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October 2022



President's Message

Summer has flown by and the last couple of days have brought that reality home in spades. Cold and wet weather are here again, and soon our snowbirds will be looking forward to their trips to southern climates.

On Friday October 7th we will have a bit of a BBQ to say goodbye to the summer months and get ready for what Old Man Winter has planned for the area.

I am pleased to let you know that Bev Stephenson will serve as Silver Cross Lady for this year's Remembrance Day Service on November 11th. We are also excited that it appears that a full parade will be in order this year.

On November 5th we will have a Remembrance Dinner at the Legion. Details will be forthcoming at the Branch.

The fall and early winter are shaping up to be very busy at the Legion and looking ahead we will be planning for a return to the Christmas meat draw on Saturday December 17th.

take care, and continue to stay safe
Rob



PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ladies Auxiliary



Happy fall everyone! The L.A. has been extremely busy in the last few weeks and it doesn't seem to be slowing down . Thank you to all of the ladies that continue to put in the long hours that are necessary to make things run smoothly. Please keep November 5 open as we will need all of your help for the Remembrance Day dinner. It's exciting to be able to hold both the dinner and chilli this year after a 2 year break .

L.A. Sports started up in September and we had a great turnout, there are several more events planned in the near future.

We continue to hold our General Meeting on the third Thursday of every month at 7 pm and it is lovely to see so many of you there.

The Auxiliary lost long time member Donna Spencer this summer, we will all miss her greatly.

Bracebridge Legion will host the fall zone meeting again this year. It is held the last Sunday in October, all are welcome to attend.

I look forward to seeing you all in the coming months.

Yours in comradeship
Sue
LA President

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EDITOR'S DESK

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. As we move into Fall and the leaves change colour I am grateful for a cooler and colourful new season, I am not so sure I am looking forward to winter though!



With the passing of Queen Elizabeth II I liked the idea of paying tribute to her wartime efforts.

I hope you will enjoy reading about them



In comradeship
Sue

A Princess At War: Queen Elizabeth II During World War II

During the Second World War, life changed dramatically for the people of Britain, including the Royal Family.



Princess Elizabeth, pictured in her ATS uniform, April 1945.

Image from the Imperial War Museum collection.

On September 13, 1940, shortly after the start of Germany's bombing campaign on the towns and cities of Britain, five high explosive bombs were dropped on Buckingham Palace. The Royal Chapel, inner quadrangle and Palace gates were hit, and several workmen were injured.

Rather than flee the city under attack, King George VI and his wife Queen Elizabeth, remained at Buckingham Palace in solidarity with those living through the Blitz. This was a highly symbolic decision and received much attention in the press. The royal couple visited areas of



London which had been devastated by air raids, speaking to residents and members of the local emergency services. The Queen took a keen interest in what was being done to help people who had lost their homes. After Buckingham Palace was bombed, she is reported to have said:

'I am glad we have been bombed. Now we can look the East End in the eye.'

Princess Elizabeth was just 13 years old when war broke out on September 3, 1939. Like many children living in London, Elizabeth and her sister Princess Margaret were evacuated to avoid the dangers of bombing raids. They were sent to Windsor Castle, approximately 20 miles outside of London. The young princesses were two of over three million people—mainly children—who left cities for the safety of small towns and the countryside over the course of the war. The government's Children's Overseas Reception Board also evacuated over 2,600 children to Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, and the United States. On October 13, 1940, in response to this mass movement of people, Princess Elizabeth gave her first address from the drawing room of Windsor Castle as part of the BBC's *Children's Hour* in an attempt to boost public morale. She spoke directly to the children who had been separated from their families as part of the evacuation scheme.



“Thousands of you in this country have had to leave your homes and be separated from your fathers and mothers. My sister Margaret Rose and I feel so much for you, as we know from experience what it means to be away from those you love most of all. To you living in new surroundings, we send a message of true sympathy and at the same time we would like to thank the

kind people who have welcomed you to their homes in the country.”

Public responses to this broadcast varied. Interviewers from the social research project Mass Observation took to the streets to ask people what they thought in an effort to gauge the reaction of the British public. Out of 57 people surveyed, 38 had heard the broadcast. More than 20 people positively commented how “charming,” “sweet,” “beautiful,” or “lovely” Princess Elizabeth sounded, but also that she spoke “very clearly,” was “wonderful,” and “did very well.” Most people assumed that the speech had been written for her and suggested it was “propaganda” or “a way to ‘keep the population quiet.’” However, several newspapers reported positively on the speech and included a photograph of the two princesses at the microphone.

