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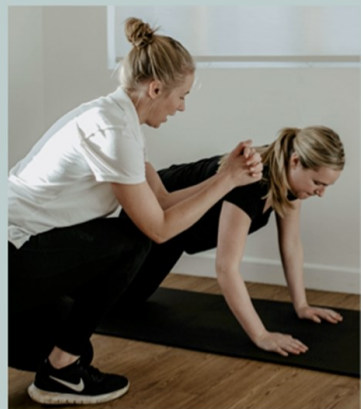
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The Last Word—First



A Toast to Her Majesty

There has never before been a Platinum Jubilee for a reigning monarch. Both King George III and Queen Victoria marked fifty years on the throne and Victoria, sixty, in 1897. But Queen Elizabeth II has created her own record as the longest serving and oldest monarch in Britain's history. This year's celebrations also mean that in the 21st century, less than a quarter gone, we have already had more such royal jubilees than the whole of the 20th century that hosted only two.

Forty five years ago, the first of the Queen's jubilees marked her first 25 years. It was a very different time. The Sex Pistols produced a royal special with "God save the Queen – the Fascist Regime" and the country prepared for the occasion, at first, slightly nonchalantly. The 1960s and 70s had seen an ebbing of



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1977—The Silver Jubilee. There was a lot of tat, but an enduring affection for the Queen was evident.



social deference and challenge to institutions; there was some concern about the degree to which the public would embrace the occasion. Yet , as the celebrations mounted and as she undertook the first walkabouts, it was clear, that there remained a surprisingly deep affection for the Queen herself. It is an affection that seems to have waned little in successive years, despite many challenges.

In her life the Queen made two public vows. At her coronation she made a vow to rule the people of her then extensive Commonwealth with law and justice and maintain the laws of God. But she had also made another, more personal vow on her 21st birthday. On that occasion it was a promise that her “whole life, whether it be short or long will be dedicated to your service.” Would anyone, whatever they may feel about the institution of monarchy, deny that in her very long life she has not adhered to these undertakings?

As we raise a toast to Her Majesty on the Jubilee weekend, let us do so with affection, but with admiration too, for someone who, has remained constant and has done what she has promised in a changing world.

The toast is: “The Queen.”



**A
Platinum Jubilee
Thanksgiving Service
will be held in St Mary's
Church, Bitton**

**on Sunday 5 June
2022
at 10.30**

**Followed by a
toast
to Her Majesty**



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Services for June 2022



Sunday services are at 3pm

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| Sunday 5th | No service |
| Sunday 12th | There will be a short service followed by a church meeting |
| Sunday 19th | Service led by Steve Britton |
| Sunday 26th | Service led by Norman Parfrey |

In addition there will be a coffee afternoon on the 28th

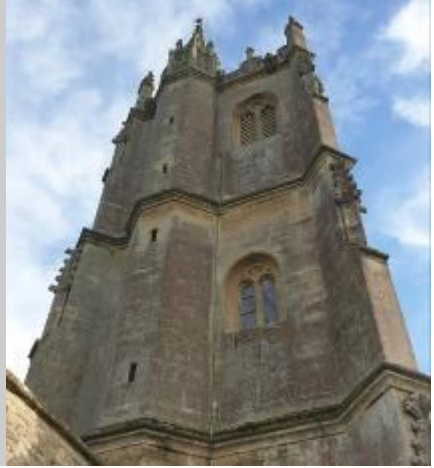


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Services for June 2022

Services at St Mary's

You will be very welcome at all services at St Mary's . For those who are unable to attend some services are provided online .

*More details on our website:
www.stmarysbitton.org.uk*

Sunday, 5 June

Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
10.30am **Service of Thanksgiving
And Celebration to mark
the Queen's Platinum
Jubilee followed by
a Toast to Her Majesty**



Sunday, 12 June

Trinity Sunday
10.30am Family service with the
Scout Group
and the St Mary's Minstrels.



