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SEVENTY GLORIOUS COVERS





How The Role Of The Queen Has Changed Over The Decades















IT WAS QUEEN ELIZABETH II who spoke the first photobubble ever to appear on the

front cover of Private Eye magazine, in the fifth edition in February 1962. Prince Charles, 13, had just been rushed into hospital for an emergency appendectomy. Over the years there were to be many, many more covers featuring Her Majesty.

Here are seventy of the finest...





1963 As Britain suffers one of the coldest winters of the century, the Queen flies out to the South Pacific.



1964 The Queen reads speech for Wilson's first Labour government.



1965 First royal visit to Germany since the war.



1965 Official opening of the GPO Tower.



1965 Wilson develops close ties with royalty.



1966 Wilson freezes prices and wages. Pound flounders.



1967 Not such a Merry Christmas, with Foot and Mouth and new drink-driving laws.



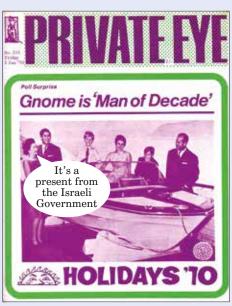
1968 Basil D'Oliveira dropped from MCC tour of South Africa.



1969 The Queen is acclaimed for her performance in a television documentary.



1969 Queen cancels televised Royal Christmas Message.



1970 Israel daringly extricates its embargoed warships from Cherbourg.



1970 The Queen returns from tour including her first walkabout.



1975 Oil prices rise, Arabs courted by the West.



1975 *Private Eye* speculates about the identity of mystery pools winner.



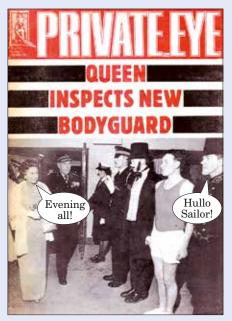
1975 First North Sea oil arrives.



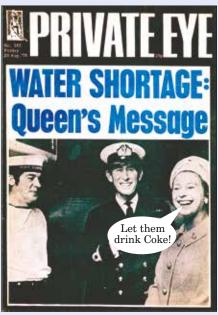
1976 Princess Margaret's private life becomes tabloid fodder.



1977 The Silver Jubilee.



1982 Intruder found in Queen's bedroom in Buckingham Palace.



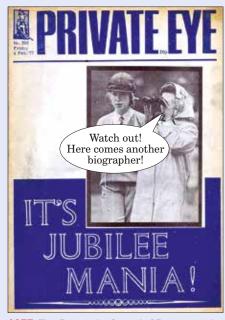
1976 Unprecedented heatwave causes drought.



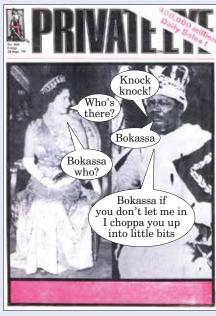
1979 Queen tours Gulf states and is given gifts worth millions.



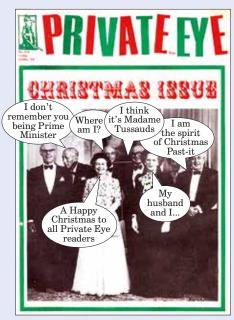
1984 Electioneering US President Reagan visits UK and Ireland.



1977 The Eye marks Queen's 25 years on the throne amidst a deluge of royal biographies.

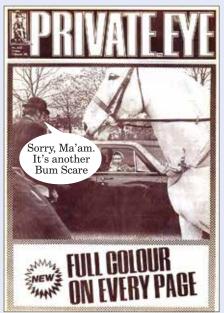


1979 One-time Sergeant Bokassa crowns himself Emperor of the Central African Republic.



1985 Mrs Thatcher invites Queen and former Prime Ministers to celebrate 250 years of No 10.

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1988 Revelation that President Reagan is advised by his wife's astrologer.



1989 House of Commons televised for the first time.



1986 Rivalry at the Commonwealth Games.



1988 Fergie's father returns to royal favour after an incident in a massage parlour.



1990 Overthrow of Romanian dictator Ceausescu reminds Britain of his KCMG.



1987 Royal family embarrassed by 'It's a Royal Knockout'.



1988 Mrs Thatcher vetoes Queen visiting Moscow.

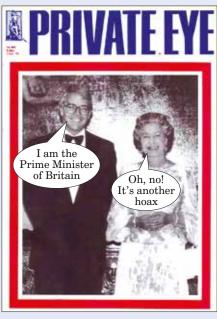


1990 The Queen Mother celebrates her 90th birthday.

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1991 Royal style on tour of USA.