As the war progressed, Princess Elizabeth championed more aspects of wartime life and resilience. In 1943, she was photographed tending her allotments at Windsor Castle as part of the government’s “Dig for Victory” campaign, in which people were urged to use gardens and every spare piece of land to grow vegetables to help combat food shortages. Before the Second World War, Britain had relied on food imports from across the world, but when the war started, shipping was threatened by enemy submarines and warships. This resulted in food shortages and led to rationing of foods such as meat, butter cheese, eggs, and sugar.



On the morning of her sixteenth birthday, Princess Elizabeth undertook her first inspection of a military regiment during a parade at Windsor Castle. She had been given the role of honorary colonel of the Grenadier Guards, which symbolized her military involvement in the war effort. When Princess Elizabeth turned 18 in 1944, she insisted upon joining the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS), the women’s branch of the British Army. For

several years during the war, Britain had conscripted women to join the war effort. Unmarried women under 30 had to join the armed forces or work on the land or in industry. King George



made sure that his daughter was not given a special rank in the Army. She started as a second subaltern in the ATS and was later promoted to Junior Commander, the equivalent of Captain.

Princess Elizabeth (leaning over the vehicle) shows her father the King and Princess Margaret her work on a car engine. Image from the Imperial War Museum

Princess Elizabeth began her training as a mechanic in March 1945. She undertook a driving and vehicle maintenance course at Aldershot, qualifying on April 14. Newspapers at the time dubbed her “Princess

Auto Mechanic.” There were a wide range of jobs available to female soldiers in the ATS as cooks, telephonists, drivers, postal workers, searchlight operators, and ammunition inspectors. Some women served as part of anti-aircraft units, although they were not allowed to fire the guns. The jobs were dangerous, and during the course of the war, 335 ATS women were killed and many more injured. By June 1945, there were around 200,000 members of the ATS from across the British Empire serving on the home front and in many overseas theaters of war.

While Princess Elizabeth spent the majority of her days at the training facility, it was close enough to Windsor Castle that the princess would return there each evening rather than sleep at the camp with her fellow ATS members. The King and Queen and Princess Margaret visited Princess Elizabeth at the Mechanical Transport Training Section in Camberley, Surrey, and watched her learn about engine maintenance. When describing the visit to *LIFE Magazine*, the Princess commented “I never knew there was quite so much advance preparation [for a royal visit] ...I’ll know another time.”

As part of her ATS training, Princess Elizabeth underwent a course in driving instruction. Image from the Imperial War Museum



On May 8, 1945, the war in Europe *ended*. In London, thousands of people took to the streets to celebrate, flooding Trafalgar Square and the Mall leading up to Buckingham Palace where the King and Queen greeted them from the balcony. As the light began to fade and the celebrations looked to continue into the night, Princess Elizabeth, dressed in her ATS uniform, slipped into the crowds with her sister to enjoy the festivities. In 1985, the now Queen spoke to the BBC about how she tried to avoid being spotted, “I remember we were terrified of being recognized so I pulled my uniform cap well down over my eyes.” She described the “lines of unknown people linking arms and walking down Whitehall, and all of us were swept along by tides of happiness and relief.” There are even reports that the princesses joined a conga dance through the Ritz Hotel as they celebrated with the crowds. “I think it was one of the most memorable nights of my life.” she recalled.



Celebrating V-E Day on the balcony of Buckingham Palace are (L-R), Princess Elizabeth, Queen Elizabeth, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, His Majesty King George VI, and Princess Margaret. Image from the Imperial War Museum collection, MH 21835.

Queen Elizabeth was colonel-in-chief of 16 British Army regiments and corps, and many Commonwealth units. As a member of the ATS, she was the first female of the Royal family to be an active duty member of the British Armed Forces. The Queen was also the last surviving head of state to have served during the Second World War. In her 90s, she was often pictured behind the wheel and has been known to diagnose and repair faulty engines just as she was taught to do during her wartime service in the ATS.

“The ability to speak several languages is an asset but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless”

When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

YOUTH EDUCATION

After a long episode of Covid we are beginning another year of the Poster, Poem and Essays Program sponsored by the Ontario command and the Legion Branches.

The schools will still have some Covid rules for Shirley and I but that is to be expected.

October 4th is the day for us to see the schools and give them a special package of information about the program. The judging date for the program will be November 26th. If the schools want a pick up please contact Nancy Phillips or Shirley Martin. The phone numbers and email addresses will be given to the schools.



