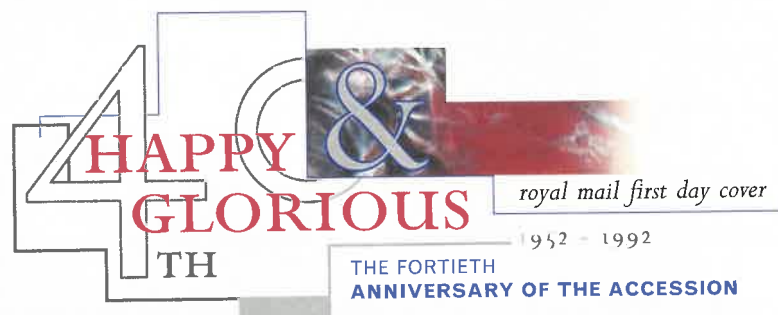


Monarchy and Culture



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The monarch is a central figure in British culture. To become King or Queen you need to be born into the royal family. The Coronation ceremony is a major cultural event where the King or Queen is crowned. On the 2nd of June 1953, the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place. She is the longest serving monarch, reigning for 70 years and 215 days.

As shown in my timeline there have been seven monarchs since the first postage stamp was used in 1840.

Arguably, the postage stamp with the monarch's head on is a key part of Britain's culture. The 10p stamp, shown below, shows a Machin. This design was taken from a sculpture made by Arnold Machin in 1964.



On the right, is a mini sheet celebrating 150 years since the penny black. It also shows Britannia, the national personification of Britain. The Queen like Britannia is a cultural symbol of Britain around the world.

The monarch is an important cultural icon in many other countries, appearing on their stamps.

On the left, there is an envelope posted to Grange-over-Sands, Lancashire, from Brisbane, Queensland. It shows Queen Victoria who gave her name to this Australian state.

