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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S
40TH ANNIVERSARY

C. PS/sir R. Fellowes
PS/sir P. Gregson
PS/sir E. Holland
~~Mr Allan~~

4th August 1993

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Dear Robin,

You will know that we received the agreement of The Queen to proceed with the Prizes scheme for Further and Higher education. I wanted to write without delay to thank you for your personal advice and support for the idea. We would not be where we are without that and I thank you so much.

We hope that the public announcement will be made by the Palace, perhaps late in September after the key pieces have been put into place. I hope to see Robert Fellowes later this month to suggest this and agree other points of importance. If it would be helpful to you in any way I am naturally very happy to visit you. I remember that Robert put the idea of a meeting in one of his letters.

Yours
Robin

Robin Gill

Sir Robin Butler GCB CVO
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From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service
Sir Robin Butler GCB CVO

Ref: A093/2484

2 August 1993

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OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

Dear Geoffrey,

Queen's Anniversary Awards for Higher Education

It seems to me that we are now therefore at the moment when we should clear the scheme with Ministers and make sure that they are content with it and prepared to play their part in it.

I think that it is for you to put it to your Ministers in the first instance and that your Secretary of State should then minute the Prime Minister, copying to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, President of the Board of Trade and the Secretaries of State for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, though this should not preclude him from copying more widely if he wishes. I will then advise the Prime Minister. If you agree, would you like to put this process in hand so that your Secretary of State can advise his colleagues as soon as possible after his return to the office on 23 August.

In the meantime, I should be grateful if Robert Fellowes can restrain the Trustees from making any premature announcement.

I am copying this letter to Robert Fellowes, Peter Gregson and Alex Allan.

Yours ever,

Sir Geoffrey Holland KCB
Department for Education

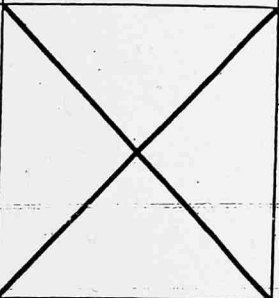
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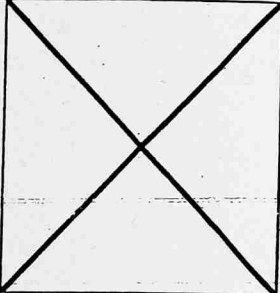
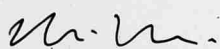
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Help! To which
"awards" does this
refer - we need to
know to file it in
the right place!

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Follow on to Queen's
60th Anniversary Trust or
whatever it was called. This
is funded by surplus from the
Trust. Reye

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From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service
Sir Robin Butler GCB CVO

Ref: A093/1059

30 March 1993

Dear Kate,

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Royal Anniversary Trust

--- I attach a note of a recent meeting Sir Robin Butler had with Lord Younger and Robin Gill about the Royal Anniversary trust, for Sir Geoffrey's information.

I am copying this letter and attachment to the Private Secretaries to Sir Peter Gregson and Sir Robert Fellowes, and to Mr Smith (Queen's Award Office).

Yours ever,

Melanie

Melanie Leech
(Private Secretary)

cc Mr True

You might be interested

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⇒ Mr. Allan.

⇒ Alex

Ms Kate Hedger
PS/Sir Geoffrey Holland KCB
Department for Education

Thanks. There is an interesting (and potentially tricky) read-across into the proposals for a Government-run "school of the year" / "teacher of the year" award that the AA has been pressing on Patten. So long as this remains at HE/FE level and Patten works up school-based approaches all should be OK R2/c

C. Mr Allen (No 10)

Ref. A093/986

NOTE FOR THE RECORD

Sir Robin Butler had a meeting with Lord Younger and Robin Gill on Thursday 25 March to discuss the Royal Anniversary Trust.

2. Lord Younger said that following discussions with a wide range of interests in the education world, he thought that a clear picture was emerging of how the Royal Anniversary Trust might be wound up. It had not been possible to arrange a meeting with the Secretary of State for Education, but Sir Geoffrey Holland had indicated that he was favourably inclined to the Trust's proposals. Mr Gill said that the original objectives of the Royal Anniversary Trust had been to provide funds for the celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's 40th anniversary, with any residual amounts dedicated to the benefit of higher education. These objectives had been approved by Her Majesty The Queen at the time that the Trust was established. In considering what use might now be made of the remaining funds in the Trust - currently estimated at some £900,000 - overwhelming support had been voiced for a single project over a period of time. The Trust was considering proposing a biennial award scheme, with the first year of award being 1994 and the last 2002 (the fiftieth anniversary of The Queen's accession), for higher and further education. The intention would be to invite higher and further education institutions to come forward with activities of a proven track record of excellence. It was not intended that this should extend to awards for pure academic excellence, but otherwise a wide range of achievement would be welcomed. It was envisaged that some signposting might be given as to particular areas in which applications might be sought.

3. A multi-tier assessment process was envisaged. Initially there would be a documentary sift by an office servicing the scheme. From this, proposals for awards would be put to a panel possibly including the Permanent Secretary at the Department for Education and other distinguished figures, who would produce a list of say 60 names. This list might be submitted to an approving Secretary of State who would then submit a shorter list of, say, 40 names to an awards council which it was hoped The Duke of Edinburgh would chair. Sir Robin Butler and Lord Younger might sit on the council. It was hoped that the awards would be made by The Queen and Prince Philip at a prestigious location (possibly in the first year in the City of London). It was intended that the documentation supporting a winner's application should be published, drawing further attention to their award.

4. Lord Younger said that all the Trustees of the Royal Anniversary Trust stood ready to resign at the appropriate moment. His own thinking was that it made little sense to wind-up the Trust completely, and that it should be used as a vehicle for the new scheme. It made sense however to reduce the number of Trustees to say four or five, including a Chairman and a representative from the Department for Education.

5. Sir Robin said that Lord Younger might wish to clarify with Sir Robert Fellowes whether the involvement of The Queen might require the Government to advise her, and whether this would therefore require Ministerial, and probably Prime Ministerial, submission of the nominations. This complication would be avoided if the scheme were in The Duke of Edinburgh's name. Lord Younger said that he thought it was desirable that The Queen should be directly involved, and that he did not think that the Prime Minister's involvement should cause undue complications.

Temporarily Retained Sir Robin noted that the assessment process Lord Younger had envisaged might in any case need further thought, in particular to clarify the relative roles of Ministers and Members of the Royal Family.

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6. On the possible name for the new scheme, Sir Robin said that he saw difficulties with using the title of a "Queen's Award" for higher and further education. The current Queen's Award scheme serviced commerce, and the Royal Anniversary Trust's proposal did not sit easily with this. Previous attempts to extend the use of "The Queen's Award" name had been resisted. Lord Younger said that he would not wish to pursue the idea of a "Queen's Award" if Sir Robin advised against it. Alternative names for consideration might be "The Queen Elizabeth II Awards", "The Queen's Anniversary Awards" or "The Royal Anniversary Awards".

7. Sir Robin said that he thought that it would be very useful for the new award to carry its own logo. This had proved extremely valuable with the current Queen's Awards. Lord Younger said that it was proposed to continue to use the Royal Anniversary Trust's own logo.

8. Finally, Sir Robin said that he thought that Lord Younger and Mr Gill might find it helpful, in drawing up their proposals, to consult the staff of the Queen's Awards Office who had a great deal of relevant experience.

Melanie Leech
MELANIE LEECH

26 March 1993



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From the Press Secretary

3 July 1992

Dear Charles,

PRIME MINISTERS' DINNER FOR THE QUEEN, 27 JULY

Thank you for your letter of 2 July. I am happy with the draft announcement. My only query is whether you want to give the time of the dinner. Do you expect there to be cameras door-stepping as they come in?

I am also content with your proposals about photographs. I am sure that photographs one and two will be sufficient for the press. As regards the seating plan I agree that this is likely to be a matter of intense interest to the press. I am sure that it is right that this should be decided by Alex Allan and Robert Fellowes.

Copies of this letter go to Alex Allan and Robert Fellowes.

Yours sincerely,

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A T O'DONNELL

Charles Anson LVO Esq

PRIME MINISTER

LORD CALLAGHAN

Lord Callaghan is planning to ring you on Saturday afternoon sometime between 4.30 and 6.30 pm about the Prime Ministers' dinner for The Queen.

The main issue is whether to invite Clarissa Avon and/or Mary Soames. This was something Robert Fellowes and I first raised as a possibility to even out the numbers. The Queen would be content, but Lord Callaghan is not keen. Frankly, I don't think it matters very much.

At present, the cast list numbers 15 (4 Royals, 9 Prime Ministers and spouses, plus Robert Fellowes and Lady-in-Waiting). Lord Callaghan is still trying to get Alec Douglas-Hume to come. That would even the numbers out at 16, albeit with 9 men and 7 women. I see no need to expand the dinner (and the cost) further in those circumstances.

If Alec Douglas-Hume does not come, there is an odd number. Again, that does not seem to me to matter too much, but Lady Avon has a plausible case over Mary Soames as being the widow of a former Prime Minister if you or Lord Callaghan want to even the numbers.

Otherwise, we are almost there on the administrative arrangements - I went to a meeting with Lord Callaghan and Jacob Rothschild earlier this week.



ALEX ALLAN

3 July 1992

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CALLAGHAN DINNER

I saw Lord Callaghan yesterday afternoon. This note records the points we discussed.

On the cost, Lord Callaghan was going to have another go at Alec Douglas-Home early next week. If he cannot persuade him, then he is content with either Lady Avon or Lady Soames.

We cannot settle the placements until we know the cost. Lord Callaghan was strongly of the view that the Prime Minister, rather than Sir Denis Thatcher, should sit next to the Queen. I will pursue this with the Prime Minister. I gave Lord Callaghan the two placements you had provided: do you have spares?

On the photographs, Lord Callaghan asked me to find out what, if any, the costs would be (I do not imagine Lord Snowdon will charge a fee, but we may need to pay processing costs, etc). I will pursue this.

Gina Page (Lord Callaghan's secretary) will follow up with Spencer House what the options are for the menu cards. Lord Callaghan is keen to have something which will serve as a memento of the occasion (he mentioned cards he had retained from dinners at the Elysee).

On the costs, Lord Callaghan would like to use GHF wines and expect that the GHF would pay for them. For the other costs, he asked me to estimate what the total costs might be of the dinner, the flowers, the menus, the flower vases (see below) and the photographs. He would then discuss further with me how much of the costs should be borne by the participants. Could you let me have your best estimate?

On the menus, the Queen has decided to go for the first half of menu two (foie gras and quail egg; dartois of sea bass) followed by the second half of menu three (summer pudding; apple

and Stilton strudel). Gina Page will follow this up with Spencer House.

On the gift, Lady Susan Hussey has her eye on two antique (celery) vases valued at about £90.

On the entertainment, Lord Callaghan and Jacob Rothschild seem to have been acting independently. Lord Callaghan has already spoken to Peter Ustinov and secured his agreement to come over and do something or other. He now thought he might combine this with Lord Rothschild's idea that there should be ~~some~~ use of material involving former Prime Ministers and former Sovereign's views of each other. Lord Callaghan will try to speak to Lord Rothschild about this today, but if he fails I will do it.

Lord Callaghan would like to give Jacob Rothschild and Peter Ustinov some nice book signed by all the Prime Ministers present. He asked me to see if I could think of a suitable book (do you have any ideas?) and to filch some Prime Ministerial bookplates. Could you supply these?

On the timing, Lord Callaghan asked me to pursue this with Robert Fellowes.

Lord Callaghan is minded to announce the dinner on Monday, 20 July. I said I would pursue this with our security people.

Lord Callaghan asked me to follow up the press side of things. When would the press get the pictures which Lord Snowdon took? Was there a case for allowing a single camera in to film a couple of minutes at the start of proceedings? I will pursue this with the police and the No. 10 press office.

Lord Callaghan is off to the United States today but will be back next Monday, 22 June. I said I would write to him at the end of the week where I get to. It would be very helpful to have additional information on the costs by then.


ALEX ALLAN

17 June 1992

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NOTE FOR THE FILE

ROYAL ANNIVERSARY TRUST: THE GREAT EVENT

Robin Gill came in to see me this morning and I reported the Prime Minister's reaction to the proposal that the Government should purchase 500 seats at The Great Event and allocate them to the Cabinet, the Church, the Voluntary Sector, the Military and the Law. I said that the Prime Minister's view was that it would detract from the occasion if a supposedly private sector event was funded to the tune of £1 million by the taxpayer. In addition, the pressures on public spending were severe. I said that the only individual the Prime Minister had specifically thought should be invited was the Archbishop of Canterbury, and I would be grateful if Mr Gill could see whether something could be arranged on that front. I thought it quite likely that many of the industrialists buying tables would in practice be quite keen to invite Cabinet Ministers to join them.