Remember our fallen comrades and those who are still fighting.
We will remember them.

Youth Education chair
Yours in Comradship
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Please find a list of new members/transfer in members since our last Dufflebag. Gordon MacKay, an Associate Member, Sherry Maxwell as an Affiliate Voting Member, Peter Edwards as an Associate Member, Gail MacNicol as an Associate Member, Rhona Morgan, as an Associate Member, Greg Geen as an Associate Member and Mardi Bourgard as an Associate Member.

The following have transferred their memberships to Branch 63. Darrell Weir, an Ordinary Member from Branch 442 Erin, Shawn Ankenmann, an Associate Member from Branch 333 Flesherton, Dana Davidson an Affiliate Voting from Branch 013, Scarborough and Barbara Dukic an Affiliate Voting from Branch 013 Scarborough.

Please extend a big welcome to the new and transferred members to Branch 63, Collingwood. We look forward to seeing them in the Branch.

2023 Renewals are now available in the Branch. Members can come into the Branch to renew using cash or a cheque. You can also go online and renew your membership using a credit card. This also represents an excellent opportunity to review your address/telephone/email on your membership profile and add or amend, if necessary.

If your membership has lapsed and you wish to know how to renew, please know that you have several options. You can pay for past service which will retain your years service or you can just pay the upcoming renewal year. This option will result in a new membership card being produced as you will lose any past years service. If you did not pay the last year dues please be aware that a renewal sticker will not be available but will have to be ordered for you, which will take a few weeks. Please ensure you leave a telephone number so that I can advise you when the sticker arrives.

If you have any questions on membership, please do not hesitate to contact me at membership@collingwood.ca.

Yours, in Comradeship,
Pat Graham

You don't have to be a Veteran to join the Legion!



When you join the Legion, you support the many services we offer to Veterans, serving military, RCMP members, and their families.

POPPY REPORT



The 2022 Poppy Campaign officially kicks off on Friday October 28. We will be canvassing our community for donations towards the Poppy Trust Fund, which helps Veterans and their families who are in need of support. There will be Poppy trays out at many local businesses and we will once again have taggers out in the community for the first time since pre-Covid.

Halfway through the campaign, the Branch is excited to hold a Remembrance Dinner on Saturday Nov 5, 2022. Tickets will be available at the bar.

The campaign will continue on until Remembrance Day and all are welcome to attend the Collingwood Cenotaph on November 11th at 11am for our

Remembrance Day ceremony.

After the service, we welcome all to come back to the Branch for a bowl of chili and some comradery.

Regards,
Hans Muller and Jamie Berman

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Yours in Comradeship
Hans Muller and Jamie Berman,
Co-Chairs of the 2022 Poppy Campaign

SICK AND VISITING

Over the summer months I sent a sympathy cards to the following comrades. To Bernie Genier in the loss of his wife Linda, to Tim Thompson in the loss of his father Mitch, to the family of Donna Spencer in the loss of their mother, to Sue and Han's Muller, and Jamie and Steve Bergman in the loss of Sue,s mother and Jamie's grandmother, and finally to Kim Raymor in the passing of her husband Dave.



Well the fall colors will soon arrive and we will be into the WHITE fallings soon, burr what a horrible thought. Should anyone need any help with visiting or the "Shut-ins" or just an ear kindly call me or leave word at the Legion and I WILL get back to you. Stay safe and take care until next time

Yours In Good Health and Comradeship
Ruby Klinck
Sick and Visiting Chair

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RETARDED GRANDPARENTS - (this was actually reported by a teacher)

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following: We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Batemans Bay where everyone lives in nice little houses, and so they don't have to mow the grass anymore!

They ride around on their bicycles and scooters and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wreck centre, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now. They do exercises there, but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with hats on. At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf carts! Nobody there cooks, they just eat out and, they eat the same thing every night --- early birds. Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked centre for pot luck. My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren. PRICELESS!

LAST POST

DAVID RAYNER



Dave passed away suddenly at home on September 5, 2022 with the remote in his hand and watching a sporting event. He was predeceased by his parents, Lillian and Henry Rayner and his first wife, Peggy. He leaves behind his wife Kim, his sons Steven and Doug, his daughter Sarah and his many grandchildren. He also leaves his brothers Larry and Robert and his sister Sondra.

