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Our Queen, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



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Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II - Our Royal Experiences.

Introduction by Chairman John Adams & Richard Carter

In the days before our Club meeting on Tuesday 20th September 2022, Her Majesty the Queen had died and her funeral had been the day before with wonderful royal pageantry and all the emotion for a much loved Queen.

Most of our Club Members had lived throughout the Queen's reign and it was decided, by way of an informal Tribute, to invite all those present



to recall their lasting memories of the historic 70 years of her Majesty's reign. This could be for example a Jubilee event, visiting London for a Royal occasion or perhaps meeting a member of the Royal Family. In this Special Issue, the following are some of the

contributions made and some sent in from Members who were unable to attend the meeting."

Richard Carter



When I joined Round Table, the Honorary Patron was His Royal Highness Prince Philip.

He represented the Queen. We lived our lives, but felt proud to know the Monarchy had allowed themselves to be associated with Round Table. The Queen has proved to be a reliable example to us all, someone we have grown to rely on, to lead the morals and dependable guidance we need.

She has shown strength and a great duty to find the correct path through all joyous and low moments. You have been a Great Queen, Ma'am, we will never forget your steadfast dependable Life.

We, as well as Paddington Bear, will miss your lovely smile.....



Chairman John Adams



Over the course of my career, I have been fortunate to meet two members of the Royal Family:

Her Majesty the Queen

Having completed my degree in Hotel and Catering Management, I was successful in my application to join the NHS as a Catering Manager. I was appointed to Stoke Mandeville Hospital, a medium size hospital with an Internationally famous reputation for the treatment of spinal injuries.

At that time, the senior clinician, a Hungarian Jew, Prof Sir Ludwig Guttman who had escaped from Germany in the war was pioneering the use of some sports, particularly archery, swimming and tennis to aid spinal recovery, and he had formed a small sport facility to carry out this work.

The facility was patently too small and underfunded. It was quickly agreed to launch a National Appeal to fund a new sport complex development where a wider range of sport related care could be developed.

When complete, the development was officially opened by Her Majesty, and named Queen Elizabeth Sport Stadium. As the hospital Catering Manager, it was my job to manage and prepare the service of Afternoon Tea to the Queen and all the dignitaries.



HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

When my children were mid-teens, we would occasionally go to watch the Badminton Horse Trials, as we enjoyed being around horses.

One year, we were crouching down by the side of one of the jumps, having a picnic – as you do!

Suddenly I noticed a rather tatty brogue shoe by the side of, then on top of my hand which was supporting my balance.

The shoe quickly retracted from my hand and its owner muffled some form of apology when I looked up to see HRH Prince Philip departing the area!



Richard Dyson
National Councillor Area 23 2020—
Chairman 2012 - 2013



My first special memory is of Coronation Day in 1953. I was 6 coming up 7 and it was the first time that I saw television.

My parents had friends with a TV which was a big box with small screen and of course it was all black and white. My memory, however, is less about the detail of the coronation but about the announcement that day that Everest had been climbed by Hilary and Tensing.



Years later I took my daughter, then maybe 4 or 5, to the Mall to see the rehearsal for the Trooping of the Colour, a less busy day than the day itself. I have photographs of her and remember how enthralled she was by the parade.

Later memories included seeing the Queen in Westminster Abbey where I was a guest at the Maundy Day service. As she left her smile was radiant as she walked out down the aisle acknowledging those present. Finally the last two weeks will undoubtedly leave lasting memories not least the moving commemoration service on Sunday in Romsey Abbey.



Richard Carter
Chairman 2020 - 2021



"... we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again."

~ HRH Queen Elizabeth II ~

Hola!

I am sorry not to be joining today in the tributes. Yesterday here in Spain a group of 7 of us did gather to view the funeral.

My story:

It was Coronation Day in 1953.



A Bournemouth yellow number 7 bus was beginning to enter West Howe Road.

At the same time, and accompanied by my sister, Pauline, I (aged 5), left home to take a coat to my sister, Vera, who was appearing in the local street parade; it was raining!



Vera refused to take the coat but I was not having any of that! No change there then!

