

# The Queen's Birthday



**The Queen was born at 2.40am on 21 April 1926 at 17 Bruton Street in Mayfair, London. She was the first child of The Duke and Duchess of York, who later became King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.**



**Queen Elizabeth II**

**The Queen  
celebrates two  
birthdays each  
year:  
- her actual  
birthday  
on 21 April  
- and  
her official  
birthday on  
Saturday in June.**



# Queen's Official Birthday

**It has been celebrated in the  
United Kingdom since 1748  
and it's also celebrated in the  
countries of the  
Commonwealth**



**On her official birthday, Her Majesty is joined by other members of the Royal Family at the spectacular Trooping the Colour parade which moves between Buckingham Palace, The Mall and Horse guards' Parade.**



**The day is marked in London by the ceremony of Trooping Colour, which is also known as the Queen`s Birthday Parade**



# The Queen usually spends her actual birthday privately



Front row, from left: Prince William, Prince Charles, The Queen, Prince Philip, the Duchess of Cornwall, Prince Harry. Middle row, Rear Admiral Tim Laurence, The Princess Royal, Zara Phillips, Princess Beatrice, Prince Andrew, Princess Eugenie, The Countess of Wessex. Back row, Peter Phillips, Daniel Chatto, Autumn Kelly, Lady Sarah Chatto, Prince Michael of Kent, Princess Michael, the Duke of Kent, Princess Alexandra, Viscount Linley, Viscountess Linley, the Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke of Gloucester

**But the occasion is marked publicly by gun salutes in central London at midday: a 41 gun salute in Hyde Park, a 21 gun salute in Windsor Great Park and a 62 gun salute at the Tower of London.**





# Guns saluting Queen's birthday



**The Queen's Birthday Honors are awarded to people of outstanding merit. Anybody can be nominated for an honor, but only exceptional people receive one.**





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