Mr Gill accepted this with good grace.

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ALEX ALLAN

26 May 1992

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Aide Memoire

14th May 1992

The Great Event

Buckingham Palace are just about to announce The Queen and Prince Philip's attendance at The Great Event on October 26th.

This is the final major public event of the celebration of The Queen's Anniversary of Accession. The Prime Minister and Mrs Major have been invited to join us. So have the Leaders of the other two major parties. Each has indicated his acceptance.

We need to make the event self financing and are about to launch our seat sales.

We have shaped the event (from 6pm to midnight) to include a reception, a nationally televised show, and a banquet, and to procure three things:

1. A special and heartfelt tribute to The Queen. Our Commonwealth Mace will be given to her during the television show.

2. A televised show looking at Britain's achievements over the forty years, for all the nation to enjoy.

3. A powerful marketing opportunity for Britain with its overseas and other customers.

It now looks as though there will be huge demand for the very limited number of seats (2500 overall). We are concerned that there should be opportunity for those in the 'body politic' to be there. We would like to see representation of the Cabinet, of those other communities directly connected to The Queen - church and armed forces and the law - and from the voluntary sector where The Queen and Prince Philip play such an important role, but we do not readily see how these interests are to be funded. If they are present it will hugely help the business community to make real value out of the occasion.

A way to secure the right result would be for us to earmark a suitable number of "tables" for purchase and allocation through the government. It looks to us as if some 500 seats might be needed (50 "tables").

How would the Prime Minister like us to deal with this situation?

Robin Gill
Chairman of the Organisation and Executive

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Previous papers please
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CF Previous papers please
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c-MrTurnbull



From the Secretary of the Cabinet
and Head of the Home Civil Service

lie Robin Butler I agree
PB/BS
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Prime Ministers' Dinner
for The Queen

I have consulted Mr Davie and FCO (vice GHF) about Andrew Turnbull's minute below.

Mr Davie & I agree that it would be acceptable for the Prime Minister to offer support for the dinner (all or part of the cost) from Government funds. Lord Callaghan might well refuse. I understand he always draws a very clear line between public and private functions. But any public money would need to con

from the No 10 budget
(Comcs vote). QHF do not
pay for dinners; they
arrange them at other
departments' expense, except
for dinners for visiting foreign
Ministers.
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QHF would be delighted to
assist with arrangements
if asked.



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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBIN BUTLER

PRIME MINISTERS' DINNER FOR THE QUEEN

Lord Callaghan has put together a dinner to be offered by the living Prime Ministers and their spouses to honour The Queen's 40th anniversary of Her accession to the Throne. All the Prime Ministers, with the exception of Lord Home, have agreed to take part. Also present will be the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince and Princess of Wales. Lord Rothschild has agreed to provide Spencer House rent free.

The intention is that the Prime Ministers should be the hosts and The Queen and members of the Royal Family the guests. Lord Callaghan envisages that the hosts should pay for the dinner. He has not suggested that the Government should bear this cost though I wonder if it is reasonable to expect the ex-Prime Ministers to bear this privately. Though some are quite wealthy, others are not.

Do you think it would be in order for the Prime Minister to suggest that the cost of the dinner be met by the Government Hospitality Fund.

ANDREW TURNBULL

29 April 1992

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28th April 1992

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Dear John

I am glad to be able to let you know that everyone is now able to be present at the proposed dinner being offered by the Prime Ministers and their spouses to The Queen to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of her accession to the throne. The Duke of Edinburgh will of course be present, and also Prince Charles and Princess Diana. The only exception from the list of Prime Ministers is, I am sorry to say, Alec Douglas Home, who fears he will not be well enough to travel, although of course if he does feel able to do so at the last moment, we shall all be very glad to see him. 27 July

I have been searching for a suitable venue and I am glad to say that Jacob Rothschild has very generously offered us Spencer House. In addition to being a very beautiful place, it is of course very central and will therefore be convenient. We should of course, have to make ourselves financially responsible for the cost of dinner etc.

The Palace has suggested that publicity for the matter should be low-key and that it should not be announced yet. They suggest that a press announcement should be made later in conjunction with Charles Anson. Obviously there will be photographs to record the occasion and it has been suggested that Lord Snowdon would be appropriate for this.

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I wonder whether we should offer a small gift to The Queen to commemorate the occasion, what do you think? Do you have any ideas?

Finally, I seem to be taking a great deal on myself. Would you like to have a short meeting when we could talk about the future arrangements and make sure we are all in agreement? I would feel happy if you could spare the time.

Yours sincerely

Jim E.

Rt Hon John Major MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1



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THE PRIME MINISTER

24 April 1992

Your Firm,

Thank you for your letter of 7 April. I can confirm that 27 July would be convenient for both Norma and me. We look forward to this occasion very much.

*Your Ever,
John*

The Right Honourable
Lord Callaghan of Cardiff KG

John

Rt Hon Lord Callaghan of Cardiff KG



7th April 1992

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Prime Minister
This could clash with
a visit for Pres. Yeltsin
we will need to reconcile
competing claims immediately
after the election

HT
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Dear John,

You will be glad to know that The Queen has suggested 27th July as the date which would suit her for our dinner. I suggested that perhaps as well as the Duke of Edinburgh, who would naturally be there, the Prince and Princess of Wales might like to join with us and I am sure you will be glad to know that they have accepted, so it should be a grand occasion.

I know everyone is busy at the moment, so I am taking it upon myself to do certain preliminary preparations and am at present looking for a suitable venue.

Perhaps you would confirm that 27th July is suitable for you and Norma.

Yours sincerely

Jim C.

Rt Hon John Major
10 Downing Street
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PRIME MINISTER

QUEEN'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The Royal Anniversary Trust have invited you

- to visit their exhibition at the V & A some time between April and September
- to attend the Grand Finale at Earl's Court on Monday 26 October.

I judge the second to be a three line whip as it will be the event which brings the anniversary celebrations to a close. I also think it will be a good night out. It is being organised by Colonel Mike Parker who put on the 90th birthday party for The Queen Mother and the son et lumiere for the Summit. It is the evening before Questions but the event finishes at 2100 and, provided you resist invitations to dinner afterwards, you should not be back too late.

Content?

I do not think attendance at the exhibition is essential. I suggest we say you look again in the summer when we see how your programme is developing.

Agree?

AT

ANDREW TURNBULL
13 February 1992

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From the Private Secretary

12 February 1992

MESSAGE FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF
PRESIDENT GAMSAKHURDIA OF GEORGIA

I enclose a letter from "President" Gamsakhurdia's representative here on The Queen's 40th anniversary. The message reached me via Conservative Central Office.

I assume that no reply should be sent.

J S WALL

Simon Gass Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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HOME OFFICE
QUEEN ANNE'S GATE
LONDON SW1H 9AT

11 February 1992

Dear Andrew,

CIVIC HONOURS

Paul
The Home Secretary wrote to the Secretary of State for the Environment on 24 January about the recommendations he proposed to submit to Her Majesty for the award of civic honours to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Her Accession to the Throne. In your letter of 27 January to Colin Walters you confirmed that the Prime Minister was content with the recommendation that Sunderland should be granted city status and Chester a Lord Mayor.

The Home Secretary has now submitted advice to the Palace in those terms. Once we know The Queen's response we expect the announcement to be made in the usual way by means of a Home Office press statement. The date of this has yet to be agreed with the Palace, but we will notify colleagues once it has been settled.

In his letter of 31 January the Secretary of State for Wales had asked for special consideration to be given to the grant of an additional award of city status to St David's. The Home Secretary is sympathetic to the points made by the Secretary of State and recognises that in the case of both St David's, and Armagh, there are factors which, in other circumstances, might merit their consideration for an award. On this occasion, however, it has been made clear from the outset that Her Majesty is minded to make only one such award and the exercise has been conducted publicly on that basis. The Home Secretary has concluded that he could not now seek to advise Her Majesty otherwise. He has nevertheless brought these cases, and the special considerations which govern them, to the attention of Her Majesty.

I am copying this letter to Judith Simpson (Welsh Office), William Fittall (Northern Ireland Office), Alan Fraser (Scottish Office) and Philip Ward (Department of the Environment).

Yours,
Heather

MISS H J WILKINSON

Andrew Turnbull, Esq., CB.
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SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK

8th February, 1992.

My dear Prime Minister,

The Queen has commanded me to send her thanks to you, and through you to your colleagues, for your very kind message of good wishes on the fortieth anniversary on her Accession. Her Majesty received this with much pleasure, and sends her good wishes to you and all her Ministers.

Yours sincerely,

Ken.

(KENNETH SCOTT)

The Rt. Hon. John Major, MP.

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PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA

Thursday 6th February 1992

Mr John Major MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1A 2AA

Dear Prime Minister

On behalf of President Zviad Gamsakhurdia of Georgia, I am requested by His Excellency to pass on to Her Majesty's Government and the people of the United Kingdom many congratulations on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Government and People of the Republic of Georgia, aware of Her Majesty's dedicated service to the people of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland wish to extend their heartiest best wishes and regards on this special occasion.

Mr Charles Tchkotoua

Personal Representative of
His Excellency the President of the Republic of Georgia
in the United Kingdom



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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 February 1992

Madam
With my humble duty

At the Cabinet meeting today, Your Majesty's Ministers agreed that I should convey to Your Majesty our warmest good wishes on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of Your Accession to the Throne. This was in recognition of the incomparable contribution Your Majesty has made to the life of our nation throughout Your reign.

May I add my own personal appreciation of the honour and pleasure I have had in serving You as Your ninth Prime Minister.

I have the honour to remain

Madam

Your Majesty's most humble and
obedient servant

John Major

Her Majesty The Queen

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10 DOWNING STREET

"MADAM

WITH MY HUMBLE DUTY"

At the Cabinet

"I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REMAIN

MADAM

YOUR MAJESTY'S MOST HUMBLE
AND OBEDIENT SERVANT"

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Mr. PM did not discuss with Mr Baker but expressed the view strongly that he should proceed. Mr B. will be putting a mb. to the Palace

PRIME MINISTER

You may want to have a quick word with Kenneth Baker in the margins of Cabinet to tell him to stop vacillating over city status. (Alternatively, I could dra note to him for his box tonight.)

This week
LRC
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The plan, as you know, was that an award of city status should be made to mark The Queen's 40th anniversary of her accession.

The decision has been taken to give city status to Sunderland and a Lord Mayorship to Chester. The Home Secretary is now concerned that there will be political minus points in this because of Sunderland's Labour loyalties.

Mr. Baker would like to delay the announcement of the city status, if not the Lord Mayorship, until The Queen's birthday in June.

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It is already widely known that an announcement was to have been made to coincide with the anniversary. There has been well informed speculation about the candidates most likely to be successful.

A delay of a further four months will be embarrassing and difficult to explain since applications from different towns have been in since October.

I suggest you do not raise this in Cabinet, not least because Mr. Hunt is angry that St. David's has not been made into a city and you might open up the whole discussion again. Mr. Heseltine is content that the announcement should be made.

Suggest you ask Mr. Baker how the arrangements for city status are progressing.

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WILLIAM CHAPMAN

6 February 1992

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PRIME MINISTER

Cabinet 6 February 1992

40th Anniversary of The Queen's Accession to the Throne

You will wish to remind the Cabinet that 6 February 1992 is the 40th anniversary of The Queen's Accession to the Throne. In inviting them to send Her Majesty their good wishes on this occasion you may wish to draw on the following points:

2. The Queen has indicated that this should be regarded as an ordinary anniversary and not a Jubilee. She has not, therefore, sought to promote extensive public celebrations nor encouraged the Government to organise any State occasion.
3. Nevertheless, the 40th anniversary is a special event which the Government and Parliament should mark in an appropriate way. (Soundings indicate that a Humble Address would not be favoured by the Palace.)
4. You therefore intend to send Her Majesty the Cabinet's warmest good wishes, and to refer to this at Prime Minister's Questions on 6 February in the following terms:

"At the Cabinet meeting today Her Majesty's Ministers agreed that I should convey to Her Majesty our warmest good wishes on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Her Accession to the Throne. This was in recognition of the incomparable contribution Her Majesty has made to the life of our nation throughout Her reign." ~~I know that the House and millions of our fellow citizens will share these sentiments."~~

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The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Ashdown and the Speaker
have been forewarned of the proposal.

FERB.