I rushed with the coat into the road only to be abruptly stopped by that yellow number 7 bus! My arm was broken and leg injured; I was soon on the way to hospital.

My sister went home and told my mum - Johnnie is dead! She got a clip round the ear for that!

My mum always received a free ride on the yellow buses after that and I made a miraculous recovery. Although it is argued that I've never been the same since!?!

I have seen the Queen a few times at a distance since that incident; however, on those occasions i always make sure that no yellow bus is coming!!

John Kennedy
Chairman 2003 - 2004



My Royal Encounters

As some of you may know I started my Round Table life in Windsor, [Windsor and Eton Round Table 277 \(Area 25\)](#). Some of my favourite memories are when I met both the Queen (at The Royal Windsor Horse Show) and Prince Phillip on numerous occasions.

Firstly, Prince Philip, who supported Round Table on various fund raising events, one of which was at the Farrer Theatre in Eton College



I was Club Chairman, we had a sell out of seats and Prince Phillip was our guest. I recall having to delay the start because HRH was running late!! Upon his arrival I greeted him and welcomed him on behalf of Club. He graciously apologised for being late and his words were along the lines of: "sorry I'm late but the bl***y



traffic on the Relief road...". Having suffered slightly earlier from the same congestion I could only reply "yes sir it is particularly bad this evening ...". He then enquired what we were raising funds for etc etc and so a short conversation followed - Incidentally, this was Round Tables Diamond Anniversary Year!! In the same year Rotary and Round Table collaborated to have a portrait of Prince Phillip painted by a well known artist. Together the Rotary President and myself presented the finished portrait to Prince Phillip in Windsor Guildhall where it now hangs. I also met him at 3 Wind-

sor Rotary lunches the same year as being RT Chair I became an honorary member of Rotary. He was always very interested in what funds were being raised for and always asked the 2nd and 3rd level questions which of course created some very impromptu and interesting responses

Now For The Real Highlight:

Living in Windsor and with Cathie working for Barclays Bank we always attended the Royal Windsor Horse Show of which Barclays were a major sponsor. As a sponsor Barclays had a priority box right next to the Royal Box. The Queen attended most evenings and we were always delighted to be sat very close to the Royal Family. On one occasion Cathie suggested we leave a few minutes before the final 'bit' so we could wave to the Queen. Her Landrover was just outside so we waited within 2 or 3 metres away from the car. When she came out she waved to the crowd and walked to the car - there was no one there to open the door and she stood there!!



Without thinking and instinctively I took the 2or3 steps and opened the door to which she turned and said "thank you so much ..." plus a few other words which I can't recall but what I do recall was her engaging and happy smile!!

I hope this hasn't bored you. For me they are personal, fond and happy memories of my time in Windsor Round Table and of our Monarchy.

God Bless the Queen

God save the King

Yours in Continued Friendship

Paul Chappell



I met the Queen on a memorable occasion in 1983 when my then employer, the Ryvita Company, had been awarded the Queen's Award for Exports for the second time.

We were invited, along with a number of other companies to Buckingham Palace to meet the Queen and other dignitaries. After being presented in line to the Queen we were ushered into another large room where I met Prince Charles, and talked to him about horseracing as he was competing in some Amateur National Hunt racing at the time, the Duke of Gloucester, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Secretary of State for Industry, Keith Joseph. Margaret Thatcher was giving the Johnnie Walker "chaps" a mild bollocking for taking their Black Label off the market.

We had been tipped off by our MD, who had been to one of these events a couple of years earlier, that after everyone had been presented, the Queen made her way into an adjoining large room so we made our way there.

There were only six of us standing there in a group talking (the others were from Capper Neil), when Her Majesty came over to us. She asked who we were, and when I said we were from Ryvita, her response was, "Ah, Ryvita...scrunch scrunch!". We talked for a few minutes but I cannot remember what about, and then she just moved off to meet some other people who had followed us.

My abiding impression was how tiny she was, and how totally at ease she made one feel.