Dave was a member of the City of Brampton Fire Service and was active in Junior Hockey. Dave was an associate member of Branch 63 for over 22 years. He was a very active Legion member who always had time for anyone. He will be deeply missed.

MITCHELL THOMPSON



Mitch passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital in his 90th year.

He is reunited with his beloved wife Mary Louise. Survived by his daughter Michelle(Dave) Gardiner and son Tim Thompson (Brenda Scotney). Mitch will be missed by all who knew him and especially by his friends at Branch 63.

LAST POST

DONNA SPENCER

Donna passed away on July 29, 2022 in Canobie, New Brunswick. Predeceased by her husband, Gord and her children Heather and Brett and brothers John and Richard. She is survived by her children, Bruce Francis(Joanne) and Kelly Wiggins(late Harold) both of Wasaga Beach and Brenda Borland (Ralph) of Canobie. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and one great, great granddaughter.



Donna was a life member of Branch 63 Ladies Auxiliary and a long time member of the Branch. Donna ran the ladies sport program for a number of years and often could be found in the canteen during bingo providing homemade selections. Many of us have quilted items that we still use that Donna made.

Donna moved to live with her daughter in Canobie several years ago, after Gord passed away. Many will remember Gord from behind the bar. Donna will be deeply missed by all her knew her and by all of us at Branch 63.

WILLIAM MURRAY

Bill Murray passed away on August 8, 2022 at the age of 99. He was predeceased by his wife Irene (2020) He is survived by his daughter Olive Irene (Mardi) Bourgard and son William George. Treasured Grandfather of Dane-Ryan (Lisa) and Jayden-Lee (Stephanie) and great grandfather to Kaebren, Tanner and Landon.

Bill joined the Governor Generals #39s Horse Guards in 1938 at the age of 15 and served until 1945 in England, North Africa, Italy , Belgium, the Netherlands and returned to Canada at the end of the war. After returning home, Bill joined the OPP in 1945 and retired as Staff Superintendent in 1978.

Bill joined Branch 63 in 1985 as an Ordinary Member. He was a proud member of the Legion and up to a few years ago participated in the Remembrance Day Parade. He will be missed by all who knew him and all of us at the Legion.

TRIVIA ROYAL FAMILY QUIZ

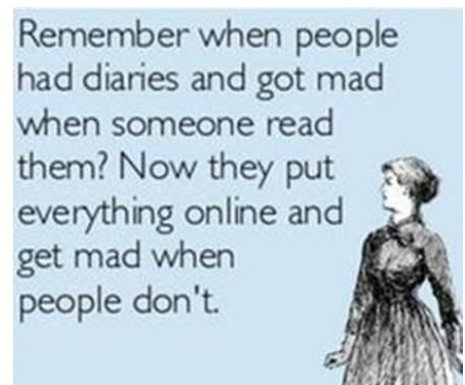
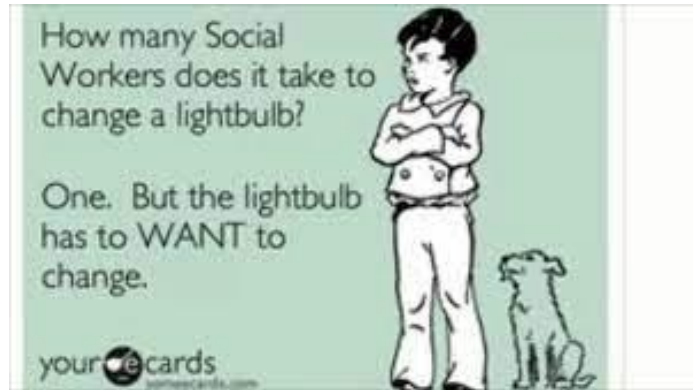
1. What are the names of Prince Charles' five grandchildren?
2. Who is Britain's longest reigning monarch?
3. What are the Queen's two middle names? a. Alice Louise b. Victoria Jane, c. Alexandra Mary d. Anne Victoria
4. Which British Princess had a baby named Sienna Elizabeth last year?
5. What is the name of Harry and Meghan's non-profit charitable foundation?
6. Who played Princess Diana recently in a movie titled *Spencer*, Diana's maiden name?
7. How old was Prince Philip at the time of his death?
8. Which King became the first English monarch to voluntarily abdicate the throne?
9. In which country was Prince Philip born?
10. How old was the Queen at the time of her coronation?
11. Princess Anne and her daughter, Zara Tindall, have both competed in the Olympics in which sport?
12. What was the name of the Queen's sister, recently played by Helena Bonham Carter on Netflix's *The Crown*?
13. In 1998, Sarah Ferguson made a cameo appearance in which popular TV series?
14. Where do the Royal Family traditionally spend Christmas?
15. What flower do all royal brides have in their bouquet?
16. Which royal bride had the most searched for wedding dress?

