

# Welwyn Garden City, Harpenden and Wheathampstead United Reformed Churches Magazine



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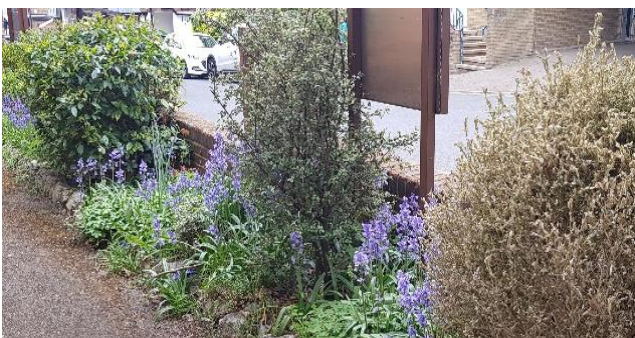
## Letter from Harpenden

Welcome to June's Magazine, it has been a busy May, lots of celebrations, anniversaries, and events. Everything is Flourishing in the gardens and countryside this can give us hope, there is a lot happening and going on in this season, we are still in the easter season, looking forward to Pentecost on Sunday 5th June along with the jubilee weekend. The jubilee celebrations have already begun on the TV and in the community.



Have you noticed how the lovely the bluebells flourish each spring, it is a sight most of us look forward to seeing, they spread making an amazing display? The church garden at Harpenden URC has a beautiful collection of Bluebells in the garden.

The Bluebells are flourishing and wrap around the church, as you arrive, they offer a friendly welcome.



Let us be challenged by nature offering a warm and friendly welcome to everyone who enters our churches, let us desire God's Kingdom to spread in a similar way in our churches and in our communities.

As I went into church this morning, I was welcomed with some chalk pictures, somebody/bodies had been busy, something simple can change your day. This can be a reminder to us and a challenge to look closer at the things around us. Slow down and look out at nature and the simple things of life, if we are too busy, we might miss these things, step over them, or walk pass. How can we encourage others to be happy, how can we be welcoming and offer or have hope?

**For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**



As a cluster, we are all without a minister and as we seek our future together, let us encourage others, enjoy the season, keep going and keep watching out. God has a plan for us all! How will you let God use you in his plan?

Sharon

Last weekend, Allison gently reminded me that an article was needed for the forthcoming Church Magazine and the deadline was the previous Friday. My initial reaction was that I would be a bit stuck to write anything in time or that anyone would be vaguely interested in, but anyway here goes .....

There is a little bit of TV history that was unforgettable and nowadays would certainly win the BAFTA's TV moment of the year. It concerns Sir Nicholas Winton and BBC TV's Esther Rantzen's That's Life special way back in the 1980s, you may even remember it.

I'm not sure of all the exact details, so please forgive me but the gist of it is here.

This is what Wikipedia tells us briefly about the subject of the programme:

*'Sir Nicholas Winton was born in 1909, he was a British humanitarian who helped to rescue children who were at risk from oppression by Nazi Germany. Born to German-Jewish parents who had emigrated to Britain at the beginning of the 20th century, Winton assisted in the rescue of 669 children, most of them Jewish, from Czechoslovakia on the eve of World War II. On a brief visit to Czechoslovakia, he helped compile a list of children needing rescue and, returning to Britain, he worked to fulfil the legal requirements of bringing the children to Britain and finding homes and sponsors for them. This operation was later known as the Czech Kindertransport (German for "children's transport"). He died in his sleep at the age of 106.'*

Sir Nicholas was a remarkable man, but all the more remarkable because he didn't seek recognition or reward. His act only came to light when a scrapbook containing the list of names was discovered in the attic by his wife.

As a result of this discovery, Sir Nicholas was approached by the BBC to help trace some of those he had helped. This led to the That's Life special in 1988. And in the programme, Esther Rantzen detailed some of the names of the refugee children he had saved.

In a surprise moment, she reveals to Sir Nicholas that the woman sitting next to him was one of them. Sir Nicholas was a bit stunned and wipes



away a tear. Then the woman on the other side reveals that she too was one of them too.