ROBIN BUTLER

5 February 1992

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PRIME MINISTER

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION

Through the Whips Office we had agreed with the Opposition a method of acknowledging this Anniversary falling short of the full panoply of a Humble Address. You would expand your reply about engagements along the following lines:

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This will allow Mr. Kinnock to preface his Question with something along the same lines.

I have now heard from his office that he is getting cold feet about this. He feels that Question Time is currently too partisan to admit such lofty sentiments.

Fortunately the Order Paper is kind to us. First up is Sir Anthony Grant asking an "engagements" Question. The first to speak therefore will be yourself, and you can use the agreed form of words. Sir Anthony will follow with something statesmanlike on the same lines. Mr. Kinnock will be next, so we can be sure that by the time he stands up no one will have thrown a rock into the pool. I think, therefore, that Mr. Kinnock is worrying unduly.

I have talked to the Chief Whip's Office, but we have not come up with anything better. The choice is either to proceed as before (if you do Mr. Kinnock will go along with it) or to drop the idea.

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Agree to proceed as originally planned?

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From the Secretary of State for Wales

The Rt Hon David Hunt MBE MP

CT/9016/92

3bf January 1992

Dear Kenneth

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CIVIC HONOURS

Thank you for your letter of 24 January setting out the recommendations which you propose to make to Her Majesty The Queen about the granting of Civic Honours to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Accession.

I am, of course, content with what you propose for towns in England. I am, however, very disappointed that neither Newport nor St David's were among the front runners. As far as Newport is concerned, I am prepared to accept that its claim must be looked at in the light of the general criteria which you have used for the English candidates.

In the case of St David's, however, I regret that you have not felt it possible to put forward a special case and I would urge that their application - perhaps alongside that of Armagh - should still be brought to the attention of Her Majesty since their claims rest, not on the normal criteria, but on ecclesiastical history and past oversight. In the case of St David's, I believe that there is very strong support in Wales for recognising formally what has, for many generations, been regarded in the public mind as a rightful title. Most people in Wales, and elsewhere in Britain, already regard St David's as a city by virtue of its cathedral. I would not seek to argue the case for St David's on the same criteria as you have used for the English contenders. It clearly has neither the size nor the regional importance which Sunderland and others could claim. Nevertheless, there is strong local support in Wales for formal recognition of what has traditionally been regarded as the rightful status of St Davids', and there will be many who find it hard to understand the reasons why its appeal should be turned down.

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You suggested that it might be more appropriate to seek city status for St David's in the context of an occasion of purely Welsh importance. Her Majesty has confined the award of city status only to significant Royal events: as you know the previous awards were made in 1969 to coincide with the Investiture of the Prince of Wales, and in 1977 to mark The Queen's Silver Jubilee. I cannot envisage a more appropriate occasion which would involve both Royal Anniversary and exclusively Welsh interests, than the present 40th Anniversary celebrations. I would urge, therefore, that in putting your recommendations to Her Majesty the particular circumstances of St David's should be set forth in full in the hope that Her Majesty might choose to extend her grant of new Civic Honours to include Wales as an indication of the importance which the Crown attaches to all parts of the United Kingdom.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, to Michael Heseltine, Peter Brooke and Ian Lang.

Yours ever

A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely belonging to Kenneth Baker, written in dark ink.

The Rt Hon Kenneth Baker MP
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The Rt Hon Paddy Ashdown MP

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Mr A Turnbull
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Our ref :- MP/LD/PM
Date :- 29 January 1992

Dear Andrew

Thank you for your letter of 28 January 1992, letting Mr Ashdown know of the Prime Minister's intention to acknowledge the 40th anniversary of The Queen's Accession to the Throne.

I can confirm that Mr Ashdown is content for the Prime Minister to proceed in the manner you outline in your letter, and also confirm that he will acknowledge and endorse the Prime Minister's sentiments at the start of his question.

Yours sincerely
Mr. R. ...

- ★†80 **Mr David Knox** (Staffordshire, Moorlands): To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, when he is next due to meet the President of the National Farmers Union to discuss the sheep sector.
- ★†81 **Mr Robert Hicks** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, what discussions he has had with the fishing industry about the future of the South West mackerel box; and if he will make a statement.

Questions to the Prime Minister will start at 3.15 p.m.

- ★†2 **Sir Anthony Grant** (South West Cambridgeshire): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will list his official engagements for Thursday 6th February.
- ★†3 **Mr Ken Eastham** (Manchester, Blackley): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will list his official engagements for Thursday 6th February.
- ★†5 **Mr Win Griffiths** (Bridgend): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will list his official engagements for Thursday 6th February.
- ★†6 **Mr Tony Banks** (Newham North West): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will list his official engagements for Thursday 6th February.
- ★†7 **Mr Michael Colvin** (Romsey and Waterside): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will list his official engagements for Thursday 6th February.
- ★†8 **Mr Terry Lewis** (Worsley): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will list his official engagements for Thursday 6th February.
- ★†9 **Mr Ian Taylor** (Esher): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will list his official engagements for Thursday 6th February.
- ★†10 **Mr Graham Riddick** (Colne Valley): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will list his official engagements for Thursday 6th February.
- ★†11 **Mr Henry Bellingham** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will list his official engagements for Thursday 6th February.
- ★†15 **Mr Peter Archer** (Warley West): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will list his official engagements for Thursday 6th February.
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PRIME MINISTER

AT 1. 11. 1992

CIVIC STATUS OF CITIES

I understand that Sunderland and Wolverhampton were top of the list for civic status, well ahead of any other status. Kenneth Baker ^{has} apparently suggested Sunderland. This does seem an odd decision politically, as Sunderland is represented by Bob Clay and Chris Mullin, whereas we have got people like Maureen Hicks in Wolverhampton, hanging on for dear life. I understand that Michael Heseltine has picked up the political point.

You have said that you are content for Sunderland, but this has not yet been rubber stamped. As the two are close together except for the fact that Sunderland came 2nd last time, is there not a case for switching it to Wolverhampton?

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PP MRS JUDITH CHAPLIN
29 January 1992

Angela

I will suggest to PM that Cabinet
should meet on 6 Feb after a message
and that on Questions he returns to
message to be House.

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From the Principal Private Secretary

28 January 1992

Dear Charles,

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This does not require Mr. Kinnock to associate himself specifically with the message sent by the Cabinet but it would provide an opportunity for him to preface his Question with similar remarks. Could you confirm that he is content to proceed in this way.

I am writing in similar terms to Mark Payne in Mr. Ashdown's office and am copying this letter to Peter Kitcatt in the Speaker's office.

*Yours sincerely
Andrew Turnbull*

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Your most
A. Turnbull

(ANDREW TURNBULL)

Mark Payne, Esq.

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From the Principal Private Secretary

27 January 1992

Dear Colin

CIVIC HONOURS

The Prime Minister has seen the Home Secretary's letter to the Secretary of State for the Environment and was content with the recommendation that Sunderland be accorded city status and that Chester be granted a Lord Mayorship as part of the Civic Honours to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Queen's Accession to the Throne.

I am copying this letter to Judith Simpson (Welsh Office), William Fittall (Northern Ireland Office), Alan Fraser (Scottish Office), Phillip Ward (Department of the Environment).

*Yours sincerely
Andrew Turnbull*

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From the Private Secretary

Mr Turnbull

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION

Thank you for sending me a copy of your minute of 23 January to Sir Robin Butler. *top*

As I mentioned to you, I was concerned that the words contained in the final sentence of the Prime Minister's remarks, namely "I know the House and millions of our fellow citizens would wish to be associated with the message" might encourage the House to believe that an humble address to that effect would be sent to Her Majesty. We discussed this and agreed that if this was altered slightly to read "I know that the House and millions of our fellow citizens will share these sentiments" that possibility is removed.

I have discussed this with the Clerk of the House of Commons who agrees with this advice.

I am copying this minute to Sir Robin Butler.

MURDO MACLEAN
27 January 1992



Prime Minister
To note
AT 24/1

QUEEN ANNE'S GATE LONDON SW1H 9AT

24 January 1992

Mr Michael

CIVIC HONOURS

As you know Her Majesty The Queen has indicated that she wishes to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Her Accession to the Throne by the grant of some civic honours. These are likely to take the form of one award of city status and one Lord Mayorship. I have been asked to coordinate advice on behalf of the territorial departments and I am writing to let you know of the recommendations I am minded to make.

In the course of this exercise we have received from towns and cities in England twenty applications for city status and nine for Lord Mayorship. I attach a note which summarises our view of the merits of each of the candidates. In addition the Secretary of State for Wales has submitted representations for city status on behalf of Newport and St Davids, and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on behalf of Armagh.

Following consultation between our officials, and having considered the applications myself, I have concluded that of the candidates for city status Sunderland has the strongest claim. It is the acknowledged centre for the surrounding area, it has a clear identity of its own, good historical connections and a population well above the accepted threshold. The strength of its claims for city status have long been recognised: it was runner up to Derby in The Queen's Silver Jubilee Year and consideration of earlier applications was deferred only because of local government reviews. Although some of its traditional industries are now in decline, the town has been successful in attracting new investment, and the application has received considerable cross-party support.

Almost an equally strong case could be made for Wolverhampton, which is an important commercial centre. In terms of identity and historical connections however I believe Sunderland has the edge. In my view both candidates are considerably ahead of others in the field.

Of those cities which have applied for Lord Mayorship, I consider Chester to be the strongest contender. It has ancient roots, a distinct character and is a major centre in its area. Whilst

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much of this is shared with Carlisle I believe Chester's Royal connections give it the edge. It should be noted that in 1992 The Queen will be distributing the Royal Maundy there to mark the Cathedral's 900th Anniversary, and that she has previously indicated that she would be prepared to consider granting a Lord Mayorship to Chester.

I have looked carefully at the cases made on behalf of Newport, St Davids, and Armagh but have concluded that given the size of their populations, and the special factors which would govern the grant of such an award to these towns, a competition of this kind is not the best way to judge the merits of their claims. I am writing to David Hunt and Peter Brooke to suggest that consideration of these cases might better be deferred to an occasion of importance specifically to Wales and Northern Ireland.

I therefore propose to recommend to Her Majesty that she agrees to an award of city status to Sunderland and one of Lord Mayorship to Chester. It is my present intention to approach the Palace at the end of this month and unless you indicate otherwise before then I will assume that you are content.

Copies of this letter go to the **Prime Minister**, David Hunt, Peter Brooke and Ian Lang.

Thomson

Chambers

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION

CITY STATUS

In 1977, the last occasion when such an exercise was undertaken, only seven candidates were considered: Blackburn, Brighton, Croydon, Derby, Dudley, Sunderland and Wolverhampton. Derby was eventually chosen on the combined grounds of antiquity and size.

2. On this occasion, those towns which had in recent years expressed an interest in this honour (14 in number) were invited to renew their representations. A further six towns also submitted representations. The complete list of candidates is: Blackburn, Bolton, Brighton, Chelmsford, Colchester, Croydon, Dudley, Guildford, Ipswich, Middlesbrough, Milton Keynes, Northampton, Preston, Sandwell, Shrewsbury, Southend-on-Sea, Stockport, Sunderland, Telford and Wolverhampton.

3. There are no formal criteria governing such grants. However, a favourable recommendation to Her Majesty requires consideration of these factors: (i) Population: A serious contender should, in England at least, have a population of over 200,000; (ii) Importance: the town should be the acknowledged cultural, educational and commercial centre of the surrounding area, with a character and identity of its own; (iii) Royal and historical connections.

Blackburn

4. With a population of 136,000 Blackburn is significantly below the threshold. This has in fact decreased since it was considered in 1977. Although it is outside the Greater Manchester area, there is no doubt that Manchester is the focal point of the life of East Lancashire. Blackburn does not have a sufficiently strong case on other grounds to put it among the leading contenders.

Bolton

5. The population of Bolton is, at 265,000 above the threshold, but there is little else to recommend it, since it is too near Manchester to have an identity of the required dimensions. Its claim is no stronger than Stockport, on the other side of Manchester.

Brighton

6. A stronger case can be made for Brighton, in that it occupies a central position within the surrounding area; it can be regarded as a cultural centre; it is developing as an international conference venue; it has a character and identity of its own and it has important, although by no means recent, connections with Royalty. However, although size is not a definitive criterion, its smallness (population of 149,000) weakens its case when compared to say Sunderland or Wolverhampton. Moreover, its population has decreased by some 11,000 over the last 14 years.

Chelmsford

7. As the centre of administration for Essex, Chelmsford evidently is the focal point for the area and does have an identity of its own. However, its population (151,000) is significantly below the threshold and its royal and historical connections are not as strong as some other towns of similar size, eg Brighton.