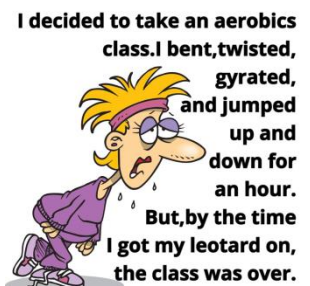


17. Who designed Kate Middleton's wedding dress?
18. True or false: the Queen weighs her guests when they arrive and leave at Christmas?
19. What is the name of Prince Charles' official residence?
20. According to the couple, what were Harry and Meghan doing when he proposed?
21. Name the Queen's children from oldest to youngest
22. How long had the Queen and Prince Philip been married at the time of his death?
23. Before she married Prince Harry, Meghan Markle was a successful actor and blogger. What was the name of her blog?
24. What football team do Prince William and Prince George support?
25. Prince William and Duchess Kate met at university. What subjects did they study respectively?
26. Which royal chapel did both Prince Harry and Meghan Markle and Princess Eugenie and Jack Brooksbank get married in back in 2018?
27. Which hobby did Prince Philip inspire his granddaughter Lady Louise Windsor to take up?
28. Who did Kate Middleton's engagement ring once belong to?
29. What school do Prince George and Princess Charlotte attend?
30. **True or False:** Zara Tindall gave birth to her son Lucas on the bathroom floor at her Gatcombe Park home?
31. How many great-grandchildren does the Queen have?
32. What was the birth name of the Queen's father, King George VI?
33. **True or false:** the Queen is the only person in the UK who doesn't need a driving licence to drive?
34. Which boarding school did Prince Philip and Prince Charles both attend?
35. What is the Scottish residence the Queen traditionally visits every summer?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. George, Charlotte, Louis, Archie and Lilibet
2. Queen Elizabeth II
3. Alexandra Mary
4. Princess Beatrice
5. Archewell
6. Kristen Stewart
7. 99
8. Edward VIII
9. Greece
10. Equestrian
11. 27
12. Princess Margaret
13. Friends
14. Sandringham, Norfolk
15. Myrtle
16. Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex - Meghan Markle's wedding dress was found to be the most popular of the last decade, according to new research.
17. Sarah Burton at Alexander McQueen
18. True— the Queen weighs her guests as part of a tradition that dates back to King Edward VII
19. Clarence House
20. Cooking a roast chicken
21. Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward
22. 73 years
23. The Tig
24. Aston Villa
25. Geography and History of Art
26. Princess Diana
27. St George's Chapel
28. Carriage driving
29. Thomas's Battersea
30. True
31. Twelve - Savannah, Isla, George, Charlotte, Louis, Archie, Lilibet, Sienna, Mia, Lena, Lucas and August
32. Albert
33. True
34. Gordonstoun
35. Balmoral Castle





RIDDLES

Riddle: Why is Europe like a frying pan?
Answer: Because it has Greece at the bottom.

Riddle: Why did Tigger go to the bathroom?
Answer: He wanted to find his friend, Pooh!

Riddle: What do you call two witches who live together?

Answer: Broommates!

Riddle: I can be cracked, I can be made. I can be told, I can be played. What am I?

Answer: A Joke!

Riddle: What did the baseball glove say to the ball?

Answer: Catch you later.

Riddle: When is a doctor most annoyed?

Answer: When he is out of patients.

Riddle: Which part of a road do Ghost's love to travel the most?

Answer: The Dead End.

Riddle: When is it bad luck to see a black cat?

Answer: When you are a mouse.

Riddle: What does a snowman like to eat for breakfast?

Answer: Frosted Flakes.

Riddle: Why did Snap, Crackle and Pop get scared?

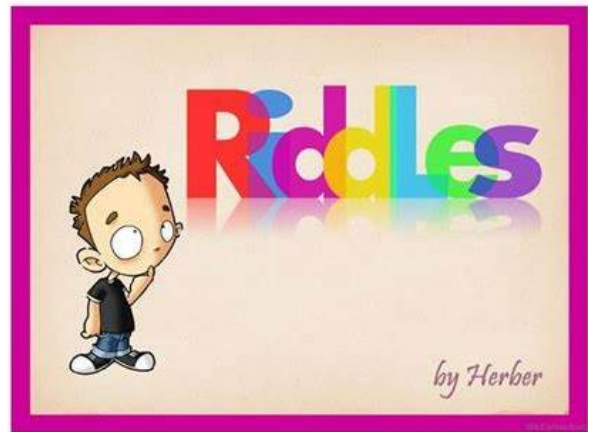
Answer: They heard there was a cereal killer on the loose.