And then comes the moment (it still chokes me up, watch it on YouTube, search Winton That's Life), Esther Rantzen asks if anybody else in the audience owes their life and their futures to Sir Nicholas. As one the whole audience stands.

The parallel with what's going on in Ukraine is overpowering, but also resonates with channel asylum seekers and the like. We ought to feel proud that over the years Britain has offered refuge to many.

We get caught up in squabbles about what it is acceptable or not to think. It leads to making us ask tough questions of ourselves about refugees.

Alf Dubs later Lord Dubs who was one of those children saved by Sir Nicholas, carried on the good work regarding refugee children. He is now 89 years of age.

His opinion is that 'I believe that the way we treat the most vulnerable people is a test of who we are, what kind of country we hope to live in and what humanity we have.'

As we ponder these words, let us ask God to help us not to retreat into our comfortable positions .

Philip Read

### **Desiderata:Original Text**

*This is the original text from the book where Desiderata was first published.*

**Go placidly** amid the noise and the haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labours and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

by Max Ehrmann ©1927



## **News from Wheathampstead**

At Easter we worship with other churches, this seems more appropriate at this time to be part of a larger congregation. Jane attended the 5.00am Son Rise service at the Anglican Church, St Peter's at Gustard Wood, a hamlet just outside Wheathampstead. Others, less 'sturdy', joined with Harpenden for a very joyful service led by Sharon.

In the build up to Easter we joined in with a really enjoyable service on Palm Sunday - the highlight of which was a small donkey joining in the parade from St Peter's in Gustard Wood down to St Helen's in the centre of Wheathampstead. He was even allowed in for the service itself!

On Good Friday we processed through the village behind the cross and then gathered in the Churchyard with members of all the churches for a service, music provided by the Salvation Army Band. The children's talk re-enacted the tearing of the curtain in the temple as Jesus died.

Prior to all this many church members had helped deliver an Easter card to all houses in the village. We had also run a six week Churches Together Lent Group course in our worship room with much discussion on different subjects to make sure that we are aware of making our churches inclusive for all.

The Chapel Gym is progressing well and we are hoping to open in June. More equipment has recently arrived and has been assembled by two experts at this. We have all our stained glass windows returned and in place, looking amazing, and on our blank wall a local artist has done some lovely paintings to include the churches and pubs in Wheathampstead. We have started hiring out the hall with two groups evicted from the Village Hall, which is being extensively refurbished. These are the Baby/Toddler Group and Musical Memories for those suffering with dementia and their carers.

By the time of the next magazine we hope to have the Gym open and will have had our Thanksgiving service in the Chapel Hall to celebrate the opening of the site after ten years!



You are warmly invited to a

# Thanksgiving Service

to be held at

Wheathampstead United Church  
on Brewhouse Hill

On Sunday 26th June 2022  
at 4.00 pm

followed by light refreshments

**R.S.V.P.** by the end of May to the Church Secretary  
Jackie Seller 01582 832707 or [jandjseller@gmail.com](mailto:jandjseller@gmail.com)



## 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary at URC Harpenden

At URC Harpenden we had a wonderful time celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of being a church in Harpenden. It was great that so many people joined us to celebrate the occasion, the mayor, Lisa, the interim moderator Jim, Jane our former Minister, the CYDO from Thames North Synod Lorraine, ministers from Harpenden, family, friends, and many more visited for the special occasion. It was great to have the church full, with everyone thanking God for the past 200 years of being a church.

The planning and participation of the anniversary were part of the celebrations, the guides made beautiful handmade bunting for inside and outside the church. The flowers looked stunning in a white colour scheme. Gill made new drapes and curtains for the organ and choir stalls. The preparation and hard work made the church inviting and welcoming and there were many people involved with this in different areas such as catering, admin, and maintenance.



As part of the celebrations bay trees were planted in containers along with other trees and plants for the jubilee and the URC's 50th Anniversary. These planters and benches look beautiful standing outside the church as well as offering a welcome and rest to families at the school gate.