Best wishes
David Darts



My Royal Encounters

My memories were of the Queen's Golden Jubilee when the Queen gave 2 concerts in the gardens at Buckingham Palace. The first was on Saturday, 1st June 2002, being a Prom at the Palace which featured the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus whilst the second was a Party at the Palace which featured Elton John, Eric Clapton, Paul McCartney and Phil Collins and was on Bank Holiday Monday 3rd June. The recipients of the 24,000 tickets for the 2 concerts were chosen by ballot and my son, Mark, was lucky to win 2 tickets to the Prom at the Palace. He chose to take Delia along with him.

Each guest was given a picnic hamper, which I was able to show (empty!) to members at the Club meeting, which included a Golden Jubilee Chicken salad, smoked salmon roulades plus strawberries and cream. Other goodies were Cadbury's chocolates, Walker's shortbread with a half-bottle of Lanson Champagne each to help celebrate the occasion. Photos taken show guests sitting on the grass in the sunshine.

After lunch they all moved to the tiered seating for the Prom concert which included performances from Dame Kiri Te Kanawa. The BBC Symphony Orchestra was conducted by Sir Andrew Davis concert and the day ended with a spectacular display of fireworks over the Palace Lakes.

YICF

Gerald Carter

Chairman 1998 - 1999



Colin Read's memory of times past with her Majesty

The Coronation, June 1953, Hilary & Tensing conquering Mt Everest.

Parents took me to the cinema to see this conquest only for great disappointment that it was just a colour slide show and not moving pictures as the Coronation had been.

1966, living in a bank Flat opposite what is now Saxon Square in Christchurch, then the civic Offices; all local dignitaries lined up to meet the Queen who had come to celebrate an occasion at the Priory. We had a great view of her and all the presentations. Many £s spent on upgrading the loo to meet her needs.

A few years ago, she flew into Kings Park in "her" beautiful burgandy coloured helicopter. My Rotary Club was invited to provide some marshalls as she walked from such to get into her car, and I was priveleged to see her walking past as she smiled, her now famous smile, to all of us as she past by.

Colin Read

Chairman 1997 - 1998



Good afternoon, I'm just sending a precis of a few memories:

1. As a guest of Her Majesty at her Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, She was talking to a lady just a few feet from me, and the lady suddenly screamed and threw something in the air whilst talking to the Queen: but her Majesty laughed! You are not allowed to switch your phone on in the grounds, but this lady's phone went off!, she panicked- I am glad she didn't answer her phone!

2. At another time, just a few years ago, we were invited again to a Garden Party.

Suzi had her Mayoress' chains on, as did the Mayor of Poole. The Duke approached us and asked who we were- he remarked that we were like the chain gang- and asked who cleaned the gold chains !

3. I was a Special Constable, and required for duty at the Queens opening of Poole Hospital. At that time I was playing Romeo at Brownsea Island's 'Romeo and Juliet'.

I had a (long?) hairstyle ti match.

At the parade of all the constabulary I was called out to report to the Superintendent!

Special Constable 256- You are dismissed duty- Your .hair is too long for a Queen!

4. I then recounted the friend of mine who was a Police Commander retiring, then buying a new suit, went to Balmoral to be wished the best by the queen.

When he left the Gents to meet the Queen he had trouble with his buttons, and rather than keep the Queen waiting went to meet her, forgetting to wash his hands!

5 The story about the Port Talbot ex Mayor being asked to prepare to allow Her Majesty to use his facilities when the queen was travelling from Cardiff to Swansea.

The Special Branch changed the WC, but then changed back to his old WC even though HM didnt visit him!



Sincerely,
Best Wishes,
John Adams
Chairman 2022 2023



Back in the 1980's Simon Mayo was on radio 1 when he actioned off 6 pairs of tickets to Michael Jackson at Wembley Stadium for the princes trust ,Helen and I managed to win a pair ,so we set off to Wembley and was directed into the main entrance with our VIP tickets many stars were there Frank Bruno, Kevin Whately from Morse.

We were then ushered up stairs towards the Royal Box when Michael Jackson and Prince Charles came along and Prince Charles was handed a cheque from Michael for the Princes Trust.

We thought that was it when Prince Charles walked along the line and stopped in front of us and asked why we were there, both taken aback I just said we had won a competition he then had a great time and walked off .

Our meeting with our new King Charles the third

Regards

Richard and Helen Blackiston







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