Colchester

8. The idea of seeking city status had not occurred to the local authority for Colchester until the Chief Executive learned that Ipswich had, as an earlier unsuccessful applicant, been invited to renew its representations. Although they are in different counties, there is evidently a good deal of local rivalry. It is an ancient town of military importance albeit no significant royal connections. However, it is well below the population threshold (154,000) and does not appear to have a stronger case than other towns of similar size.

Croydon

9. The civic authorities of Croydon have regularly pressed their claim for city status since the end of World War II. Their earlier applications were turned down, partly because of defects in the administration of the then county borough, but chiefly because it has been regarded as part of the London conurbation, rather than a place with a character and identity of its own. Although its current population is 319,000, its position has not significantly changed.

Dudley

10. Although it has historically been an important industrial centre and is sometimes know as the "capital" of the Black Country, Dudley lacks the individuality and character which would merit its elevation to city status. Its population (304,000) might appear to give it a fairly strong case, but size alone has never been a sufficient criterion for the award of city status; and in the case of Dudley it was achieved artificially by the addition in 1974 of two boroughs to the former borough of Dudley, which by itself used to have a population of less than 190,000.

Guildford

11. The population of Guildford (125,000) is significantly below the threshold and, whilst as a market town for over 1,000 years it is clearly a local centre, it does not appear to have a particularly strong identity. If the threshold were to be disregarded, there are other towns with a stronger claim to the honour of city status.

Ipswich

12. Ipswich, as the county town of Suffolk and a port for 150 years has a perceptible identity and the ancient lay out gives it character. However, its population (150,000) is well below the threshold and its claim is no stronger than other towns of similar size and importance.

Middlesbrough

13. The local authority has not put forward a good case. Again, the population (142,000) is below the threshold and although the town is the commercial and retail centre of the county of Cleveland it does not appear to have a discernible character and identity of its own or any significant royal and historical connections.

Milton Keynes

14. The Council's application for city status appears to have been prompted by the 25th anniversary of the designation of the new town of Milton Keynes in 1992, when its Development Corporation is to be wound up, and the possibility of its passing the 200,000 population threshold in the same year. (Its current population is 185,000). However, as a "manufactured" town it lacks appropriate historical and royal connections. Further, the winding-up of the Development Corporation may well be attended by controversy.

Northampton

15. Northampton (population 185,000) does not meet the population requirements and, although it lies well apart from any neighbouring conurbation of any size, it does not appear to have retained the medieval importance derived from its central position. The local authority did not submit detailed representations, but an earlier (1984) application for city status indicated that the expansion of its population was primarily due to the relief of congestion in London under the New Towns Act, rather than to spontaneous growth. Earlier applications concluded that there are other towns with better cases, eg: Sunderland or Wolverhampton and this position has not changed.

Preston

16. Preston (population of 130,000) is well below the population threshold and its royal and historical connections are slim. The application appears to have been prompted by the fact that its Guild Merchant, held every 20 years, is to be held in 1992. This is an ancient and interesting civic tradition, but the town does not appear to have the necessary local importance. It is described as a "sub-regional centre" but does not appear to have a stronger claim than other local contenders such as Blackburn and Stockport.

Sandwell

17. Sandwell has a large population (296,000) but is lacking in character and identity. As a town Sandwell itself does not really exist: it is compromised of six towns, West Bromwich, Oldbury, Smethwick, Wednesbury, Rowley Regis and Tipton of which West Bromwich appears to be the major one. There are no significant royal or historical connections and no real grounds for a claim to city status, particularly when contrasted with its neighbour, Wolverhampton.

Shrewsbury

18. Shrewsbury is clearly the centre for its area and is a historic town which many medieval buildings still in use. However, with a town population of 62,000 and a borough population of 90,500 it is nowhere near the population threshold.

Southend-on-Sea

19. The impression presented by Southend is that it is a secondary centre, looking always towards London, and thus lacking a strong character of its own. The application appears to have been prompted solely by its 100th anniversary of borough status. The population threshold is not met (167,000) and there appears no reason to relax it in the town's favour.

Stockport

20. There is a large population (290,000) but it is doubtful whether Stockport could be said to be a "centre" for the surrounding area, in view of its close proximity to Manchester. There are no significant royal or historical connections and the town's claim to city status appears no stronger than that of Bolton, on the other side of Manchester, which has also applied for this honour.

Sunderland

21. In the mid-60's Sunderland had a strong claim to city status as the largest county borough in England and Wales not already enjoying this status. Consideration of a 1964 application was not proceeded with because the boundaries of the county borough were under review by the Local Government Commission and in 1967, when Sunderland tried again, the then Home Secretary decided that, save in entirely special circumstances, it would not be right to entertain applications for city status while the Royal Commission on Local Government was sitting. Sunderland's population is now 296,100 and, although not the largest of the present applicants, none of those with a greater population has such a distinctive identity. Sunderland has a long and distinguished history, dating back to Saxon times. In the 7th century it became a centre of Christian influence and learning. There also grew up business and commercial activities and in later centuries it developed as an important industrial centre, particularly in coalmining and shipbuilding. Although these traditional industries have now suffered, in recent years other business has been attracted to the area.

22. In the last such exercise (1977), Sunderland was runner-up to Derby. It was agreed that on grounds of size and importance Sunderland had a good case but it was thought too soon after local government reorganisation and the incorporation of the county borough into the metropolitan county of Tyne and Wear for a favourable recommendation. Time has now removed this barrier.

Telford

23. The population of Telford (120,000) is below the population threshold and the town appears self-contained rather than a centre for the surrounding area. There are no significant royal or historical connections and the application appears to have been prompted by the winding-up of the Development Corporation in October 1991. The Wrekin Council advised that it did not intend this to be a high profile bid for city status, but wanted to draw attention to Telford and its record of achievements. The case presented for city status has little merit.

Wolverhampton

24. Wolverhampton has been pressing for city status for some time. The claim is based on the borough's ancient foundation (the name is said to be a corruption of "Wuulfrun's High Town") and its development from the industrial revolution to the present day. The population has shrunk since 1977, but at 250,000 is well above the threshold. It has some major civic amenities and is well-established commercially and educationally. There are no significant royal connections and past consideration has questioned whether it is sufficiently distinct from the rest of the West Midlands conurbation and whether it holds a sufficient quasi-metropolitan position, to merit its selection in preference to any of the other candidates.

LORD MAYOR

1. Until 1892, the style of Lord Mayor was confined in England and Wales to the Mayors of London and York who enjoyed it by ancient prescriptive right. Since then, the title has been given only as a very rare distinction and by express grant of the Sovereign to the Mayors of a few important cities.

2. There are no formal criteria governing the grant of Lord Mayorship, but factors influencing a favourable recommendation to Her Majesty include: (i) the honour has only ever been granted to cities; (ii) the city has to be large (not always strictly adhered-to) and important and have a character and dignity of its own; (iii) the honour would not normally be granted less than 15 years after the grant of city status. It is considered that, in the sense that it represents a double honour, the case for a Lord Mayorship, if anything, ought to be stronger than for a city.

3. On this occasion, those cities which in recent years expressed an interest in receiving this honour were invited to renew their representations. Those which did so are: Bath, Cambridge, Carlisle, Chester, Derby, Lancaster, Lincoln, St Albans and Southampton.

Bath

4. Bath enjoys city status by ancient prescriptive usage. It has a long history, including the crowning there in 973AD of Edgar, the first King of all England (commemorated by The Queen's visit in 1973) and in the late 18th century had strong royal connections. It is the country's only World Heritage City (1987) and is an important cultural and economic centre. There is, however, nothing special to justify singling out Bath from the other candidates.

Cambridge

5. City status was granted to Cambridge in 1951 on historical grounds. When Oxford was granted a Lord Mayorship in 1962, as a

special case, it was felt that if Cambridge applied it would probably have to be granted, but these special circumstances could not be extended to justify applications from cities of similar small size. Since then Swansea (in 1981) and Canterbury (in 1988) have been granted this honour. Cambridge has a long history and is particularly noted for the University, which is one of the foremost education and research institutions in the world. The tradition and architecture of the colleges are world famous and the city is a major centre for conferences and tourism. It has royal links apart from medieval Royal Charters and the foundation of King's College (1446) and Queen's College (1446, refounded 1475) in that The Duke of Edinburgh is Chancellor of the University, both The Prince of Wales and The Prince Edward attended the University and The Princess Margaret is Patron of the Cambridge Festival.

Carlisle

6. Carlisle has city status by ancient prescriptive usage. It is a strong candidate in that the office of Mayor can be traced back in written records to 1167 and the area has been settled for over 2,000 years. During Roman times, Carlisle was the most northerly city in the empire. The 900th anniversary of the building of a castle there is to be celebrated in 1992 and the cathedral church, which dates from 1102, houses the throne of the Bishop of Carlisle, whose diocese (founded in 1133) is one of the oldest in the northern province of the Church of England. The city presents itself as the gateway to England and Scotland (its ancient strategic importance) and appears to be a major centre of employment, shopping and leisure in the Border country of Southern Scotland and Cumbria.

Chester

7. City status was granted in 1541. Its earliest record of a Mayor is in 1229; but the construction of the castle there was begun by William the Conqueror and it became the centre of the Earldom of Chester. It became a Royal borough in 1237 and since 1301 the Heir to the Throne has, as at present, held the title of Earl of Chester as well as that of Prince of Wales. Chester has

been a major religions centre for over 1000 years and in 1992 will be celebrating the 900th anniversary of the founding of Chester Cathedral as an Abbey. It is a major tourist centre and the administrative centre of its area. Her Majesty indicated in 1988 that she was not averse to granting a Lord Mayorship to Chester in due course and will be distributing the Royal Maundy there in 1992 to mark the Cathedral's anniversary. Chester clearly has a strong case for the grant of a Lord Mayorship, even though it is not the largest of the present candidates for this honour.

Derby

8. Derby is the largest of the candidates, but as the most recently created city (1977) it would be difficult to justify singling it out on this occasion. Population apart, there are no special factors to advance it before its competitors.

Lancaster

9. City status was granted to Lancaster in 1937 at the express wish of the late King George VI. Its first Mayor is recorded in 1338. Its significant Royal connection is with Her Majesty as Duke of Lancaster. In 1970 it was the first non-county borough to be awarded the Flag of Honour of Europe and in 1991 it was awarded the Plaque of Honour of Europe in recognition of its work in encouraging links with twin towns in France, Germany and Denmark. There appears to be no special reason to single out Lancaster from the other candidates.

Lincoln

10. Lincoln enjoys city status by ancient prescriptive usage. With a population of 80,000+ it is the smallest of the candidates for a Lord Mayorship. Its first Mayor was appointed in 1206 and it is one of the oldest continuously settled communities in Europe. It was one of the most important settlements of the Roman occupation and retained its importance up to the 14th century. William the Conqueror built a Royal castle there and established the cathedral there. It emerged from decline in the 18th century and in the 19th grew into an industrial city. There are other

candidates with much stronger claims to the honour of a Lord Mayorship, eg: Chester, Carlisle or Southampton.

St Albans

11. City status was granted to St Albans in 1877. Its mayoralty dates from a 1552 Charter. Settled since ancient times, it was named after England's first martyr, whose shrine is the site of the abbey and cathedral church. It is a thriving business, trading and tourism centre and is noted for continuing archaeological excavations which began in 1930. Compared with the other candidates its case is not outstanding.

Southampton

12. City status was granted to Southampton in 1964 and it is the second-largest of the present candidates. It has been an important base since Roman times and by the 7th century was part of a royal estate named Kingsland. A part was built around 700 AD and the town prospered for succeeding centuries save when raided and threatened by war. It became a fashionable resort in the 18th century, when the modern port began to develop and include shipbuilding. Its industrial base broadened after the Second World War to include an oil refinery and a leading passenger port. It is the largest commercial and retail centre in the area.

13. When the grant of civic honours to mark the Silver Jubilee in 1977 was discussed Southampton was considered the strongest contender for the grant of the Lord Mayorship (the other applicants being Canterbury, Chester, Salford, and Swansea) disadvantaged only by its having been granted city status only 13 years before. In the event, it was decided that the occasion did not merit the grant of a Lord Mayorship.

14. However, the principle of a minimum population for the grant of city status has only been applied during the present century. Many of those cities which enjoy the privilege by ancient prescriptive right would not nowadays qualify because of this restriction. It therefore appears unfair to apply it to the grant of Lord Mayorship since to do so would discriminate against

ancient and important cities in favour of the more recently-created ones. In the event, the principle has not in recent years been strictly adhered-to; as evidenced by the honouring of Swansea in 1981 and Canterbury in 1988. For this reason, Southampton should not on this occasion be singled out on the ground of its higher population.