As we celebrated the past 200 Years we also look forward to the next season, waiting to see what God will do.



## SINAI DAYS

These days trips to the Middle East are problematical but in the 1990s Alison and I went to Jordan and the Sinai peninsular and this latter is possibly suitable for the URC magazine.

We flew to Amman and after a week seeing Laurence of Arabia sites, Wadi Rum and Petra, arrived in Aqaba. A boat overflowing with migrant workers took us across the Red Sea to Nuweiba and we thereafter travelled in a minivan, just us, our guide who appeared to be on his first trip after college, and a giant Nubian driver. We left for the desert and in the evening arrived at an hotel where we stayed in well appointed houses fashioned to look like Berber tents.

In the morning we went up to St Catherine's Monastery. It was quite a large complex of buildings and among them we viewed a tree which we were assured was a successor to 'the' burning bush. We had been told to be sure to visit the Library and after lunch joined a queue as it was not yet open. I heard an English voice behind me so I asked the speaker where he was from. 'I am the Bishop of London' came the reply from Richard Chartres and it appeared that he was going to spend time in the desert with groups of disadvantaged youths – we were jealous as it was the sort of outdoor thing we would have loved to do!

We paid our \$10 and went in to a glittering large church. I was most impressed by a framed papyrus script which had on it a black handprint. It was explained that this was the handprint of Mohammed who had stayed there and which effectively said 'I stayed here and these are my friends' thus accounting for why a Christian Monastery had survived for so long in a Muslim land.

The next morning while it was still dark, with many others we started to climb Mount Sinai. Most people were riding camels or donkeys but we, being young, eschewed the help and walked up, together with our young guide who we insisted should come up so he could tell his Mum. On the top were many folk all waiting to see the dawn. It came, but it was misty and cold, as have been other mountain top dawns I have experienced, but it was bright enough for Mum's photograph. We rattled back down a steep gulley to the welcome heat of the sunshine below.

Next day, back in the minivan, we travelled eastwards and eventually reached the Suez Canal where we realised there were sand dunes – all the rest of the



desert had been stony with little sand! Under the canal and onto Cairo for our last night. They said we were lucky and we must quickly go off because that evening there was to be Son et Lumiere in front of the Pyramids. What a show, the Sphinx immediately in front of us and the Pyramids in the background!

Next morning our flight left Cairo at 8.00am and we flew off home after a super trip. However the unexpected experiences were not at an end. As we flew up the Adriatic Sea we could look left and imagine Italians lying on the beach. When we looked right we could imagine the Balkan wars going on where people were killing each other as fast as they could! We had hoped wars in Europe would finally come to an end but it has now come to pass that this is not so as the Ukraine war continues. Will mankind never learn to love each other?

Graham D



It was wonderful to finally see the Kadam dancers on the stage at the food festival. It had been delayed many times, but a big thank you to the WGC Interfaith group for persevering. It was enjoyed by many on a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon.



**5<sup>th</sup> June**

**Please join us for our outdoor  
Pentecost service  
10.30am**

**Bring a picnic and join in with  
fellowship, fun and games**

## CHURCH FAMILY CORNER

A number of birthdays in June, starting with Mary Y. now living in an RAF Care home in Glasgow, who will be 97 on June 6<sup>th</sup>, followed by Paul Mc. on June 13<sup>th</sup> and Pat C. now living in Anson Court Care Home, who will be 100 on June 17<sup>th</sup>! Our congratulations go to Pat on this very special occasion. Next up is Irene S. also on 17<sup>th</sup>, Joanna D. on 19<sup>th</sup>, sharing a birthday with Ryan C. who will be 13 on the same day, Liz L. on 20<sup>th</sup> and Richard Raj. On 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Moving on to July, we start with Michael C. on 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by Norma C. on 8<sup>th</sup>, Jessica A. who will be 14 on 10<sup>th</sup>, Brian R. on 11<sup>th</sup>, David J. on 15<sup>th</sup>, Barbara P. on 17<sup>th</sup>, Roger W. on 20<sup>th</sup>, Jenny R. on 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Matt R. on 24<sup>th</sup>.