Sunday, 19 June

First Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Morning Worship

Sunday, 26 June

Second Sunday after Trinity
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Family Café Church



From the Register

Sunday 1st May Baptism Esra People

Thursday 12th May Funeral John Haigh



St Mary's Matters

“Isn’t it lovely to see people queueing to get into church”. These were the words Jeremy said to me at the beginning of the opening ceremony for the Ellacombe exhibition in St Mary’s on Saturday 21st May. And it was indeed excellent to have a vibrant crowd assembling for the occasion. It was great that Jeremy was able to welcome people with all kinds of connection with the church and the village as well as Nick Wray and Stephanie Cole. Nick gave an excellent speech about Ellacombe and his horticultural legacy and Stephanie added glamour to the occasion. A lot of work was done by an army of people to make the event a success and thanks go to them all, but I think particular thanks go to Jim Heavens who has put the exhibition together almost single handedly. The exhibition will now be in place until 4th September. As the church is now being opened every day between the hours of 10.00am and 5.00pm everyone should be able to find time to view the exhibition at their leisure.



Pete Midgley

The following day, being a fourth Sunday in the month, the morning service was Family Café Church at 9.30am. It is really encouraging to see this service beginning to take off again and we welcomed 11 children and their families to the service. Immediately after the service we held a short consultation meeting with some of the Mums and Dads to get some feedback from them. The overall opinion was that they really appreciated the service and the children enjoyed coming and taking part. They also offered constructive ideas on how the service could be improved and we will put some of these ideas into practice. One of the ideas was to get the children playing instruments during the songs such as tambourines or maracas. If anyone has anything like that hiding at the back of a cupboard that could be donated that would be brilliant.

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So do visit the church over the summer if you can and remember to use the QR codes dotted around to find out more about the church and its history. And as always, everyone is welcome at any of our services.

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Tinned fruit	Long-life milk	Tinned custard	Tinned rice pudding
Shower gel	Toothpaste	Deodorant	Shaving gel
	Sanitary towels	Nappies	

Any other non-perishable gifts will be gratefully received

Benefice Prayer Opportunities

Tuesday 7 June at 7.30 pm
on Zoom

Saturday 18 June
at St Barnabas Warmley

Lay Minister's Letter—Leslie Wilcox

Pentecost and the abiding presence of God

In the early days of the Exodus when God, through Moses, had released the Israelites from slavery in Egypt the journey to the promised land was tough. The daily diet of manna was meagre and the nomadic existence as starkly different from their settled if oppressed life in Egypt. The nation grumbled; how they grumbled. Moses faced criticism and rebellion from the people but really it was God they moaned about.

When Moses was high up Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments, the nation at the foot of the mountain was building a golden calf as an idol to worship. This and their constant grumbling angered God to the extent that he threatened to leave the Israelites to make their own way to the promised land. 'The people are too obstinate and they make me angry and I would consume them if I go with them,' God told Moses.

The threat of being abandoned in the middle of the wilderness filled the people with dread. They asked Moses to plead on their behalf and God relented. He accompanied them on their journey, his presence signified by a cloud during the day and fire at night.

The need to be aware of God's presence was integral to the faith and security of the nation. The psalms reflect the gamut of the feelings that they had, sometimes feeling close and reassured (Psalm 23) sometimes longing for his presence (Psalm 42) sometimes feeling abandoned (Psalm 22).



Down the ages people have longed to know the presence of God to bring reassurance, confidence, purpose and blessing to their lives. Life can leave us bemused, battered and damaged. Our everyday experiences are not all sweetness and light. No matter what our situation is, some days are more challenging than others. Often there are sustained periods when we feel that life is getting the better of us.

