

# Elizabeth II



- **Elizabeth II** - Elizabeth Alexandra Mary
- Born 21 April 1926
- She is the constitutional monarch of 16 sovereign states, known as the Commonwealth realms, and their territories and dependencies, and head of the 54-member Commonwealth of Nations.



On her accession on 6 February 1952, Queen Elizabeth became Head of the Commonwealth and queen regnant of seven independent Commonwealth countries. Her reign of 61 years is currently the second longest for a British monarch; only Queen Victoria has reigned longer at 63 years.



- It was the first coronation of a British monarch broadcasted on television.

# Diamond Jubilee



- Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 marks 60 years as queen, with celebrations throughout her realms, the wider Commonwealth, and beyond.



- On 3<sup>rd</sup> June on river Thames there was a ceremonial parade of more than a thousand ships and boats. It is believed that this was the most ambitious parade in the history of fluvial procession.



- On 4<sup>th</sup> June on the square in front of Buckingham Palace, there was a concert featuring such stars of the British and world music like Paul McCartney, Robbie Williams, Cliff Richard, Elton John, Grace Jones, Stevie Wonder, Annie Lennox, Tom Jones and others.



- The Queen opened the 2012 Summer Olympics on 27 July and the Paralympics on 29 August 2012 in London.







- She played herself in a short film as part of the Olympics opening ceremony, alongside Daniel Craig as James Bond.