We wish all our friends a very Happy Birthday when their special day arrives and we hope they are each able to enjoy a celebration of some kind.

We all send our congratulations to Mark & Laura Fitzgerald as they celebrate their 21<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 16<sup>th</sup> June with a one night break away.

We also send congratulations to Joyce and Melvyn Deans, who will be celebrating their 58<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

Please continue to remember those in our church family who need our prayers at this time, especially Laura, who tells me she has at last had all the tests requested by her oncologist, including an MRI scan, and is waiting for an appointment to decide on the next course of treatment. We pray for healing for her painful arm and support for the whole family at this stressful time.

We thank God for His sustaining presence and pray for comfort for all those in need of our prayers.

Thank you.

Ann Meers

On behalf of our Pastoral Teams



## Worship Café

On Sunday 20 March, we introduced an additional worship service at 3pm called Worship Café.

The format is praising God by singing contemporary worship songs and giving thanks to God for all his Love and Blessings as we pray together and reflect on the Bible reading and the great things God has done in our lives.

Our second Worship Café service was on 8 May.

We feel so blessed to be able to offer this new form of worship and inviting you to join us for the next one on 3 July @3pm.

## Spring Pet Blessing Service

Sunday 10 April, we had a Pet Blessing Service during the afternoon and were delighted to see so many people and their dogs joining us.

The service included Bible readings, songs from our Rejoice & Sing hymn book, prayers and an interview with a lady who owns a Therapy Dog who shared details about her dog with us, as well as telling us more about the 'Pets As Therapy' charity. The service ended with a blessing for each pet.



left Jules, the  
Therapy Dog

right Ian, a  
regular supporter  
of the  
Community Café,  
and his dog Max.



**Our next Pet Service will be on 9 October @3pm**

## Facebook

Please like **The URC Community Group of Welwyn Garden City** Facebook page and feel free to share any of the posts that you feel may be of interest.

## Young People's Church

We would love to be able to re-establish our rota of helpers, which has become depleted lately with many people taking on other roles.

So please could you consider helping?

You would always have someone with you and full support would be given.

And, you know what, you would have fun too.

Please speak to Wendy if you can help.

### Letters in the Church Magazine

In days long gone by, the WGC Free Church monthly magazine was a whole lot different to the format we have now. I remember its size was slightly smaller, and it was just in black and white and without pictures. I do recall that it was produced by an outside company and was printed on lovely shiny art paper. I guess that someone, somewhere might have kept a copy and it would be interesting to see one again and compare with this edition.

Another difference is that there used to be a section for letters from the congregation. This dropped out of favour at some stage following a letter on some social justice issue being edited to suit the space available. The sender was aggrieved saying that the letter now appeared to offer an opposite point of view. As a result, the idea of letters fell out of use, which is a shame.

Perhaps someone might like to add their thoughts to this in a future edition or even instigate a string of letters involving our fellow Cluster Churches too.

Philip Read

## The Good Life in Lincolnshire

It was lovely to escape Lincolnshire for a few days and come to share with Harpenden for their 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was lovely to see you all and to be part of such a special occasion. Thank you for the invitation and the warm welcome and to everyone who made it such a successful day.

It was good to have a break as we have had a busy couple of months. The first livestock have arrived! We have a hive of bees along with their hive and as we are complete novices they are being cared for by their beekeeper! We knew we wanted bees but local Beekeeping courses are only just opening up again but Chanty discovered a mechanic at our local garage is a beekeeper and is completely passionate about his bees. He is insured for us to 15 beehives on any site and as he only has 8 at the moment he was keen to find new places to site them and thought our place seemed fine. He set about creating a new colony for us when he was called to a local RAF station to retrieve a swarm from the chimney of a house. They were a bit of an unknown quantity, but he put them in a hive and a few days later he brought them along to our garden. Chanty and I got to work making a very basic platform for it to stand on and as soon as the hive was in place and the entrance opened the agitated buzzing inside calmed down and all seemed to be well. Although can you in faced with two garden invaders wearing bee suits???



