



QUEEN ELIZABETH II

1926 - 2022

Interesting facts:

About 1,900 elite UK lawyers and hundreds of others in Commonwealth countries who held the rank of "Queen's Counsel" became "King's Counsel" when Queen Elizabeth died.

Re stamps: Royal mail says 'Unused stamps that have already been issued remain valid for use. These include Definitive stamps (those that show the Queen Elizabeth's head against a plain background) and Special Stamps. As previously announced, following the introduction of barcodes to everyday stamps, these stamps remain valid until the end of January 2023.'

I didn't think I could publish this issue without mentioning Queen Elizabeth II. There are so very many things that have already been said, and I don't want to repeat these, but I thought maybe a simple timeline through her life history.

21 April 1926: Princess Elizabeth born to the Duke and Duchess of York

11 December 1936: Princess Elizabeth becomes the heir presumptive after her father takes the throne upon the abdication of her uncle, Edward VIII.

20 November 1947: Marries Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten (born Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark)

14 November 1948: Princess Elizabeth gives birth to her first child – a son and future king, Prince Charles. Now King Charles III

6 February 1952: George VI dies aged 56 and Princess Elizabeth becomes queen while in Kenya on a Commonwealth tour

1977: The Queen celebrates her Silver Jubilee, marking 25 years on the throne

29 July 1981: Prince Charles marries Lady Diana Frances Spencer

21 June 1982: The Prince of Wales' eldest son Prince William is born.

8 August 1996: Prince Charles and Princess Diana's divorce is finalised.

31 August 1997: Princess Diana dies after a car crash

2002: The Queen's Golden Jubilee

9 April 2005: Prince Charles marries Camilla Parker-Bowles

2012: The Queen celebrates her Diamond Jubilee.

9 September 2015: The Queen becomes the longest-reigning monarch in British history

9 April 2021: Prince Philip dies aged 99.

2022: The Queen marks 70 years on the throne in her Platinum Jubilee anniversary year.

8 September 2022: Buckingham Palace announces the Queen's death

Sources Royal Mail: BBC News: Reuters: INews