Conclusion

15. The outstanding candidates for city status appear to be Sunderland and Wolverhampton, in that order. If the principle of a minimum population of 200,000+ is not applied, then Brighton and Chelmsford also appear suitably qualified for the short list. Colchester and Ipswich appear attractive candidates, but in view of local rivalries between the two a grant of city status to either one would be contentious.

16. The strongest candidates for Lord Mayorship appear to be Chester, Carlisle, Cambridge and Southampton, in that order. It is difficult to distinguish between the first two, but Chester's royal connections would seem to give it the edge.



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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBIN BUTLER

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION

Murdo Maclean's letter of 21 January reports that agreement has been reached with the Opposition on the manner in which the House could be associated with a message of good wishes to the Queen on the 40th anniversary of her Accession. The Prime Minister proposes to preface the first answer at Question Time on 6 February with the following remarks:

"At the Cabinet meeting today, Her Majesty's Ministers agreed that I should convey to her Majesty our warmest good wishes on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of her accession to the Throne. This was in recognition of the ~~priceless~~ ^{incomparable} contribution Her Majesty has made to the life of our nation throughout her reign. I know that the House and millions of our fellow citizens ^{will share these sentiments} ~~would wish to be associated with this message.~~"

Please could you ensure that this is incorporated into the briefing for Cabinet on that day.

I am copying this minute to Murdo Maclean (the Chief Whip's Office).

ANDREW TURNBULL

23 January 1992

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Andrew

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WBC

Cheer at the price, I would have said! How about "unique"; PRIME MINISTER

unparalleled "or a new phrase" choice but I am open to suggestions posed a year long and appeared in the English language!

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION subject to the addition of a reference to the House of Commons. Could we settle on

And should it 'citizens' be 'subjects' in this context? (I think I don't suppose the meaning like that.)

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With.
Well. Content?

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Shee Uae 22/1/92

ANDREW TURNBULL
22 January 1992

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Andrew

Is this quite the most just?

In view of the Queen's tax exemption it could indeed be said that her contribution has been priceless without price.

Might someone pick this up?

With.

23/1.

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PRIME MINISTER

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION

I am content with the slightly longer formulation you have suggested subject to the addition of a reference to the House of Commons. Could we settle on

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Content?

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ANDREW TURNBULL

22 January 1992

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Government Chief Whip

12 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA

Prime Minister

From the Private Secretary

Agreement has been reached
the way in which Her Majesty's
40th Anniversary should be
acknowledged by the House.
Which formulation do you
prefer, X or Y?

AT 2/11

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21 January 1992

Dear Andrew, How about Y +

Dear Andrew,

The principal contribution of my Cabinet colleagues had to do with
the way in which Her Majesty's 40th Anniversary should be
acknowledged by the House. I know that millions of our
fellow citizens will wish to be associated with
this message!

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION.

Thank you for your letter of 9 January in which you asked me to explore with the Speaker's Office and the Opposition Whips how an acknowledgement of the Fortieth Anniversary might suitably be made in the House of Commons.

I have spoken to Charles Clarke in Mr. Kinnock's office and to Jim Wallace MP, Chief Whip of the Liberal Democrats, and both have indicated that they are content with the line suggested in your letter - i.e. that Mr. Kinnock and Mr. Ashdown preface their Questions with some suitable remarks. I have also spoken to the Speaker's Secretary to advise him of our intention.

In addition, I have consulted Sir Clifford Boulton, the Clerk of the House of Commons, to ensure that this would not be regarded as proceedings in parliament which would require an Humble Address to be presented to Her Majesty and he confirmed that if we proceed on this basis no Address would be required. The Vice Chamberlain would, however, be able to report the event in his Daily Message.

I have also consulted with the House of Lords and the situation there is somewhat more tricky. Without going into the procedural niceties they have decided, in the event, to do nothing. It is simply too difficult to make this sort of reference in the House of Lords without it turning into a full-blown tribute.

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As a matter of interest I have looked at the precedents of messages of congratulations to the Sovereign. Since her accession these are as follows:

1960	Birth of a Prince	22 February 1960
1964	Birth of a Prince	12 March 1964
1972	25th Silver Wedding Anniversary	20 November 1972
1977	Silver Jubilee	3 May 1977
1981	Marriage of Prince of Wales	14 July 1981
1982-83	Birth of a Son to the Prince of Wales	24 June 1982

Looking back into the past the only recent reign of comparable length was that of Queen Victoria. Whilst during that reign, Addresses of condolence were considerable in number, congratulations seem to have been mainly confined to The Diamond Jubilee 1897 (agreed on a division) and the births of princes or princesses.

More recently an Address was presented to George V and Queen Mary on their Silver Jubilee (Session 1934-35), to King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on the marriage of Princess Elizabeth (22 October 1947) and on the 25th Anniversary on their own wedding (26 April 1948).

With regard to the Prime Minister's remarks, an appropriate form of words might be:-

X "Her Majesty's Ministers resolved unanimously to congratulate her Majesty on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of her accession to the Throne".

This follows the wording of the Address on 3 May 1977 on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee.

Y If this is considered to be a little austere then a variant such as: "Her Majesty's Ministers" agreed that I should convey to Her Majesty our warmest good wishes on the occasion of the " etc.

There is merit in keeping the wording simple, since, obviously, care needs to be taken to ensure that nothing should be said which could give rise to an informal debate, or which would bring the Sovereign or any other members of the Royal family into the general political cut and thrust of PM's Questions!

I am sending a copy of this letter to Sir Robin Butler's office.

Yours,
Murdo

MURDO MACLEAN

Andrew Turnbull Esq CB
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Queen: 30th Ann. J (Cronache)
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From the Principal Private Secretary

9 January 1992

Dea Murdo.

40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION

February 6 1992 is the 40th anniversary of The Queen's Accession to the Throne. The Queen has steadfastly taken the view that this is an ordinary anniversary not a Jubilee. She has not, therefore, sought to promote extensive public celebrations nor encouraged the Government to organise any State occasion. Despite this, there have been efforts to raise the profile of the occasion, eg the activities of the Royal Anniversary Trust.

I can find no records of anything said or done in Parliament to mark the 30th anniversary but this was while memories of the Silver Jubilee were still fresh. I detect, however, that people will not want to let the 40th anniversary go entirely unobserved.

My soundings with the Palace indicate that the passing of a Humble Address which is presented personally to The Queen by a delegation of men in morning dress would be regarded as in excess of how The Queen wishes the occasion to be marked. A less formal approach would be for the Cabinet, which coincidentally meets on 6 February, to agree a short message of congratulation and appreciation. When the Prime Minister lists his engagements at Questions he could refer to this and state that he is sure that the whole House would wish to be associated with it. This could either be accepted by acclamation, or Mr. Kinnock and Mr. Ashdown could preface their questions with suitable remarks. The Prime Minister would be happy with an approach of this kind and would be grateful if you could explore this with the Speaker's Office and with the Opposition Whips Office to see if they would be happy to proceed in this way.

I am copying this letter to Sir Robin Butler.

*Yours sincerely
A. Turnbull*

A. TURNBULL

Murdo Maclean, Esq.,
Chief Whip's Office

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PRIME MINISTER

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Content for me to explore this with Speaker's Office, Whips' Office and, via Murdo Maclean, with Opposition?

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ANDREW TURNBULL

6 January 1992

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2. cf to put away

I have noted ^{my} diary
for 29/1 - see AT m-s
within for 6 Feb.

Angela - 18/12/91

Andrew HMQ 30th Anniv.

Naming appears to
have been sent in

1982 (Accession) or

1983 (Coronation)

- see Flag x only. AH
17/12

Angela

~~Andrew~~

Nothing beyond a
response letter. Pl can
you find out how we
done a 30th anniversary
the date does not set high
tax by 40th anniversary

A little

while ago

re reminded you of

about the Queen's

40th yr. accession to

the throne on 6 Feb.

1992 and whether

Cabinet would wish to do
something.

I re-remind, in case
you'd forgotten.... time
will run short.

Angela 16/12



THE ROYAL ANNIVERSARY TRUST

Her Majesty the Queen's 40th Anniversary 1992



HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S
40TH ANNIVERSARY



*I*n 1992 we mark the 40th anniversary of The Queen's accession. She is one of the longest-serving heads of state in the world, and the devoted service she has given the nation is very widely appreciated. I am sure you will agree that this exceptional work over such a long period should be suitably celebrated.

The Royal Anniversary Trust was established to develop a programme of activities expressing the nation's gratitude for The Queen's work over so many years. It is a non-profit making charity, and the programme outlined in the following pages has Buckingham Palace's approval.

The Prime Minister and the leaders of the other main political parties are united in giving the programme their warm support. It sets out to provide a framework within which individuals and groups can initiate their own contributions.

The events we are planning will involve people of all ages, throughout the country. They are intended to complement one another, bringing long term benefits to local communities and the nation as a whole.

Everyone has the opportunity to join in if they wish.
We hope you will want to do so.

George Younger
Chairman



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

WE WISH THE ROYAL ANNIVERSARY TRUST
EVERY SUCCESS IN BRINGING ABOUT THE PROGRAMME AGREED
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S
40TH ANNIVERSARY DURING 1992.

WE ARE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT YOUR PROGRAMME
HAS ELEMENTS THAT CAN INVOLVE ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY
AND ALL AGE GROUPS.

THE IDEA OF EXPRESSING GRATITUDE IN THIS WAY
FOR HER MAJESTY'S OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE NATION
OVER THIS LONG PERIOD IS ONE THAT WE HEARTILY
AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT.

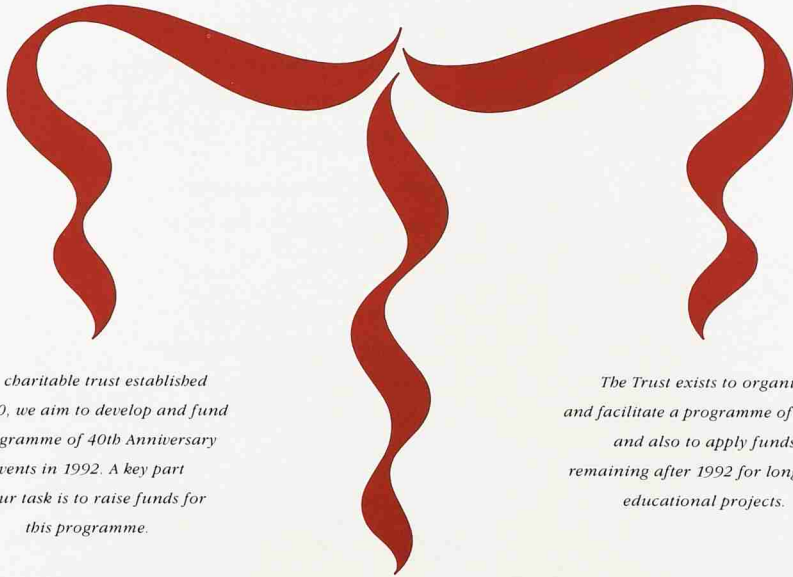
John Major

Neil Kinnock

Paddy Ashdown



**THE AIMS OF
THE ROYAL ANNIVERSARY TRUST**



As a charitable trust established in 1990, we aim to develop and fund a programme of 40th Anniversary events in 1992. A key part of our task is to raise funds for this programme.

The Trust exists to organise and facilitate a programme of events, and also to apply funds remaining after 1992 for long-term educational projects.

The results of the programme will benefit local communities or the nation as a whole. Everyone is invited to participate, and groups wishing to organise their own celebratory events are welcome.



THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAMME

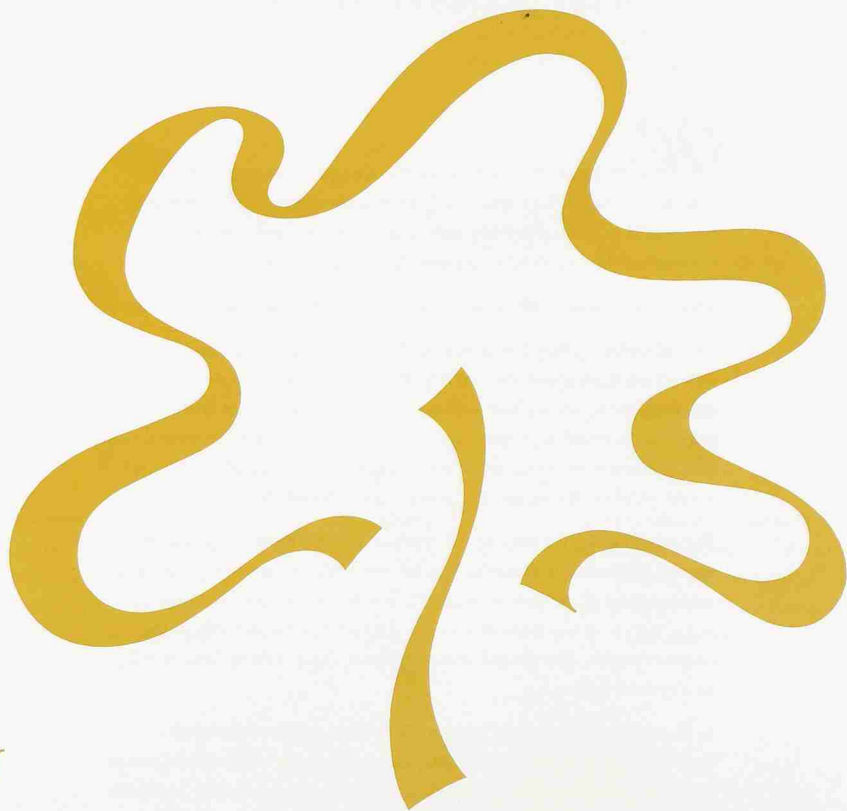
*W*e deliberately set out to make the core programme for the 40th Anniversary celebrations as flexible and wide-ranging as possible. Our aim is to ensure that everyone can participate, but people throughout the country can express their support in their own way.

Several core themes will form a common thread integrating our events.

Lasting benefit is the central theme of our challenge to groups and individuals throughout the country. The schools and adult programmes are designed to ensure that, in years to come, communities will still be enjoying the fruits of projects undertaken in 1992 to mark the anniversary. This forward-looking aspect of the celebrations is also reflected in our strong focus on young people through participation by schools.

The programme also aims to educate and inform. Projects such as the special exhibition and televised grand finale will recognise the enormous achievements of the past 40 years. They will also consider the duties and activities of our head of state both within the country and in the Commonwealth, Europe and elsewhere. Here, too, 'lasting benefit' will be a central theme.

In inviting as many people as possible to take part, we have made 'challenge' another core theme. We hope to stimulate active participation in a range of projects that are both worthwhile and thoroughly enjoyable.



THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE FOR
YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE - WITH PROJECTS
DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE LONG-TERM BENEFITS.



A CHANCE TO TAKE PART

Everyone can play an active part in the celebrations by entering either the Schools Awards or the National Challenge. And every valid entry wins a Royal Anniversary Trust certificate.

THE SCHOOLS AWARDS

This scheme challenges 10 million young people in the nation's schools and colleges to work together in devising and executing imaginative projects of lasting benefit to their community's environment, particularly outside the school.

These might include improving or repairing buildings, developing gardens or rest areas, planting trees or shrubs, or protecting wildflowers or wildlife. Literary, musical or artistic contributions related to the environment are welcome – but they must have some durability in artistic or copyright terms.

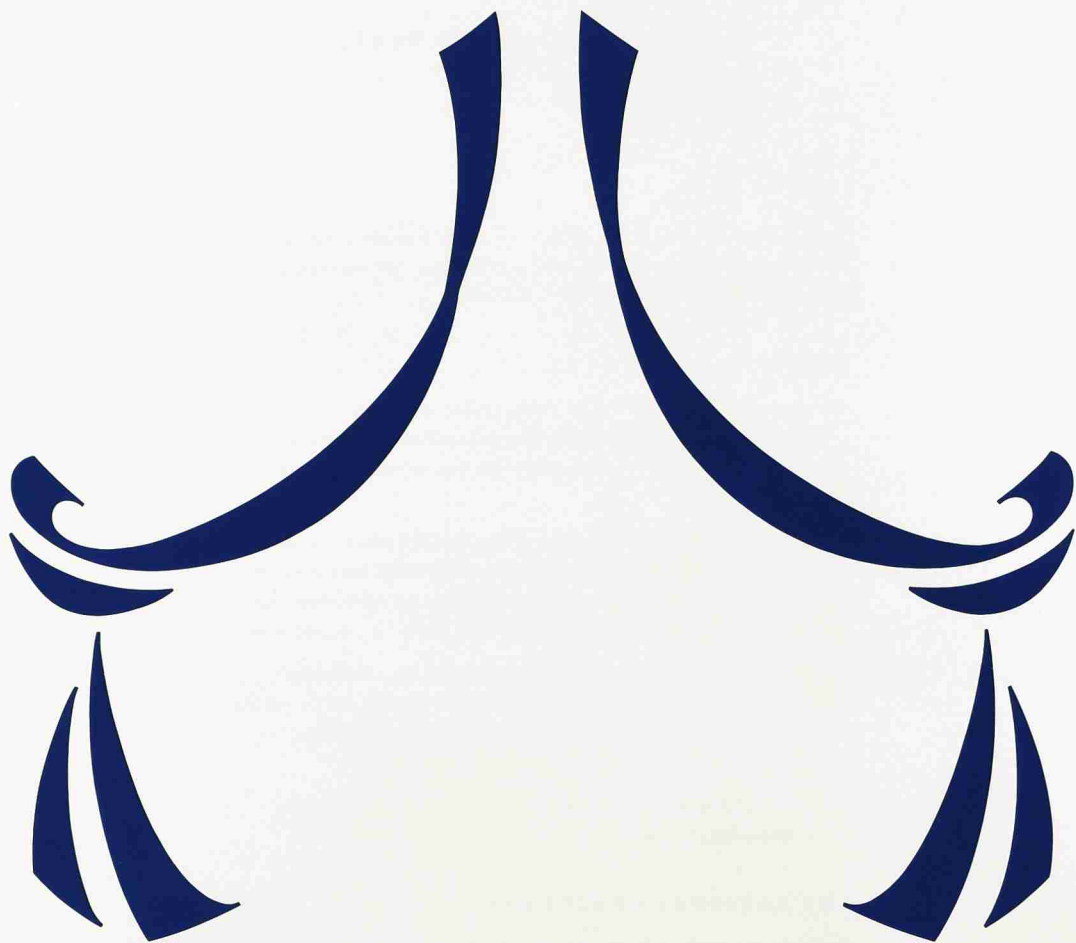
There are four age groups (4–7, 7–11, 11–16 and 16–19), with another category for pupils in special education, and local winners will be chosen in 140 authorities. After regional and national assessments, the final winners will receive their awards in London in Autumn 1992.

This is an opportunity to be creative and innovative – and to have fun doing something worthwhile!

THE NATIONAL CHALLENGE

Our challenge to all adult organisations and groups is to make something happen that directly benefits young people or pensioners. It can be local, regional or national, but the benefit must be measurable and must last more than three years.

Prizes will be awarded in various categories. We hope that charitable bodies, the armed services, local services, women's organisations, and sporting, artistic or higher educational institutions, among others, will take part. There will be both regional and national prizes, with a final presentation in London in Autumn 1992.



A SPECIAL EXHIBITION REVEALS THE MANY FACETS
OF THE QUEEN'S ACTIVITIES - AND A TV
SPECTACULAR CELEBRATES 40 REMARKABLE YEARS.



LOOKING BACK, AND FORWARD

Special events will look back over 40 years of achievement – and forward at The Queen's continuing role as head of state.

THE EXHIBITION

The Sovereign exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum from April to September 1992 will chart the changing face of the monarchy since 1952. It will include rarely-seen memorabilia from the royal family's private collections, some never publicly displayed before.

Sections will include *Pomp and Circumstance*, capturing the majesty of royal occasions with a dazzling array of decorations and costumes... *The Queen and Commonwealth*, illustrating The Queen's role on the world stage...and *The Monarch and the Media*, examining the Queen's evolving relationship with the press, TV and radio.

We hope to arrange regional venues for an exhibition, including one in Scotland, in the later months of 1992.

THE GRAND FINALE

In mid-October, the grand finale event will be televised in Britain and overseas. It will have three aims.

First, it will build a spectacular entertainment around Britain's achievements over the past 40 years – dazzlingly presented by stars from the worlds of entertainment, sport, the arts, invention, industry, the professions and other fields. Second, it will mark the initiative and achievements of Britons today, as the national prizewinners are announced in the Schools Awards and National Challenge.

Above all, it will focus the whole year's celebration of The Queen. And in the tradition of grand finales, it will include some surprises...



THROUGHOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM,
INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS ARE PLANNING
THEIR OWN CONTRIBUTIONS TO A CELEBRATION
WE CAN ALL SHARE.

THE CELEBRATION GATHERS MOMENTUM

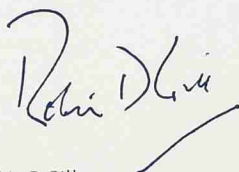
*T*his brochure outlines the programme we have agreed for the 40th Anniversary festivities. We are also inviting commercial organisations to work with us in producing a range of affordable souvenirs and commemorative objects of the highest possible standard.

But beyond this there will undoubtedly be many other initiatives, and the Trust heartily welcomes every expression of celebration, whether official or unofficial.

Some have already been announced. There will be other announcements of individual public and private events, as the weeks go by.

As our own programme develops, there may well be adjustments to its scope and execution. But we hope that this short outline has given you a good idea of our central motives and intentions.

We hope you will join in.



Robin D Gill
Chairman of the Organisation & Executive

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THE EXHIBITION OF A LIFETIME

In 1952 a young Princess was proclaimed Queen. Forty years on, there is a major exhibition to mark this Royal Anniversary. Sovereign, at the Victoria and Albert Museum, is a celebration in sight and sound of The Queen's activities as Head of State.

From the splendour of the ceremonial Coronation Robes to the family photographs taken from Her Majesty's personal albums - from a glittering display of the gold plate used at State Banquets to reconstructions of private rooms at Windsor, Balmoral and Sandringham, this extraordinary exhibition has been assembled with the close co-operation of the Royal Household. Many of the exhibits have never been seen in public before.

It is truly the exhibition of a lifetime. Don't miss it.

VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM

APRIL 3 - SEPTEMBER 13

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APRIL 3 - SEPTEMBER 13

Sovereign, at the Victoria and Albert Museum, is the centrepiece of a year of celebrations to commemorate forty years of service by Her Majesty The Queen.

BEAT THE QUEUES

To book the day and time of your visit in advance, and bypass the queues, call First Call. Advance booking is essential for groups of ten or more.



OPENING HOURS

10.00 - 17.30 daily (Sun 12.00 - 17.30). Last ticket sales 16.30
Closed on Good Friday and May Day Bank Holiday (May 4th).
Information - 071 938 8676 (24hr recorded information).
or - 071 497 9977 (First Call).

ADMISSION PRICES

Adults £6

Concessions £4.90 (Students, children under 17, UB40 holders, senior citizens and parties of 10 or more per head).

Family Ticket £15 (up to two adults and four children under 17).

Groups in full time education and youth groups £2 per person (pre-booking essential with V&A Education Department on 071-938 8638).

V&A

The Museum is in South Kensington, on the corner of Cromwell Road and Exhibition Road, and just five minutes walk from Harrods. The nearest Underground station is South Kensington and buses 14, 30, 74 and Red Arrow 503, 45, 49 and 219 stop nearby.

Shop and restaurant facilities are available.

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THE
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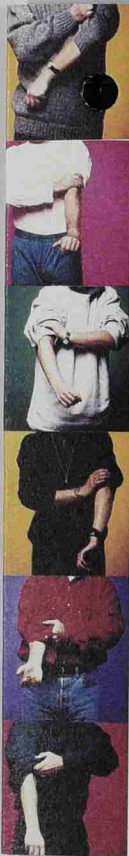


HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S
40TH ANNIVERSARY



WHAT IS THE ROYAL ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE?

The British people have a special reason to celebrate in 1992. It is the 40th Anniversary of Her Majesty The Queen's Accession to the Throne. The Royal Anniversary Trust has been established to commemorate this event in a variety of ways - including the Royal Anniversary Challenge. The Challenge is simply this: to roll up your sleeves and do something which will be of lasting benefit to your local community. We are looking primarily for ideas and initiatives which will benefit young people, senior citizens or those with special needs, but any project which will enhance our quality of life will be welcome. As part of the challenge your achievements will be recognised and a number of awards will be made at a local level leading to a further round of regional awards. As a grand finale there will be a national awards celebration for those projects judged to be outstanding in terms of their relevance to the needs of the community ■



WHO CAN TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE?