The bees seemed quite happy. They are close to the compost bins and whenever we go to put something in the bin a couple of bees buzz around us to see what is going on and soon happily return to the hive. Bees are amazing creatures. They soon scout out a new area and can fly for up to three miles in search of food and water. They have a hive mind in that new information is somehow known by all.

A couple of weeks ago I went to the compost bin and found a lot of bees out on the ground. We messaged Andrew and he came to check it out, picked them all up and put them back inside. A couple of days later it happened again. At first he couldn't find the Queen but he eventually found her and marked her only to discover that it was the Queen that the drones were pushing out of the hive. We don't know what happened but she is now gone and fresh eggs which will include a new queen are in place and waiting to hatch. I suspect this is going to be an ongoing saga. The good thing? Jet has got used to the suits and after his initial bark is quite happy to let Andrew do what he needs to do without any help. Probably just as well as Jet does like to snap at flies and is a prime candidate for getting stung.



There has also been a lot of seed planting in the rather dilapidated green house. Sugar snap peas, French beans, marigolds, chives, coriander, butternut squash and tomatoes are all growing well. Chanty thought her cucumbers and chilli seeds were not going to germinate but we now have two strong cucumber plants and the tiniest green leaf of chilli poking through the soil.

The next thing was to decide where to put them so we bought 7 raised garden beds with some of your very generous gift for my retirement. They will future proof the garden and be a good deterrent for rabbits so thank you very much! They arrived a few weeks ago and we are still working on them.

The first thing was to put them together and on a very cold and windy week we turned the kitchen into a workshop and laid out all the parts to begin the job. The instructions said it would take two people and an hour to assemble so we guessed it might take two hours first time around but managed it in about an hour and a half AND hadn't fallen out with each other completely in the process so lots to celebrate!! They are galvanised beds, I was collecting the parts and on the first day I managed to cut myself 6 times badly enough to require plasters!! Day two I worked out that if I handled the beds by the edges where the metal was folded over – guess what? No cuts!!

In the end we got the time down to just over half an hour. There was one bit that was very tricky. The holes didn't line up very easily although they went together well with bolts and wing nuts. The most difficult hole to align was the one at the bottom nearest to the floor. As we were putting the last one together Roger suddenly realised that if we turned the whole thing over it would be at the top making things so much easier. It was awkward to turn the bed over but it must have saved us about 10 minutes doing that way – fortunately we saw the funny side and had to laugh at ourselves not seeing the easy way out any earlier.



Once in place the fun and games begun. We are following permaculture, no dig principles so cardboard was placed on the grass to exclude the weeds and soil ordered. Before that arrived, we had read about Hügelskultur where food waste, compost and soil are placed over tree trunks to fill raised beds. We soon discovered just how much of everything is needed to fill a bed that is just over 6ft by 3 ft and 25 inches high. We had a lot of good wood from trees we had taken down last year and Roger bought a chain saw to cut them to the

appropriate length. Once the main trunks are in you can add smaller branches and twigs, chipped wood etc. It was a real jigsaw puzzle but strangely satisfying



filling up as many spaces as possible with branches. Before putting green food waste and compost in the next job was to fill all the holes between and under the logs with soil. If you don't take the time to do this bit mice and rats and voles will find their way into the bed and set up home in the spaces. We have

spent a winter trying to keep them out of the house and garage so didn't want somewhere else for them to go so it was a good job to do. While I was filling in the holes it occurred to me that it is just like life really. If we have gaps in our lives with nothing to do or stop doing something and haven't replaced it with anything else it is very easy for negative thoughts to creep in and take up residence and before you know where you are it is not easy to get rid of them and they can soon lead you away from where God has placed you. After that filling the gaps seemed like prayer in action and felt quite satisfying too!! The logs, food waste, composted grass clippings, dead leaves etc all go in in layers, like making a lasagne and once about two thirds filled it was time for the soil. Oh Boy! What hard work! Each bed takes about 500 ltrs of soil that is half a large builders bag. We were glad of help from Chanty and Farhan as we filled and tipped in buckets of soil. After a day of doing that everything that could ache did and I realised I was even building up muscles on my arms which were actually visible. That's a first. We had wildly underestimated the amount of soil we needed and are working on numbers 4-7 at the moment taking it at a much steadier pace, so it remains enjoyable.