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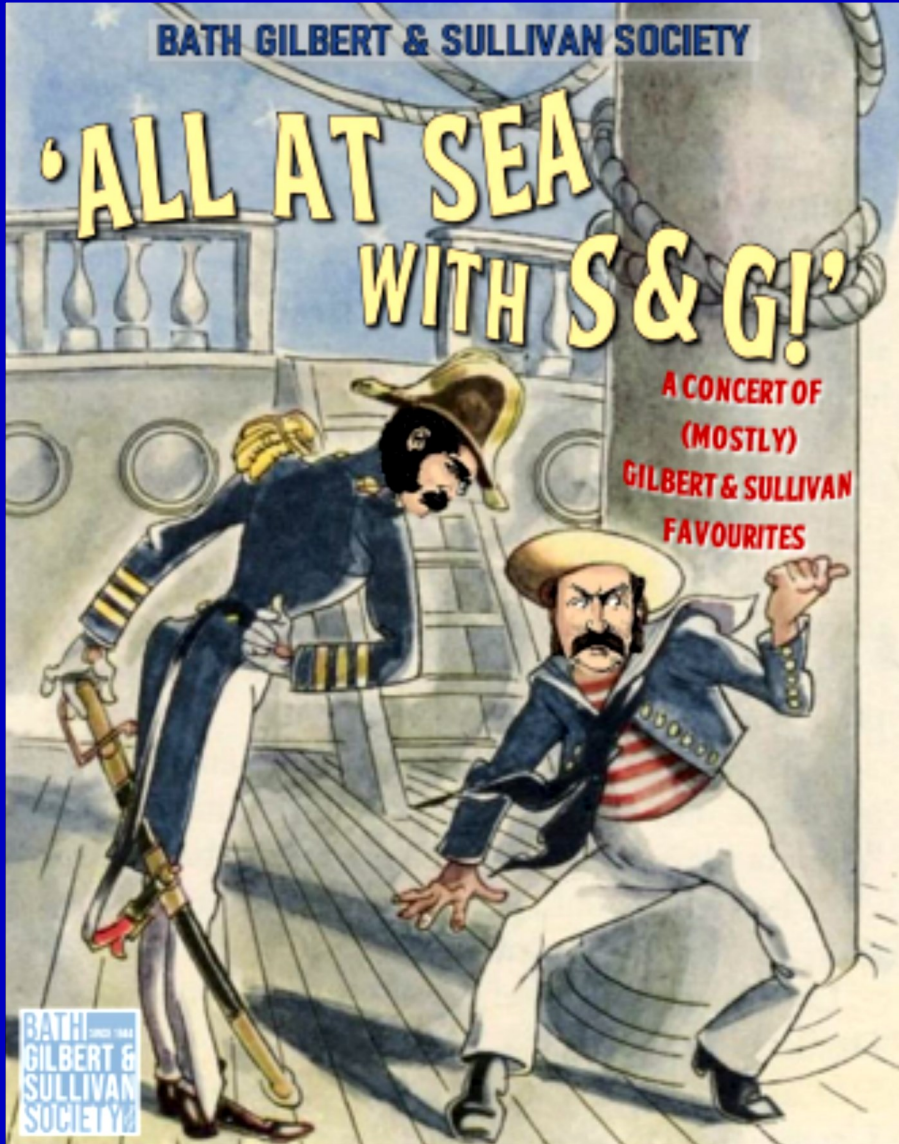
Jesus sought to reassure his disciples of his abiding presence with them. Time after time during that last meal he shared with them he sought to encourage them with comforting words; ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust God and trust me’, ‘I will ask the Father and he will give you another advocate to be with you for ever’, ‘I will not leave you orphaned’. (In John’s gospel, chapters 14 – 17 if you look you can find more).

That reassurance of his presence and the giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts chapter 2) are the promise and fulfilment of his abiding presence to all who have faith in him. We can know his presence daily because he has promised and will keep his promise.

By the time you read this the day of Pentecost, when we remember the fulfilment of his promises, will probably have passed, clouded and squeezed out by the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations. But you can be renewed and refreshed by asking God to bless you with his Spirit’s presence every day and always.

Leslie Willcox





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The monies raised will be split between St. Mary's and the Ukraine appeal.

Church & Church Hall Bookings

The church hall is available for hire and is a popular location for children's parties as well as regular events.

For larger events such as community meetings or concerts the church itself may be more suitable.

For Church Hall bookings contact Jill Gibson on
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Rates from £12.50 per hour.

For Church bookings contact the Social Secretary, Jenny Harris by email on **djacharris@hotmail.com**

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Dates for your Diary

Until 4 September

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Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend

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Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's

Sunday 19 June

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Saturday 25 June at 2.30pm

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Sunday 10 July at 4pm

Songs of Praise in the White Hart

Garden *with Oldland Brass and St Mary's Minstrels*

Saturday 3 September
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In the church and Glebe Field

Saturday 29th October

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Programmes with a list of the open gardens and a map, will be available from the Village Shop and on the day at Church Farm

We will also e-mail the programme to you if you are on the BVRA mailing list

If you have any plants that you could donate to the plant sale, we would love to have them. Please can you clearly label them with the plant name and bring them along to Church Farm in the morning.