Riddle: Who is never hungry during Christmas?

Answer: The turkey because he is always stuffed.

Riddle: Why was the broom late?

Answer: It overswept.



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A woman in a supermarket is following a Grandfather and his badly-behaved Grandson. He has his hands full with the child screaming for sweets, biscuits, all sorts of things. The Granddad is saying in a controlled voice: "Easy, William, we won't be long . . . easy boy."

Another outburst and she hears the Granddad calmly say : "It's okay William. Just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy."

At the checkout the little horror is throwing items out of the trolley. Granddad says again in a controlled voice : "William, William, relax buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes, stay cool William."

Very impressed, she goes outside to where the Grandfather is loading his groceries and the boy into the car.

She says : "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be okay.

William is very lucky to have you as his Granddad."

"Thanks," says the grandpa. "But I am William. The little bastard's name is Kevin."



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WEB PAGE REPORT

Our web page is still out there. (collingwoodlegion.ca) . The current issue of *The Dufflebag* and the past issues are on the site along with some Branch history and pictures. We are planning to have up to 6 past *Dufflebags* on the web page so you will be able to enjoy past issues that you may have missed. As always, any ideas or contributions are always welcomed.

Pat Graham
Web Page Coordinator



Did I read that sign right?

In an office:

After tea break staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board

Outside a second hand shop:

We exchange anything - bicycles, washing machines, etc. why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain?

SICK AND VISITING LADIES AUXILIARY

One of our members Donna Spencer passed away
Condolences to her family.

Sympathy cards were sent to Sue Muller and Bev
Stephenson on the passing of their mother Florence
Brown.

Hope everyone is well
Yours in Comradeship
Sharon Helmer
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HISTORY

Queen Elizabeth II, who ruled the United Kingdom for seven decades, was such a longstanding institution that it's easy to forget she wasn't supposed to have become queen at all.

Born in 1926, Elizabeth was the daughter of King George V's second son, and had little expectation of succeeding to the throne until her uncle, King Edward VIII, abdicated in 1936 to marry the divorced American socialite Wallis Simpson. After the death of her father, King George VI, 25-year-old Elizabeth was called upon to assume the throne, beginning a momentous reign. In February 2022, the United Kingdom staged a series of celebrations for the queen's Platinum Jubilee—marking 70 years of her service to the British Commonwealth.

Queen Elizabeth II, who died at age 96, proved consistent and enduring. In April 2021, she lost her husband of 73 years, Prince Phillip, when he died at age 99. In February 2022, the Queen contracted the coronavirus, which she later said left her "very tired and exhausted." She installed her 15th prime minister, Liz Truss, just two days before her death.

1. Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation - June 2, 1953



Queen Elizabeth II after her coronation ceremony in Westminster Abbey, London

Held at Westminster Abbey, Elizabeth's coronation ceremony was the first to be broadcast live on television. Some 27 million people in the United Kingdom (out of a total population of 36 million) watched the ceremony, and 11 million more listened on the radio. Afterward, some 3 million people lined the route as the queen and her entourage made their slow procession back to Buckingham Palace.

2. First State Visit to West Germany - 1965



Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip drive in an open off-road vehicle of the British Military Police on the occasion of a parade of British troops over the Maifeld at the Olympic Stadium, in Berlin, on May 27, 1965.

In the midst of a decade marked by social and political changes, the queen kept to a busy schedule of diplomatic duties, including a 10-day visit to the Federal Republic of Germany (or West Germany) that

was the first official visit there by a British royal since 1913. Her visit marked the 20-year anniversary of the end of World War II, helping to symbolize the reconciliation between the two countries and recognize Germany's re emergence as a power in Europe and on the world stage.

3. Mining Disaster in Wales - 1966



On October 21, 1966, an avalanche of mud, water and debris from a coal mine buried an elementary school in the South Wales village of Aberfan, killing 116 children and 28 adults. Though Prince Philip arrived in Aberfan a day after the disaster, the queen herself delayed her visit for over a week, fearing her presence would distract from rescue and recovery efforts. Some

of those close to Elizabeth—including her former private secretary, Lord Charteris—have said she regretted the decision not to visit Aberfan sooner.