I still had a job for wet days. I had read about a watering system called an Olla (Spanish word pronounced *oya*). These are specially made terracotta bulbous bottle shaped containers that are buried in the soil and filled with water. The terracotta is porous, so the plants draw water from them as they need it. This apparently both saves water and prevents the raised beds drying out on hot days. The purpose made Ollas cost around £30 so when I saw that you could



make them from terracotta plant pots I had to have a go. I bought myself a decent glue gun and the plant pots and saved milk bottle tops to create a plug for the bottom pot and was all ready to go. Sticking two plant pots with rounded edges together is more

difficult than I had imagined, and the first attempt leaked like a sieve but undeterred I patched the holes with glue until it held water and realised the glue was probably going to be the most expensive part of the endeavour so more had to be ordered and a mask worn as the fumes were quite potent even with the window open!! What we do in the cause of saving money!! Half are now complete costing just over £5 each, and I obviously think they look good adorning the sink in the utility room as I planted up the first bed and forgot to put them in!! – Oh well better luck next time. Just like Tom and Barbara we have a lot to learn!!

As you can see there is plenty to keep us occupied. Farhan has joined the local cricket team and is enjoying playing and meeting people again. Chanty is pursuing her dream of having chickens, A new coop is built and the run arrived today so watch this space for future developments! I am off to Westminster College at the beginning of June for the Pastoral Supervision course I missed due to covid and there are local events at church and in the village to participate in for the Queens Jubilee weekend. Next month is the Heckington Show – the largest village show in the country so that will be interesting to experience for the first time.

We would appreciate your prayers for our planning permission which we should hear about by June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Take care and keep safe. We look forward to seeing you at the end of June.  
Every blessing from Jane and Roger

### **Tuna and white bean salad**

Recipe from Becky – nutritious, easy and fun to make and eat!

#### **INGREDIENTS**

100 g tin tuna in olive oil, undrained  
400 g tinned beans, drained –  
kidney, haricot, cannellini, arbanzo or butter  
beans  
red onion, thinly sliced or chopped  
1 tbsp. white wine vinegar  
Juice of half lemon  
1 garlic clove, peeled and crushed  
2 fat ripe tomatoes, sliced  
Flat-leaf parsley, torn  
Rock salt and freshly ground pepper



#### **DIRECTIONS**

Put everything except the tomatoes and parsley in a bowl. Mix and leave to settle for 30 minutes.  
Serve with sliced tomatoes generously sprinkled with parsley, rock salt and freshly ground pepper. Drain the tuna to save on calories and replace it with a little olive oil (some oil is essential here).



Hello everyone Spring /Summer greetings!

In the spirit of cultural integration, we wanted to share some pictures  
(Believe it or not a first for us:)

Wedding season kicked off early for us with a long planned, covid delayed- literally big fat Indian friend's wedding, held over Good Friday Weekend and just in time to break our fast.