For more information contact

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Everyone is welcome so do bring your friends

This event is **Free
but you will need cash for the Tea & Cakes and the Plant Sale**



**THE
ELLACOMBE 200**



ELLACOMBE 200

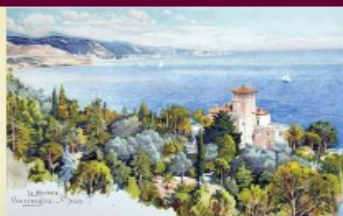
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ST MARY'S CHURCH, BITTON
22 May—4 September 2022



Exhibition opens



Henry Nicholson Ellacombe (1822-1916), the second vicar with that name, lived until he was nearly 94. Yet one still might ask how he fitted so much into just one lifetime? It was a life that comprised church, community, horticulture and travel, all of which he undertook with gusto and, what is more, left behind so many souvenirs and memorabilia. It is part of what he left behind that forms the core of the display.

The exhibition was opened on 21 May by Stephanie Cole following an address by Nick Wray, the Director of the University of Bristol Botanic Garden.



The Guest of Honour was Stephanie Cole, who grew up in Bitton and opened the exhibition.

Photo; Nigel Scudamore

BITTON DIAMOND JUBILEE FETE TUESDAY, JUNE 22ND, 1897

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125 years ago this month another jubilee was being celebrated with a special fête near Fieldgrove Lane. Ellacombe placed this poster in his scrapbook.

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Nick spoke of Ellacombe's understanding of the soil and the beneficial position of the vicarage garden with its rich solid and sheltered climate. At a time when Britain's empire was drawing in new plants from all over the world, Ellacombe was keen to try and grow them himself, frequently with great success. But the key lesson that both he and his father taught was that of giving and swapping plants, and that if you wanted one of the new plants to survive and to thrive you share it by giving a plant to someone else. There are records in the display showing how many plants Ellacombe was exchanging with friends but particularly with Kew Gardens.

Stephanie Cole was pleased to regale us with tales of her past. A keen bellringer she would sit in the rear pew with one of her friends (also a bellringer) between services, playing cards. She also told an extraordinary tale (known already to some) about dangling a bicycle from the bell tower. Those attending the opening event received some delicious refreshments and were entertained by appropriate music by the St Mary's Minstrels. We were also pleased to be joined on the occasion by Canon Ellacombe's great grandson, Gilbert and his wife, Felicity, and by members of the Cockey family, descendants of Canon Ellacombe's daughter, who married the then Vicar of Oldland, Herbert Cockey.

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Ellacombe's archives, however, cover more than just gardening. He kept many other items and records of events and activities in Bitton's life during his times. Many of these are also on show and will be in the chapel at St Mary's until the Fête this September.

The opening event was well attended. Refreshments were served and music from the Victorian era was played. What would Ellacombe have thought of it?

Photos by Nigel Scudamore



Bath Archive—BANES Council



Jeremy's welcome to St Mary's

DAC Approval for Phase Two

Proposals for works inside St Mary's have now been recommended for approval by the Diocesan Advisory Committee, meaning that they have passed the next stage and must now be subject to formal public consultation including a number of historic advisory societies. Members of the DAC visited the church in April to review the plans and the committee now intends to recommend to the Consistory Court that a faculty should be issued subject to formal consultation.

The approval is only for works within the church. The three principal items are the installation of a new floor in English limestone; reworking the pews to make them more comfortable and mobile (so that they can be positioned as needed); and, to clean the walls. More detailed proposals will be on display in St Mary's during the month of June.

The full cost of the project has not been estimated and rising costs are likely to mean that a significant inflation contingency will be needed. Donations toward the project are now being sought and for those who like the idea of knowing where their money is spent, there is now the opportunity to either sponsor a pew (£1000) or sponsor a paving stone (£250). There will be 22 pews retained and it is estimated that there is about 500 square metres of floor space to be covered, so there is every opportunity. Two pews already have sponsors!

The consultation period runs for 30 days from 30 May.



**Pew and paving
stone sponsors are
now being sought**



While cash is still welcome, the cashless society has clearly arrived for most and a card or phone has become the normal way to pay for most of us.

To aid donations for the development fund a Donation Station has been installed solely for the Development Appeal and, for this summer, will be located close to the Ellacombe exhibition. The box connects to a card reader and the church Wi-Fi, allowing instant payments to be made. The Development Appeal is separate from other church funds so that people who would not normally give to the church can be sure that their money is going towards the development programme only.

