A GLITTERING JUBILEE



Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee

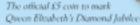
The Diamond
Jubilee in 2012
celebrates 60 years
of the Queen's
reign. It is only
the second time
such an event has
taken place in

Britain, the first being Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897.

Much like our present Queen will do, Victoria travelled to a thanksgiving service in an open carriage before returning to Buckingham Palace

through the streets of London. In 2012, festivities and special events are planned up and down the country. The Queen is admired around the world and many people worldwide will be joining the UK to celebrate this

incredible milestone.







The official emblem for the Jubilee celebrations

A competition held amongst school children to design the official emblem for the Jubilee was won by Katherine Dewar, aged 10, and will be seen all over the country in the lead up to the celebrations.

A ROYAL BABY IS BORN

When Elizabeth was born into the Royal Family, she was never expected to one day be Queen.

Elizabeth was third in line to the throne behind her uncle, Edward, Prince of Wales, and her father.

Elizabeth was born at 2.40am on 21 April 1926 in London, the first child of the Duke and Duchess of York. She was given the name Elizabeth Alexandra Mary.



Princess Elizabeth



Elizabeth as a child

Her first name was after her mother, the second after her father's grandmother, Queen Alexandra, and the third after her father's mother, Queen Mary.



When Elizabeth was four, her sister,

> Margaret Rose, was born. The family were very close and spent many happy times together, often at Royal Lodge, their new home in Windsor Great Park.

Elizabeth and her sister, Margaret



The family in the grounds at Windsor Castle, 1936