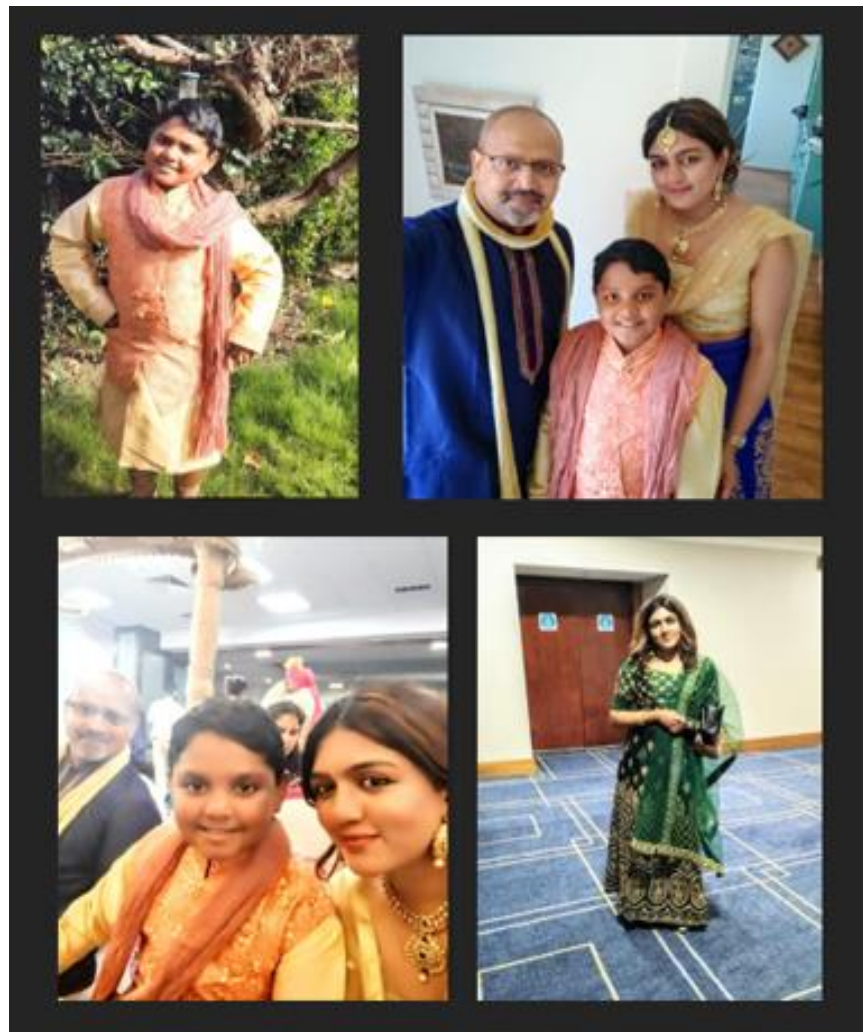
We enjoyed the celebration, although quite stressful in the lead up trying to get our outfits organised. I made use of our trip to India to organise the "dressed" that proved a huge deal cost effective. However the boys had to be coerced and couldn't wait for the day of the reception so they could slip comfortably into their suits!

The wedding day was as traditional as it could be with the 7 rounds around the fire for the couple, the Hindu priest who re-educated everyone on the importance of marriage and holding on to our vows through thick/thin.

Jonathan especially enjoyed the 'Dhol', which was the dance to the drum beat to welcome the groom in all his finery! It was a fine bright day and we could experience 'Bollywood' vibes in Central London

My friend was in exquisite bridal wear with costumes custom designed bt celebrity Indian fashion designers, the reception on day two was a lovely evening with great food, dancing and socialising. She made sure to play our 'cool' songs the girl brigade had from her hen!

All in all, a very enjoyable and once in a long while experience.  
More details for anyone interested



## Jubilee Quiz



### Round 1: All the numbers

- 1) How many grandchildren does the Queen have?
- 2) What year did Princess Elizabeth marry the Duke of Edinburgh?
- 3) What year was Princess Anne born?
- 4) What year did the Queen make her husband a British prince?
- 5) How many UK prime ministers have served during the Queen's reign?
- 6) How old was the Queen when she made her first radio broadcast?
- 7) What year did the Queen and Prince Philip celebrate their Platinum Wedding Anniversary?
- 8) What year was the Queen's first grandchild Peter Phillips born?
- 9) What age was the Queen when she was crowned?
- 10) How many Popes has the Queen met at official visits during her reign?