Those wishing to donate for the work of the church can still give gifts through the vestry door or by use of the other card reader on the desk inside the west door.

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A brand new Cafe Concert series is coming to St John's Church, Keynsham, starting on **Friday 27th May** and continuing on the **last Friday of each month at 1pm.**



Martin Veal Fromedia

Each concert is different, with a range of musical styles: classical alongside jazz, with occasional popular songs and songs from the shows, brought together in a themed programme. Poems feature in some of the concerts, which last about 45minutes.. Entry is free with contributions invited on a pay-what-you-feel basis. Families with children are welcome. No need to book - just turn up! (Bring a cushion maybe, as pews are hard...)

More information, including the programme for each concert, can be found on the Trio Paradis website, www.trioparadis.com and on Facebook @trioparadisbath.

Countdown to the Fête



Summer may be only beginning, but it is time to start thinking about that pinnacle of the Bitton year – The Church Fête. This year it will be taking place on 3rd September, as usual in the Glebe Field and elsewhere and there will be all the regular activities and hopefully a few new surprises. Launching in June will be our Summer Raffle, organised by Barbara Merritt with a top prize this year of a delightful Bitton hamper full of local delights. It's a date not to be missed!



The famous fête egg throwing competition

CAN YOU HELP AT THE FÊTE?

There are so many ways you can assist both before after and during the fête – even for just an hour or so. There's the heavy gang to set up the tents on the Friday and dismantle after the fête closes. Programme sellers and stall helpers are also wanted.

If you are able to spare some of your time please contact Helen Pugsley 07767 777019.

News from Bitton WI

Our monthly meeting took place on 9 May 2022. What a lovely sunny day it was too, reminding us that summer is just around the corner. For WI members it also means lots of things to do and places to visit with our WI friends. Following a warm welcome from our President and a reminder of the forthcoming National WI AGM, our Delegate attending the meeting outlined the Resolution put forward nationally that we would need vote upon. This resolution calls upon our Government to look at Women and Girls with ASD & ADHD – Identified, Under-diagnosed, Misdiagnosed and under supported. She reported that for a number of reasons, women and girls with ASD or ADHD are often overlooked as traditionally it has always been thought that this relates mainly to men and boys. Symptoms in women and girls are often less noticeable or they work hard to mask them. The group voted unanimously to support this Resolution.

Our President, Jean, and Sylvia once again told us about the many and varied outings still available to sign up to. We are all eagerly looking forward to our Summer Jubilee Party which will take place on Monday 20 June. There will also be a Rose in a jam jar competition (from your own garden – not the local supermarket!). Watch this space for news on our outings and who won the competition.

Our speaker this month was Sandie Bateman who gave a delightful insight into how The Minack Theatre came into being and her time acting in productions there from 1985 – 2004. She told us about Rowena Cade who moved to Cornwall with her mother after her father died and purchased some land near Porthcurno for just £100. There she had a house built and over the years would sew costumes for her local drama group. In 1931 the group wanted to stage *The Tempest* but their inland theatre didn't seem the right place to do it. Rowena offered her garden, knowing that the backdrop of the rugged Cornish coastline would be perfect. She and two local builders set about building a small stage on the cliff edge. *The Tempest* was staged there in the summer of 1932 and was a roaring success, gaining recognition nationally. The Minack Theatre was

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born – an unusual amphitheatre exposed to all the Cornish weather and sea could throw at it. Over the years Rowena herself worked with her builder to improve the Theatre, using local granite and sand from the beach below to mix with the cement to make the seating, pillars, pathways and carparks. It was a labour of love and she never stopped working on improving the theatre until her death in 1983 aged 90 yrs. The Minack was given Charitable Trust status in 1976 and performances can still be seen there to this day.

Sandie told us how she had always wanted to act but her family hoped for better for her so she studied to be a teacher. She had always attended a stage school locally and really enjoyed acting but was unable to take part in performances away from home due to her work commitments. The owner of her dance school had already become firm friends with Rowena Cade and many productions had been performed at The Minack by her group. In 1985 Sandie was able to fulfil her ambition to act at The Minack and fell in love with the theatre. She performed in many productions until 2004.

