

Goodies



Long live the Queen



King for
a day!

And fool for
a lifetime!

Editor's Note

Britain's royal family is very special and are different from everyone. Many young children in England are very curious about them and want to know if they lead a normal private life. I once wanted to know if the Queen used the toilet like the rest of us. As a child, I just could not imagine her doing something as ordinary as using toilet paper! But it is because there is a sense of mystery about royalty that makes us curious about them. Read more on G02. Another special person was the pop musician John Lennon. What he really wanted was world peace and wrote songs such as *Give Peace a Chance*. Recently, thousands joined hands to form a peace sign in honour of him. Read about it on G06.



Simon

QUEEN Elizabeth II (伊利沙伯二世) of the United Kingdom (英國) recently became Britain's longest-reigning monarch. Big Dee wants to find out more about the country's kings and queens of the past, as well as the monarchs from other countries. How long did they rule their kingdoms for and who is on the thrones today?



Her Royal Highness

ON 9 September this year, Elizabeth II, who became Queen in 1952, had ruled over Britain (英國) for 63 years and 217 days. That was longer than the **reign** of her **great-great grandmother** Victoria (維多利亞), who had been on the throne for 63 years and 216 days, from 1837 until 1901. The country's other longest-reigning monarchs include George III (喬治三世), 59 years, 1760-1820; Henry III (亨利三世), 56 years, 1216-72; and Edward III (愛德華三世), 50 years, 1327-77.



Current reigning monarchs

THOUGH already very long, Elizabeth II is not the longest-reigning **current** monarch in the world. That title belongs to King Bhumibol (普密蓬) of Thailand (泰國), who has ruled the country for over 69 years now, since 1946. Other long-reigning monarchs around the world include: **Sultan** Hassanal Bolkiah (哈山納·柏嘉) of Brunei (汶萊), 47 years, since 1967; Sultan Qaboos bin Said (卡布斯·本·賽義德) of Oman (阿曼), 45 years, since 1970; and Queen Margrethe II (瑪格麗特二世) of Denmark (丹麥), 43 years, since 1972.

That crown fits your big head!

I will send you to the dungeon for that!



Future British monarchs

WHEN Queen Elizabeth II dies or **steps down**, who will become the next British monarch? Those next in line are, **in order**: 1. Prince Charles (查爾斯王子), son of the Queen; 2. Prince William (威廉王子), elder son of Prince Charles; 3. Prince George (喬治王子), son of Prince William; 4. Princess Charlotte (夏洛特公主), daughter of Prince William; and 5. Prince Harry (哈利王子), younger son of Prince Charles.



A monarch is a person who rules a country. He or she can be a king or queen.

- Victoria and George III were monarchs of Britain.
- Queen Elizabeth II is the daughter of King George VI.

A queen can be a female who reigns or the wife of a king. A reigning queen is also called a queen regnant, while the wife of a king is also

called a queen consort.

- There are now two queens regnant in Europe (歐洲); they rule Britain and Denmark.
- The king and the queen consort will visit Africa together.

The husband of a queen regnant is usually called a prince.

- Prince Philip (菲臘親王) is the husband of Queen Elizabeth II.



reign (n) 統治任期
great-great grandmother (n phr) 高祖母

current (adj) 現時的
sultan (n) 蘇丹

step down (v) 辭職
in order (adv) 依次