### Round two: Multiple choice questions

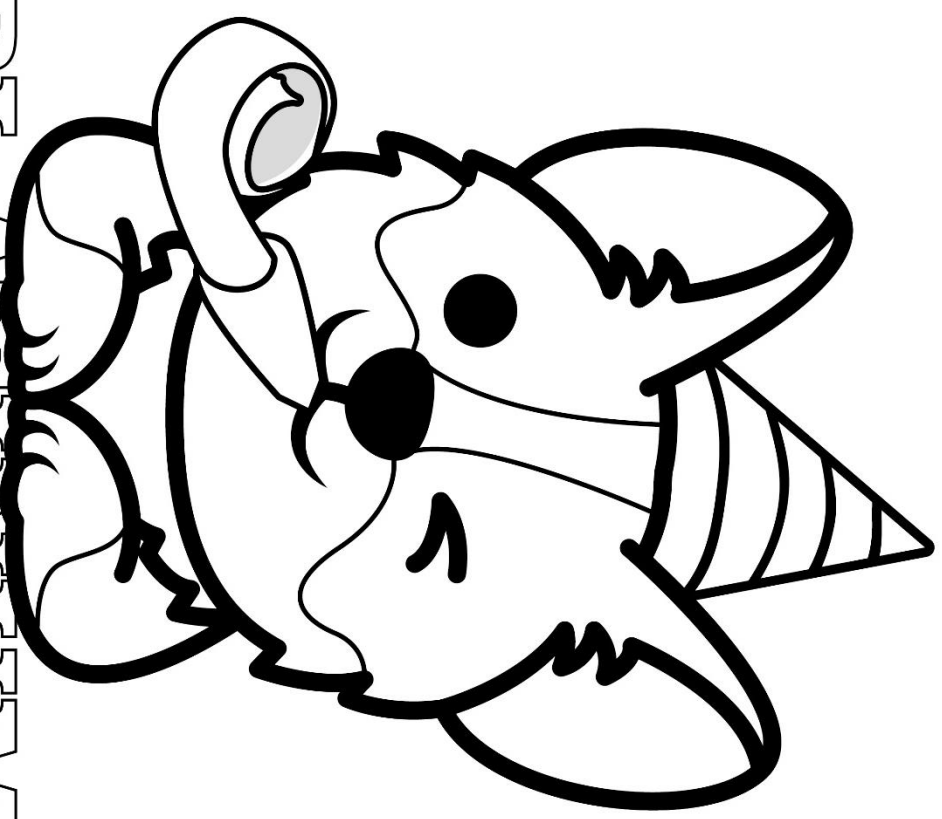
- 1) What dog breed is the Queen famous for owning?
  - a) Labrador Retriever
  - b) Dalmation
  - c) Dorgi (corgi and dachshund cross)
  - d) Jack Russell Terrier
- 2) What was Prince Philip's nickname for the Queen?
  - a) Lizzie
  - b) Beth
  - c) Queenie
  - d) Cabbage
- 3) What was the name of the dog the Queen was gifted on her 18th birthday?
  - a) Susan
  - b) Sugar
  - c) Honey
  - d) Candy
- 4) Who was the Queen's paternal grandfather?
  - a) King George VI
  - b) King George V
  - c) King Edward VIII
  - d) King Edward VII

### Round 3:

- 1) What are the Queen's four main residences?
- 2) Who gained entry to one of the Queen's private rooms in 1982?
- 3) Who was Britain's longest-reigning monarch before Queen Elizabeth II?
- 4) Who designed the Queen's coronation dress?
- 5) The Queen appeared alongside which actor in a skit for the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics?

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### Answers

**Round one:** 1) 8 - Peter Phillips, Zara Tindall, Prince William, Prince Harry, Princess Beatrice, Princess Eugenie, Lady Louise Windsor and James, Viscount Severn. 2) 1947 3) 1950 4) 1957 5) 14 6) 14 7) 2017 8) 1977 9) 27 - She was 25 when she ascended the throne and 27 at her coronation in 1953. 10) 4 - Pope John XXIII (1961), Pope John Paul II (1980, 1982 and 2000), Pope Benedict XVI (2010) and Pope Francis I (2014). **Round two:** 1) C - Dorgi 2) D - Cabbage 3) A - Susan 4) B - King George V **Round three:** 1) Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, Sandringham House and Balmoral Castle. 2) Michael Fagan 3) Queen Victoria (63 years, 216 days) 4) Sir Norman Hartnell 5) Daniel Craig as James Bond