The Minack is a very unusual place and you have to see it to believe it. I was amazed by it when we visited just before lockdown. I'd thoroughly recommend a visit if you are in the area.

Before my recipe, another reminder to anyone thinking of coming along to join us. We'd love to see you. Our next meeting is Monday 13 June at 2 pm, Bitton Church Hall where we will be introduced to the delights of Chair Zumba!

My recipe this month is a variation on a favourite of mine. My family love spiced apple cake, but having a glut of rhubarb this year, I thought I'd give this a go. The result was delicious. Great on it's own and super special with lashings of hot creamy custard!

Karen Davidson



Summer Rhubarb Cake (WI Recipe)

Ingredients

- 225g butter or margarine
- 225g caster sugar
- 225g self raising flour
- 3 large eggs
- Tsp or few drops of vanilla essence/extract
- 300g rhubarb, diced
- 1 tbsp demerara or icing sugar to dust

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/gas mark 4. Grease a 23cm square cake tin and line bottom with baking parchment.
2. Wash and prepare the Rhubarb cutting in small diced pieces.
3. In a large mixing bowl add the butter, sugar, flour, eggs and vanilla essence/extract and beat together until smooth and light. Add the rhubarb and fold in.
4. Transfer the mix to the greased tin and bake for approximately 30 – 40 mins or until sponge is firm to the touch. Remove from the oven and allow the cake to cool slightly before removing from the tin. Sprinkle or dust the top of the cake with demerara or icing sugar.
5. Serve warm with custard, ice cream or cream or cold with a nice cup of tea.

Enjoy!



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The June Quiz

The theme of the quiz is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the Monarchy

No. Clue

1. Which of the queen's grandchildren won a silver medal at the 2012 Olympic games?
2. Where is the service of Thanksgiving for the Queen's reign being held on Friday the 3rd of June?
3. Who designed the Queen's coronation dress?
4. What is the only year of her reign that the Queen hasn't made a Christmas broadcast to the commonwealth?
5. In which year was the Trooping of the Colour Parade cancelled because of a strike?
6. Who is the queen's first grandchild born in her Silver Jubilee year?
7. How many US presidents have been in power during Her Majesty's reign?
8. Who is the only US president in Her Majesty's reign that has not met the Queen?
9. Who was the Prime Minister when the Queen began her reign?
10. How many prime ministers have there been during the Queen's reign?
11. Which of the Queen's grandchildren worked as a pilot with the East Anglian air ambulance?
12. Which crown did the Queen wear for her Coronation Ceremony?
13. Which member of the royal family was sued for slander by army officer Sir William Gordon-Coming?
14. What world landmark in Australia did the Queen open in 1973?
15. What was celebrated by 670 boats in a Parade on the Thames?
16. In what year did the Queen and Prince Philip celebrate their Platinum Wedding Anniversary?
17. Which of the Queen's grandchildren married in 2020, wearing the same tiara that the Queen wore at her wedding in 1947?

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18. Who was the longest serving British king?
19. In which year did Queen Elizabeth II become the longest serving monarch?
20. Name the two people who are judging the platinum pudding competition.

Name:

Contact:

Please send your answers to Carolyn Russell at Martin House, Church Road, Bitton (the yellow house) or email mrsrussell@icloud.com by 15 June.

May's Quiz Answers

Last month's quiz was on musicals.

The correct answers are:

1. Cats; 2. Wicked; 3. Les Miserables; 4. Mamma Mia!; 5. Jersey Boys; 6. Six
7. Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat; 8. My Fair Lady; 9. Matilda; 10. Anything Goes; 11. Mary Poppins; 12. The Lion King; 13. Moulin Rouge; 14. The Phantom of the Opera; 15. West Side Story; 16. The Rocky Horror Show; 17. Hairspray; 18. Grease; 19. Everybody's Talking About Jamie; 20. Chicago

Correct answers were received from:

Terry Matthews; Jon & Pam Booth; Alison Wride; Sarah Craddock
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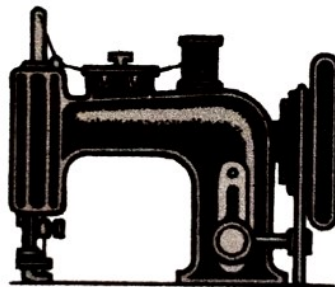
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