The Challenge is open to all: ■ private, public and voluntary sector adult organisations, associations and clubs ■ church based and other religious organisations ■ higher and further educational institutions and their associations ■ HM Armed Forces ■ civilian services including Police, Fire and Ambulance services ■ fund-raising bodies and charities ■ groups who have an existing project even if it is part of another local or national scheme or competition.

Local groups which are formed directly in response to the Challenge are encouraged to put forward projects provided that your group is properly constituted. The needs in your community may be obvious or, then again, your discussions of the Challenge might bring out some original initiatives that you have not even considered before. Above all, the projects entered for the Challenge are meant to be rewarding and fun - both for the beneficiaries as well as for the people who are organising them ■



HOW TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE

The first step is to agree with your group the nature of the project you would like to propose. Remember that we are looking for ideas which will fulfil a real need within your community which is not being adequately addressed. Your ideas can embrace the full spectrum of social activities - from down to earth schemes like creating a community garden or fixing up a building as a meeting place for local young people all the way to providing cultural or educational initiatives for the enrichment of your community. Once you've agreed on your project fill out the registration form attached and send it in to us. Don't delay. The Challenge must be taken up immediately as each entry will be subject to a number of qualifying rounds leading up to the national awards at the end of the Anniversary year ■

WE WISH TO ENTER THE ROYAL ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Name/Title of your Challenge

Your Challenge project/scheme is or will be run by (name of organisation/group)

.....Tel No

Name of contact

Address (if different from above)

.....

.....Tel No

Brief description of your challenge (including who will benefit (ie young people, senior citizens or others with special needs); indicate the geographical area covered; and, if you have entered the project in any other national scheme or competition.)

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On receipt of this registration form you will be sent further details

THANK YOU FOR TAKING UP THE CHALLENGE

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The Director
The Royal Anniversary Challenge
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WHAT'S YOUR CHALLENGE?

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**A PRESTIGIOUS NEW
ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD**

Working together towards a better environment



HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S
40TH JUBILEE



THE CHALLENGE

To work together within your community to enhance the quality of the environment. You may already be doing work of this nature which could be completed for the Awards. Alternatively, you may wish to generate new ideas. No scheme will be too small or too large for consideration. The possibilities are endless.

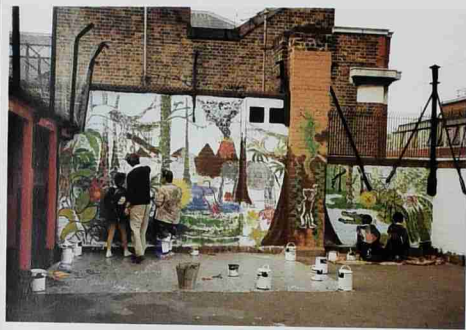
Projects could include :

- planting trees or shrubs
- improving and refurbishing buildings
- eliminating pollution problems
- creating trails and trail guides
- encouraging or protecting plants and wildlife
- recycling waste
- improving school grounds or local amenities

Literary, musical and artistic contributions related to the environment would also be suitable entries.

The Royal Anniversary Trust Awards provide a chance to demonstrate the concern of your school to improve the environment in a visible and practical way.





PART OF THE CURRICULUM

Entries for The Royal Anniversary Trust Awards can contribute towards the subjects and themes of the curriculum, including environmental education. Projects can arise from extra-curricular as well as cross-curricular activity. They should provide scope for ingenuity, problem-solving and careful research.



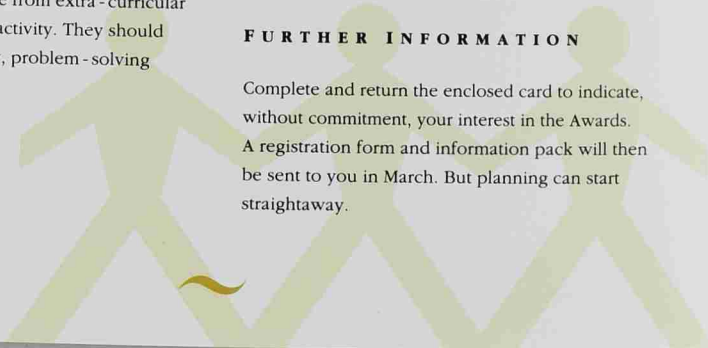
WHO CAN ENTER ?

All schools and colleges in the United Kingdom. Entries should be from groups of pupils or students predominantly in the age ranges: 4 - 7, 7 - 11, 11 - 16, and 16 - 19.

There is a separate category for pupils in special education. Jubilee certificates will be awarded to all satisfactory entries and there are prizes for regional and national winners.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Complete and return the enclosed card to indicate, without commitment, your interest in the Awards. A registration form and information pack will then be sent to you in March. But planning can start straightaway.



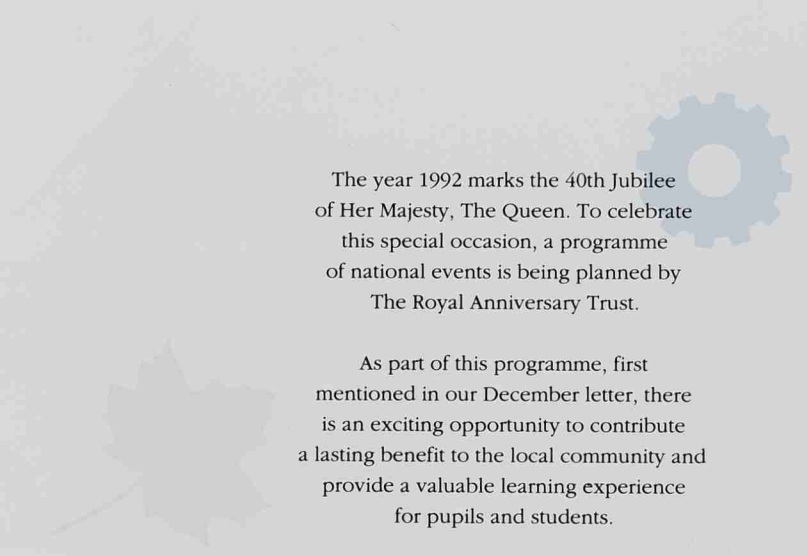
WORKING TOGETHER

We hope that the Awards will encourage co-operation between individuals and groups both within and outside the school. Pupils and students will work together in surveying, planning and carrying out their projects. They may need to consult with staff, parents and experts in the local community, including representatives of business and commerce. The Royal Anniversary Trust has received generous and enthusiastic support from educational bodies, environmental associations and professional groups in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The information pack will list organisations willing to give advice about carrying out your project.



At the regional stage of the Awards we shall be co-operating with the Schools Curriculum Award and your entry may be eligible for consideration under both schemes.






The year 1992 marks the 40th Jubilee of Her Majesty, The Queen. To celebrate this special occasion, a programme of national events is being planned by The Royal Anniversary Trust.

As part of this programme, first mentioned in our December letter, there is an exciting opportunity to contribute a lasting benefit to the local community and provide a valuable learning experience for pupils and students.

Work for The Royal Anniversary Trust Awards will serve as a permanent mark of gratitude to The Queen.

All satisfactory entries will be recognised by an Award.



COUNTDOWN

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- Today Return the reply card to register your interest
- March Full information and registration forms sent by
The Royal Anniversary Trust to schools and colleges
- May Registration forms returned by schools and colleges

1992

- March Written submission of projects to
The Royal Anniversary Trust
- April/May Projects evaluated in local areas
- June Local Awards presented
- June/September Projects evaluated in regional areas
- September Regional Awards presented
- October National Awards presented at the final televised
celebrations, in London, in the presence of
The Queen

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bc Gus O'Donnell

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From the Principal Private Secretary

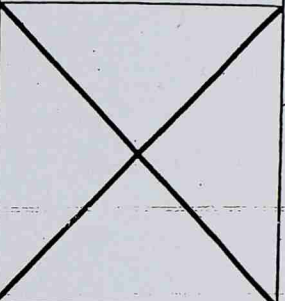
12 December 1991

You wrote to Mr. O'Donnell asking the Prime Minister to provide a message of tribute to The Queen for inclusion in a publication you are proposing in connection with Her Majesty's 40th Anniversary. When the time comes the Prime Minister and the Cabinet may want to send some message to The Queen. If they do so they will want to send it direct not via a publication such as that suggested. I regret, therefore, that it is not appropriate to meet your request.

(ANDREW TURNBULL)

R. D. Kyle, Esq.

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S
40TH ANNIVERSARY

cc Andrew Turnbull

DATE: 3RD DECEMBER 1991

TO: MR. GUS O'DONNELL
PRESS OFFICE

FROM: R.D. KYLE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE

FAX: 071-270 3000

FAX : 071-267 5505

Dear Mr O'Donnell

February 6th 1992 marks the 40th anniversary of Her Majesty The Queen's Accession to the Throne. It has been a period of radical change in which the Queen has been a central figure and a rock of stability.

Buckingham Palace has given its approval to the setting up of The Royal Anniversary Trust. Whilst the Trust is presenting a programme of events to celebrate this occasion, its major objectives are to improve educational and environmental standards.

The Regency Press Corporation and Atalink Ltd. have been authorised by The Royal Anniversary Trust to produce 'THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE', the theme of which is a striving for and hopefully an attainment of excellence which will improve the quality of community life; demonstrating to the youth of today, the importance of shouldering the role of a caring and responsible citizenship.

The theme also promotes the uplifting of educational standards worldwide, the need for a safer environment and the encouragement of a return to traditional family values.

The publication will be available for sale internationally and the profits from the copy sales of the publication will be donated to The Royal Anniversary Trust. These funds will be utilised by the Trust to help fulfil its aims and objectives.

Within this historic Tribute to Her Majesty, we intend to include messages of congratulations from Royal Households, Heads of State and Leaders from around the world. Consequently, we would be most honoured to receive a message from Mr. John Major MP, Prime Minister, together with a colour transparency.

The material would be needed by the 30th December and should be dispatched to the publishers at the address given below.

We do hope that you will be able to participate in what will undoubtedly be a splendid tribute to Her Majesty.

Yours Sincerely
R.D. Kyle

R.D. KYLE
Chief Executive

THE
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TJS/AH



To: MR DE DENEY

From: T J Sutton
Date: 23 May 1991

cc: Miss Phippard
Mr Turnbull, No 10

THE QUEEN'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY: PRIVY COUNCIL DINNER *Phip*

The Lord President was grateful for your minute of 21 May

He agrees that there is no further action.

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T J SUTTON
Principal Private Secretary

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Prime Minister
To be aware of the
Queen's attitude to the
40th Anniversary

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Copies: Miss Phippard
Mr Turnbull, No 10

Mr Sutton

The Queen's 40th Anniversary: Privy Council Dinner

As I mentioned to the Lord President, I had undertaken preliminary soundings of the Palace about the suggestion that the Privy Council might repeat the 1972 dinner given by the whole Council for Her Majesty and Prince Phillip by inviting them to a similar dinner in 1992.

The conclusion that the proposal should be revived in due course for a Golden Jubilee seems entirely right. The Lord President has already sent a reply to Mr. Thorpe. For the present, therefore, there seems no further action to take beyond almanacing the papers for the year 2000.

21st May 1991

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To: MR DE DENEY

From: T J Sutton
Date: 10 May 1991

cc: Miss Phippard
Mr Turnbull, No 10

HM THE QUEEN'S RUBY JUBILEE

Jeremy Thorpe has written to the Lord President suggesting a dinner given by Privy Councillors for the Queen and Prince Philip ... to celebrate the Ruby Jubilee. I attach a copy of his letter.

Although we already know that Her Majesty does not want any great public ceremonies or commemoration of this Jubilee, this would be a private event and the Lord President is attracted to the idea. If it went ahead, it would obviously be public knowledge, as a Royal engagement; but he does not see that that causes a problem.

I should therefore be most grateful for advice on how the previous occasion to which Mr Thorpe refers was organised, and on whether an invitation to Her Majesty to a similar occasion would be appropriate next year.

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T J Sutton
Principal Private Secretary

FROM: The Rt. Hon. JEREMY THORPE

2 ORME SQUARE
LONDON
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Office of the Prime Minister 10 Downing Street London SW1A 2AA	CC MAY 1991

8th May 1991

Dear Mr MacGregor

You may recall that when Jim Prior was Lord President, the Queen and Prince Philip were invited by Privy Councillors to dine in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords. The event was a great success which brought together Privy Councillors drawn from a wide spectrum. There was no 'placement' except for the Senior Privy Councillor, who was the Earl of Avon.