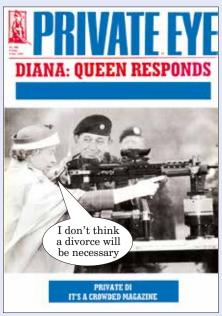
The Queen is tricked into talking on air to a broadcaster impersonating the Canadian PM.



Discomfort as photographs show depth of Diana's entanglement with the Fayed family.



Income tax to be paid by royals, Lester Piggott jailed for tax evasion.



Queen's response to Diana's 'Panorama' interview.



The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.



Channel Tunnel links the United Kingdom to France.

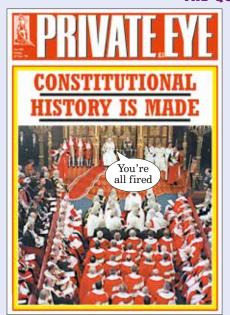


Crown Prince Abdullah takes control of Saudi Arabia.

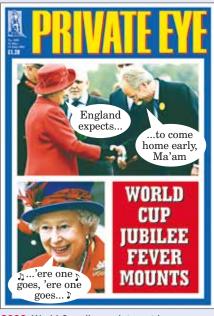


Blair proposes reform of the House of Lords.

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1999 House of Lords reformed.



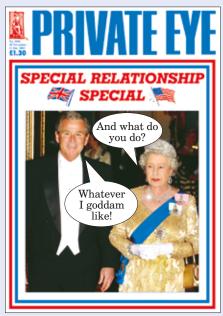
2002 World Cup disappointment looms.



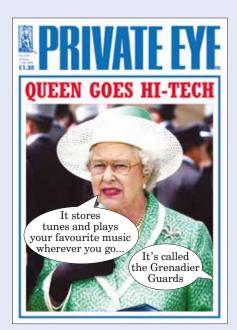
2005 Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker Bowles' wedding day.



2000 Queen meets Camilla Parker Bowles, Prince Charles' long-term mistress.



2003 State visit of George W. Bush.



2005 Queen rumoured to have bought an iPod.



2001 Tory leadership battle.



2005 Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles' wedding is imminent.



2006 Cash-for-peerages scandal.





2010 Duke of York's ex-wife in cash-for-access scandal.

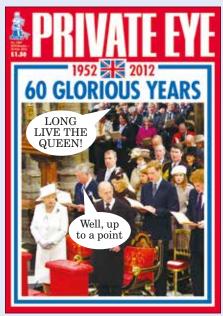
Ma'am



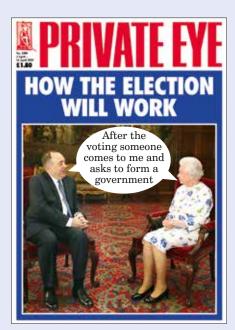
2015 Exposure of Prince Andrew's friendship with paedophile Jeffrey Epstein.



2008 The Queen opens Heathrow's technically challenged new Terminal 5.



2012 60 years on the throne.



2015 SNP expected to hold balance of power after election.



2010 After the indecisive election, coalition negotiations continue.



2012 Queen meets deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland and former IRA leader.



2015 Cameron government's legislative proposals.



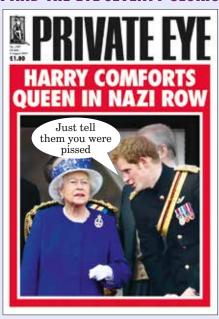
2015 Prince George shows he has mastered the royal skills needed before his 2nd birthday.



2016 Leak enquiry after *Sun* claims Her Majesty supports Brexit.



2018 Philip Green revealed as bullying and sexually harassing his employees.



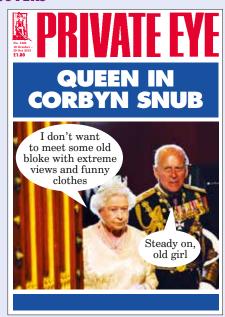
2015 Leaked film shows Queen, when a child, performing a Nazi salute.



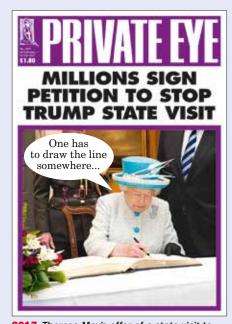
2016 Theresa May becomes Prime Minister.



2019 Prince Philip has a car crash and Theresa May survives a vote of no confidence.



2015 Corbyn turns down invitation to be made a member of the Privy Council in person.



2017 Theresa May's offer of a state visit to President Trump is universally unpopular.



2021 Meghan interview with Oprah leads to speculation of new Palace appointment.

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...AND ONE LAST ONE





70 GLORIOUS YEARS!

