizabeth – the girl

Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor was born on 21st April 1926.

The first child of Albert, Duke of York, second son of George V who himself later became King George V1.

She loved animals and was said by Winston Churchill to have, even as a child, 'an enormous sense of responsibility'.



Elizabeth – the young woman

During WW11, the lives of even the Royal Family changed. At the age of 19, Princess Elizabeth joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service as a driver and mechanic.

On 20th November 1947, Elizabeth married Prince Phillip of Greece in Westminster Abbey. She used ration coupons to pay for materials for her wedding day outfit.

Their first child, Charles, was born in 1948, followed by Anne.



Young Queen Elizabeth

In January 1952, Elizabeth's father died. She was just 25.

Her Coronation in June 1953 was televised and millions gathered around TV sets to watch. She said:

'I declare before you all, that my whole life, whether it be long or sort, shall be devoted to your service'.



An Elizabethan Age

The 40th monarch in England.

The epitome of service, dignity and duty.

She had four children,

She has given her assent to more than 4,000 Acts of Parliament. She visited well over 100 countries and was patron of 600 charities.

She also dealt with 15 Prime ministers from Winston Churchill to Liz Truss.





A History-maker

She held a commanding presence in British public life during momentous historic events including:

The end of the British Empire,

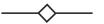
The establishment of the Commonwealth

Man walking on the Moon,

The invention of the internet

The death of Princess Diana

The Covid Pandemic...





'Lillibet'

Known by the nickname Lillibet to close family.

She had 8 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

She owned and adored 30 corgi dogs over the years. In fact, she has been credited with creating the dorgi - a dachshund-corgi mix!

She was also the first monarch to make a cameo with James Bond and have tea with Paddington Bear!



King Charles III

At the moment the Queen died, the throne passed immediately and without ceremony to the heir, Charles, the former Prince of Wales.

To find out more about the Royal Family tree and line of succession, follow this link: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23272491

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Useful Links:

Watch Newsround - CBBC Newsround

- A summary of Queen Eliabeth's life and reign (7 mins)



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1AS-dCdYZbo

- The Queen and James Bond at The 2012 Olympics Opening Ceremony (6.16 mins)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7UfiCa244XE

- Ma'amalade Sandwich Your Majesty – The Queen and Paddington at the Platinum Jubilee (2 mins)