Next year is the 40th Anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne. What about a repeat performance? It could bring together not only politicians and judges but distinguished statesmen from the Commonwealth i.e. Trudeau etc. In short, I hope that this is an idea which commends itself to you.

*Reply
to Sir
Jeremy Thorpe*

The Rt. Hon. John MacGregor, OBE MP,
Privy Council Office,
Whitehall,
LONDON, SW1A 2AT.

PRIME MINISTER

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QUEEN'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

1992 is the 40th anniversary of The Queen's accession to the throne. It is her wish, which Mrs Thatcher shared, that this should not be treated as a major Jubilee which should be the subject of a large celebration organised by the Government. She has every hope and expectation of living to see her Golden Jubilee in 2002.

The Queen has, however, agreed that a Royal Anniversary Trust should be established, to be funded by private donations. This will organise a series of events including an exhibition at the V&A in the summer of next year and a competition for primary schools throughout the country on an environmental theme.

George Younger has agreed to be the Chairman of the Royal Anniversary Trust and he is seeking a letter of support from the three party leaders.

I attach a draft for your signature which I have agreed with Mr Younger. He will then seek the signatures of Mr Kinnock and Mr Ashdown.

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ANDREW TURNBULL

25 April 1991

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10 DOWNING STREET
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From the Private Secretary

1 November 1990

Dear Stephen,

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION

The Foreign Secretary raised with the Prime Minister this evening the approach which he had received from Mr. David Wills for marking the 40th anniversary of The Queen's accession to the throne. They both felt that the 40th anniversary was not especially remarkable and that any major events or celebrations should be reserved for the 50th anniversary. While there was no reason to stop Mr. Wills and others from pursuing their ideas, we should make it clear to them that they must look to private funding and could not expect Government money.

Yours sincerely,

C. D. POWELL

Stephen Wall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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IN CONFIDENCE

31 October 1990

Dear Charles,

Royal Anniversary Trust

The Foreign Secretary would be grateful to have a word with the Prime Minister at their bilateral tomorrow on some ideas which have been put to him for commemorating the 40th anniversary of The Queen's Accession, in 1992.

Sir David Wills called on the Foreign Secretary this morning to outline the plans which he and Sir Angus Ogilvy are working on to mark the anniversary. Sir Angus Ogilvy had approached Sir David Wills because of his patronage of the 21st Century Trust and had asked him for his ideas. Sir David Wills had prepared the enclosed documents. These suggest that the anniversary should be marked by the establishment of a Foundation, with a capital endowment of £400 million, to bring together the younger generation from countries around the world. Sir David Wills envisages "a massive exchange scheme programme" and a Younger Generation Workshop Office, organising workshops on issues such as human rights, interdependence, third world development, environment, etc.

Sir David Wills said that his ideas had found favour with Sir Angus Ogilvy.

Sir David therefore wondered if HMG could give its support to the idea. This would be mainly political, though Sir David hoped the Government might contribute financially as well. This would make it easier for The Queen to give Her support (including a financial contribution).

Sir David Wills said that he would be attending a meeting on 12 November with Angus Ogilvy, George Younger, and Lords Carrington and Whitelaw to discuss the scheme. It would be very helpful to have a reaction by then. The Foreign Secretary said he would take some soundings. He gave Sir David no encouragement to think that the Government could contribute financially.

We had heard that Sir Angus Ogilvy was considering some initiative to commemorate the 40th anniversary of The Queen's Accession but Sir Angus had made clear that, if it did go ahead, there would be no question of Government funding. All the money would be found from the private sector.



Although the initiative in the form put forward by Sir David Wills has an overseas slant, the question of whether HMG should make a contribution to any trust set up to commemorate the 40th anniversary is not, of course, strictly one for the FCO. Our existing scholarship programme is already heavily squeezed as a result of this year's PES round and we certainly do not have any money to contribute. I imagine Sir David Wills contacted the Foreign Secretary as an old friend.

Yours,
Stephen Wall
(J S Wall)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

R.A.T.

DRAFT - STRICTLY PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Her Majesty's Government believes that there are many people and *many* institutions in the United Kingdom who would wish to see the fortieth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne marked and remembered in some very special way.

It has been suggested therefore, that a Trust which will be entitled The Queen's 21st Century Foundation should be set up *in the immediate future* with the express task of bringing together, by various means *and* *mainly* in Britain *but* also elsewhere, the younger generation from countries around the world.

Her Majesty's Government consider that this is, indeed, a matter of great importance and it will be a task which Her Majesty's Government will undertake as soon as The Queen's 21st Century Foundation has been brought into being.

In order to achieve its purposes, The Queen's 21st Century Foundation requires a capital endowment of £400 million in order to provide the £14 million income which will be required annually on a long term basis; Her Majesty's Government believe that many people and many institutions will wish to see that this capital endowment of £400 million is provided and will give generously, in order to make sure that that target is achieved.

R.A.T.

1. The Queen's 21st Century Foundation in the United Kingdom will be established on 6th February, 1992, on the occasion of her 40th Anniversary on the throne.

2. The purposes of the Queen's 21st Century Foundation, as stated in the Trust Deed are, "the advancement of education through interchange of scientific knowledge, professional and administrative skills, and cultural and aesthetic appreciation, so as to promote an understanding of the values of free societies and their friends and to strengthen the ties between them".

3. It is believed that the purposes outlined in paragraph 2 above will best be achieved by the creation of three separate Institutions, which will operate under the control of the Trustees of the Queen's 21st Century Foundation, as outlined in paragraph 4, 5 and 6 below.

4. The Young People's Exchange Scheme Office will operate a massive exchange scheme programme which, in many respects, will be similar to that which was created in France and Germany following the Franco-German Treaty of 1963, and which was arranged at the express wish of President Charles de Gaulle and Federal Chancellor Dr. Conrad Ardenauer; this scheme has had an immensely beneficial effect on the relationship of France and Germany and these two countries have become really close to each other as a result of it. The exchange scheme, which will be operated under the aegis of the Trustees of the Queen's 21st Century Foundation from London, however, will be more broadly based than the Franco-German exchange scheme and initially will be aimed at North America, Europe and East Asia, before expanding its efforts elsewhere. It is envisaged that the efforts of the Young People's Exchange Scheme Office will involve young people from all walks of life and from many different spheres - e.g. School, University, Work (whether in industry or elsewhere) and Sports and Cultural Organizations and that the visits to each other's countries will usually last for 14 to 16 days.

The Exchange Scheme Office ^{will} ~~would~~, in addition, undertake to arrange wherever possible extra-curricular language tuition and teacher training.

5. The ~~Students~~ ^{for Students} Queen's Scholarships Office will arrange for the forty scholarships, which it will have in its gift, to be presented every year to forty worthy students ~~available~~ from all over the world in order to enable them to attend British Universities. The Queen's Scholars, as these students will be designated, will each take an Honours degree in a subject of their choosing.

The gift of the forty scholarships will be applied yearly as follows:-

Eight to Commonwealth Countries

Eight to North and South America

Eight to European Countries including those in ^{Scandinavia,} Eastern Europe and Russia

Eight to Middle Eastern Countries

Eight to East Asian Countries

The above five groups cover the whole world and any student from any country in the world will be able to apply for a scholarship.

6. The Younger Generation's Workshop Office will look to continue on a permanent and considerably broader basis the work of the 21st Century Trust, which has now been undertaken for a period of some four years but which will have to come to an end within the next two or three years owing to lack of funds. The Office will also be looking to the future and will be concentrating its efforts on able men and women between the ages of 20 to 40 - younger people who in 10, 15 or 20 years time will be leaders in various fields in their respective countries. It will be multi-disciplinary and deal with topics across the whole range of ^{at} international concern.

The main element of the programme of the Younger Generation's Workshop Office will be to continue to run 'workshops' on topics such as ^{Reproductive Processes} Human Rights, Interdependence, Third World Development, Environmental Concerns, Responsibilities ^{After the cold war - what kind of Europe?} of the Media and other matters facing the Democracies over the coming decades.

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At each workshop some 20 or so Queen's Fellows - as those who attend the workshops will be called - from a wide variety of countries and disciplines will gather for up to 10 days discussion. This Fellowship Programme will constitute an expanding network of young people chosen for their outstanding qualities and their problem-solving skills. Many of those attending each workshop will achieve exceptional understanding with each other as time goes by and measures will be taken, in due course, to promote a true Fellowship covering all the groups.

The Younger Generation's Workshop Office will also consider additional ways in which to widen the network of Queen's Fellows and to promote its objective of enhancing the understanding of democratic practices and principles, so strengthening the ties between the democracies and between the democracies and their friends. This task cannot be left to governments alone, but it will always in the end rest mainly on a nucleus of really able younger people many of whom should be enabled to know and be friends of many of each other.

~~Finally, the remark made by the Rt. Hon. Lester Pearson, formerly Prime Minister of Canada - in his Nobel Peace Prize Lecture in 1967 should always be remembered. He said "How can there be peace unless there is understanding and how can this be unless they know each other?"~~

- Lord Home and Lord Callaghan -

7. Some three years ago two former Prime Ministers wrote the following paragraphs about freedom:-

"Down the ages men and women have never ceased to proclaim their right to be free. For some the struggle is not yet won. For us, the freedom of our society is precious. It confers upon each of us the rights and obligations of citizenship under laws enacted in a freely-elected Parliament".

" We cannot take it for granted that our freedoms will survive. Their continued well-being requires efforts on our part: to explain to young people what they are and how they were won; and since freedom's boundaries are never finally set, to explore how they can be adapted so as to respond to the changes that the new century will bring. We shall work with our friends in other countries in order to share their experience and exchange ideas on the basic requirements that must be met in a free society."

Finally, one particular remark made by the Rt. Hon. Lester Pearson - formerly Prime Minister of Canada - in his Nobel Peace Prize Lecture in 1957 should always be remembered - he said: "How can there be peace without people understanding each other and how can this be if they don't know each other?".

8. The Queen's 21st Century Foundation will be brought into being in order to do all it can to achieve the goals set out in the above paragraphs in the years to come.

9. It is considered that a fund of £400 million is required to enable the Queen's 21st Century Foundation to operate indefinitely over the years which lie ahead, and it is hoped that contributions to this Fund will be received from all over the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. It is estimated that this capital fund of £400 million can only be expected to be invested in securities which provide $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest per annum - this will produce an annual income of £14 million but it should enable the Fund to keep pace with inflation. The breakdown between the requirements of the three Offices each year will be as follows:-

The Young People's Exchange Scheme Office - £10 million
The Queen's Scholarships for Students Office - £1.5 million
The Younger Generation's Workshop Office - £1 million
Reserve to be used as required - £1.5 million



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10 DOWNING STREET
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From the Principal Private Secretary

1 August 1990

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION

Although it is not envisaged that the Government will organise a major jubilee celebration, I would not be surprised if, nearer the time, a smaller official event such as a church service is organised. I think we can be fairly sure that there would also be a Loyal Address from both Houses of Parliament.

(ANDREW TURNBULL)

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Simon Webb, Esq.,
Ministry of Defence

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PRIME MINISTER

The 40th anniversary of The Queen's Accession to the Throne is in 1992. The Queen and the Government have both taken the view that this is not on a par with a silver or golden jubilee and that it would not be appropriate for the Government to organise major public celebrations. Various people in the private sector have, however, put forward various proposals. Mr. Robin Gill, who was associated with the famous film about the Royal Family, originally proposed that there should be a Royal Exhibition. The Palace had some reservations about this and approached Lord Whitelaw to see if he would become Chairman of Trustees in order to ensure that it did not become over commercialised. After consulting you, Lord Whitelaw declined to take this on, as he felt it would not be possible to do this purely on a non-executive basis. Also he would be asked to take decisions on taste and propriety which could only be taken by a member of the Royal Family.

Negotiations with Mr. Gill have continued

There should be no problems for Government in this.

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(ANDREW TURNBULL)

6 June 1990

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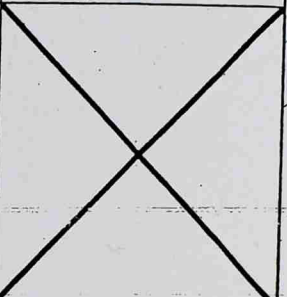
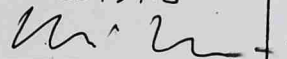
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MR INGHAM

You sent me a minute about a programme on the working of the monarchy and The Queen's constitutional role, which the BBC are preparing for the 30th Anniversary of The Queen's coronation, and the suggestion that the Prime Minister should take part in it.

So all are agreed that we should advise the Prime Minister against taking part in this programme.

F.R.B.

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