4. First 'Walkabout' - 1970



Queen Elizabeth II visits the Town Hall in Sydney with Emmet McDermott, Lord Mayor of Sydney, during her tour of Australia, May 1970.

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During a royal tour of Australia and New Zealand with Philip and Princess Anne in 1970, Elizabeth bucked centuries of royal tradition when she took a casual stroll to greet crowds of people in person, rather than wave to them from a protected distance. Now a regular practice for British royals both abroad and at home, the first “walkabout” in Sydney was proposed by Sir William Heseltine, an Australian who served as the queen’s private secretary and was the driving force behind a 1969 TV documentary featuring the royal family, which attracted a global audience of some 40 million people.



5. Silver Jubilee - 1977

Queen Elizabeth II, with Lord Mayor of London, after Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's Cathedral as part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations, June 7, 1977.

On June 7, Elizabeth and Philip rode in the Gold State Coach from Buckingham Palace to St. Paul’s Cathedral **to officially**

celebrate her 25th year on the throne. Wearing a bright pink outfit, including a hat decked out with 25 fabric bells, the queen repeated her long-ago pledge to devote her life to service, saying that "Although that vow was made in my salad days when I was green in judgement, I do not regret nor retract one word of it."

6. Prince Charles' Wedding to Lady Diana Spencer - 1981



The Prince and Princess of Wales with their families at Buckingham Palace after their marriage at Westminster Abbey, 1981.

On July 29, 1981, an estimated 750 million people in 74 countries around the world tuned in to watch Prince Charles, Elizabeth's eldest son, marry Lady Diana Spencer, at St. Paul's

Cathedral. The romance between the heir to the British throne and the young "Shy Di" had attracted massive media attention, and their lavish nuptials were considered the "wedding of the century." But while Diana earned the adoration of the public, her marriage to Charles (and her relationship with the royal family) was troubled from the beginning.

7. Visit to China - 1986



Queen Elizabeth II viewing some of the Terracotta Army soldier statues at the Qin Shi Huang's Museum Of The Terra-cotta Warriors And Horses, Shaanxi Province, during a state visit to the People's Republic Of China, 1986.

In late 1984, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government agreed to return sovereignty over Hong Kong to China

beginning July 1, 1997. In 1986, Elizabeth became the first British monarch to visit the Chinese mainland, touring the terracotta warriors in Xi'an, the Great Wall in Beijing and other sites. For the press, the diplomatic importance of the queen's visit was

outweighed by her husband's characteristic (and sometimes racist) gaffes: Philip called Beijing "ghastly" and told a group of British students they would get "slitty eyes" if they stayed in China too long.

8. 'Annus Horribilis' - 1992

Charles and Diana's marriage continued to deteriorate, and in 1992 they announced their decision to separate. Prince Andrew, the queen's second son, and his wife, Sarah Ferguson, also separated, while Anne divorced her husband, Mark Phillips. Late that year, a fire broke out in Windsor Castle, destroying more than 100 rooms. In a speech delivered to mark the 40th anniversary of her succession, Queen Elizabeth remarked that 1992 "has turned out to be an 'Annus Horribilis'": Latin for "a horrible year."

9. Response to Princess Diana's death - 1997



The Queen seen making an announcement on a television inside a London pub, during the public funeral of Princess Diana, September 6, 1997.

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Public criticism of the royal family grew more intense after Charles and Diana's divorce in 1996 and especially after Diana's death in a car crash in Paris the following summer. The queen initially remained at her estate in Balmoral, Scotland, and refused to allow the flag to fly at half-mast over Buckingham Palace or address the grieving nation.

At the urging of her advisers, she soon revised her stance on the flag, returned to London to greet crowds of mourners and delivered a rare televised address to a nation devastated by the loss of the "People's Princess."

10. Golden Jubilee - 2002

The queen's celebration of her 50th year on the throne was marred by a double loss, when her younger sister, Princess Margaret, and their mother died within weeks of each other. As the first British monarch since Queen Victoria to celebrate a Golden Jubilee, Elizabeth traveled more than 40,000 miles that year, including visits to the Caribbean, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. She also visited 70 cities and towns in 50 counties in the United Kingdom.



Queen Elizabeth II visiting a community picnic where locals provided musical and dance entertainment to celebrate the ethnic diversity of West London at Gunnersbury Park, June 24, 2002.

