



Remembering Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth



On the sad occasion of the death of the Queen, this timeline looks back at some of the connections between GB and Her Majesty.



1926

Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth was born on 21 April 1926.



1952

When Girls' Life Brigade (GLB) celebrated its jubilee in 1952 with a special rally at the Royal Albert Hall in London the Brigade President Mrs G Hardy sent the Queen a message.

Her private secretary replied saying 'Please convey to the officers and girls of the GLB the sincere thanks of the Queen for their kind message which you have sent from your rally this afternoon. Her Majesty sends her warm congratulations on the completion of 50 years' work by the Brigade and her best wishes for the future.'



1957

Nearly 200 GLB officers and girls paraded with other uniformed youth organisations to welcome the Queen to Hull. A member of 4th Hull presented the Queen with a bouquet.



1947

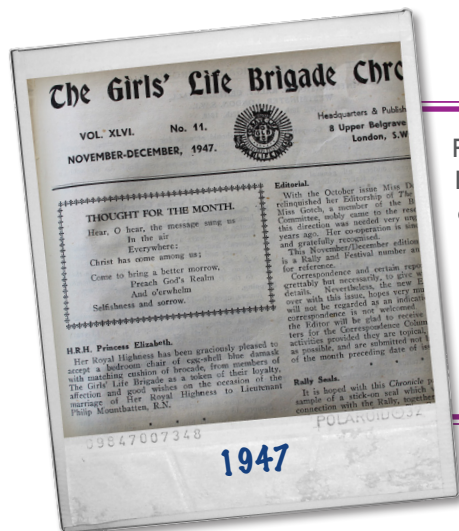
Princess Elizabeth married Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten RN on 20 November 1947. Girls' Life Brigade (which later merged with The Girls' Guildry and The Girls' Brigade [Ireland] to form GB) presented them with a gift of a bedroom chair.



1953

GB's international Queen's Award was started to mark the Queen's coronation in June 1953. Since then hundreds of young women have achieved the award which builds their confidence and inspires them to play their part in GB, the church and the community.

Brigade President Mrs G Hardy sent the Queen an address, part of which said 'Girls and officers of the movement are inspired by Your Majesty's gracious and noble example, and their thoughts will be with Your Majesty on the day of the coronation with prayers that God may indeed give the wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn pledges and onerous duties of sovereign rule.'





In December 1966 Her Majesty the Queen was prevented by illness from opening Brigade House. Instead she promised to visit the joint Boys' Brigade and GB headquarters in London and this visit took place on 22 February 1973.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, spent time with GB members who demonstrated aspects of the GB programme.



The Queen opened the North Herts Leisure Centre and a guard of honour was provided by the local youth organisations including GB.



GB had 250 young people from England, Wales and Scotland (and one very large balloon!) attend a parade to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee. An article in GB magazine *The View* said 'Walking through the crowds was an amazing experience. It was very tiring, yet no-one complained, as there was a sense of really being in the centre of a unique moment in British history.'



Lynn Stoddart from 1st Kenton GB wrote a report for the GB magazine sharing her experiences of celebrating the Queen's 60th birthday in London.

She says 'Five bands and 6,000 children paraded down the Mall to Buckingham Palace and inside the grounds we were waving our daffodils, then a fanfare and loud cheers heralded the Queen, Prince Philip, Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson as they came onto the balcony. After we had sung the special birthday song we made our way to Green Park where we were given a picnic tea, a mug with the Queen's picture, a souvenir medal and a programme.'



GB celebrations to mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee continued from June to December 1977 – from GB floats in processions, parades and camps to coffee mornings, fetes and tree planting.





2006

Two Seniors from 2nd Barnsley, Emily Roberts and Emma Haines, won a GB competition to design a birthday card for the Queen's 80th birthday. A leader and two girls from 1st Kenton presented the card and some flowers to the Queen at Windsor Castle on 21 April 2006.



2006



2016

In 2016, the Queen celebrated her 90th birthday. GB sent her a card featuring GB members, and more than 200 members attended Trooping the Colour. GB also produced a special limited-edition badge to commemorate the special occasion.



2016



2012

For the Queen's Diamond Jubilee around 300 GB members attended Trooping the Colour and had a bird's eye view from the youth area on Horseguards Parade; more than 100 members volunteered at the Diamond Jubilee River Pageant on the River Thames; and 35 members attended a star-studded open-air Diamond Jubilee Concert outside Buckingham Palace.



2012

Locally, groups enjoyed a range of celebrations including mosaic-making, parades and BBQs.

Louisa Sampson, from 1st St Mary Cray, appeared on the cover of *The View* magazine when the Queen spoke to her during a Diamond Jubilee regional tour visit to Bromley.

There was also a Jubilee garden party held during the BB/GB festival Firm Foundations featuring singing, flag waving and a cream tea.



2012



To mark the Queen's 95th birthday GB sent her a card featuring GB members. Sadly, the Queen's birthday fell just a couple of weeks after the death of HRH Prince Philip.



We're saddened to hear of the death of Her Majesty the Queen and our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family at this sad time. We give thanks for the Queen's dedicated and loyal service to her country, and for her strong Christian leadership.



To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee our local groups enjoyed a range of celebrations including church services, parties, learning about the Queen and the royal family, craft, window displays, and making Jubilee gifts.

Members of 7th Brighton, 1st Carshalton Beeches, 1st Hawkwell and 1st Sleaford had the opportunity to represent GB in the youth enclosure for Trooping the Colour.

Two GB members attended a Big Afternoon Tea at 10 Downing Street in honour of the Queen and more than 560 entries were received for our design a card competition to be sent to Her Majesty the Queen on her Platinum Jubilee. Four winners were selected to have their designs made into a Platinum Jubilee card as well as winning a £25 Amazon voucher each.




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