Compared with the tumultuous 1990s, the start of Elizabeth's second half-century as queen coincided with the beginning of more positive relations between

Britain and its royal family: In 2005, a majority of the British public supported Charles' wedding to his long time love, Camilla Parker-Bowles.

11. Visit to Republic of Ireland - 2011



Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh greeted by Irish President Mary McAleese and her husband, Martin McAleese, as they arrive at the Aras an Uachtarain, the official residence of the President of Ireland, on May 17, 2011 in Dublin, Ireland. The Duke and Queen's visit was the first by a monarch since 1911.

In May 2011, Elizabeth and Philip visited the Republic of Ireland at the invitation of President Mary McAleese. Though the queen had frequently visited Northern Ireland over the course of her reign, this was her first to the Republic of Ireland, and the first by a British monarch in 100 years. Elizabeth's visit, during which she expressed her "sincere thoughts and deep sympathy" for the victims of the troubled Anglo-Irish past, was widely celebrated as the beginning of a new era of friendship.

12. Birth of Prince George - 2013



Prince George of Cambridge, Prince William, Duke of Cambridge and Queen Elizabeth II look on from the balcony during the annual Trooping the Colour ceremony at Horse Guards Parade on June 13, 2015 in London, England.

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In July 2013, the queen welcomed a new great-grandson, Prince George Alexander Louis of Cambridge, the first child of Prince William and the former Kate Middleton, who married in 2011. Second in the line of succession after his father, George is widely expected to become king one day. His birth marked the first time since Victoria's reign that three generations of direct heirs to the British throne were alive at the same time.

13. Prince Harry & Meghan Markle's wedding - 2018



The Duke and Duchess of Sussex pose for an official wedding photograph in The Green Drawing Room at Windsor Castle on May 19,

Perhaps no other event during Elizabeth's reign symbolized the modernizing monarchy more than the wedding of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle, a divorced, biracial American actress. Though the queen

reportedly gave her quick approval to the match, the relationship between the couple and the British media—as well as the rest of the royal family—grew increasingly tense after their marriage. In 2020, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex announced they were stepping back from their role as senior royals. They later moved to Markle’s native Southern California. Their son, Archie, was born in 2019, followed by their daughter Lilibet in 2021.

14. Prince Philip's death - 2021



Queen Elizabeth II during the funeral of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, at St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle. Because of corona virus restrictions, only 30 guests were invited.

On April 9, 2021, Prince Philip, Elizabeth's husband of 73 years, died at the age of 99. The British monarchy’s longest-running love story began just before World War II, when 18-year-old Prince Philip of Greece met his third

cousin, Princess Elizabeth, during her family’s visit to the Britannia Royal Naval College at Dartmouth, where Philip was studying. On November 14, 1947, the couple were married in Westminster Abbey, and King George VI named Philip as Duke of Edinburgh shortly after that. For more than a half-century, Prince Philip supported his wife in her royal duties and took on an ambitious slate of obligations of his own. Philip's funeral was held on April 17, 2021. Because of corona virus restrictions, only 30 guests were invited to attend. Photos of the queen sitting alone in St. George's Chapel struck many as a symbol of her loneliness and grief.

15. Platinum Jubilee - 2022



Queen Elizabeth II views a display of memorabilia from her Golden and Platinum Jubilees in the Oak Room at Windsor Castle on February 4, 2022 in Windsor, England.

In February of 2022, England began a series of celebrations marking Queen Elizabeth II's 70

years on the throne. On June 2, a military parade featuring 1,400 troops in bearskin caps, musicians and 240 horses, a Royal Air Force flyover and an 82-gun salute were staged to honor the 96-year-old monarch, whose birthday was on April 21. One section of London even featured a parade of corgis (Elizabeth's favorite dog breed), with more than 30 of the short-legged canines "marching" in a procession.

The queen watched the pageantry from the balcony of Buckingham Palace and was joined by four generations of her heirs, including her eldest son, Prince Charles; his eldest son, Prince William; and William's eldest son, Prince George. Despite her age and having just sustained a case of COVID-19, the Queen, dressed in pearls and a light blue dress, coat and hat, wore a broad grin.

SPORTS REPORT

Branch sports has not resumed at the time of writing. A sports meeting will be held October 16th for the zone which Bert is scheduled to attend. We all have our fingers crossed that good news will be forthcoming and available at the Branch and on our Facebook page Collingwood Legion, Branch #63

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