

The People's Portrait A1+



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There are lots of portraits of Queen Elizabeth II. But these two portraits are unique. Look carefully! They are composed of 5,000 photos of ordinary British people.

People sent in their images and short descriptions. Artist Helen Marshall assembled them into two portraits: the Queen at the time of her coronation in 1953, and then at the time of her Diamond Jubilee in 2012. The portraits are called The People's Monarch. You can see them at Gatwick Airport in London.



London

Gatwick

Help

lots (exp) a big quantity

carefully (adv) with lots of attention, seriously

coronation (n) a ceremony to celebrate a monarch becoming monarch. The crown is placed on their head. Queen Elizabeth II's coronation took place on 2 June 1953

jubilee (n) a royal anniversary. Diamond = 60 years.

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Our photo was taken a few minutes after my daughter Caitlin was born on Wednesday 29 February 2012 – she is a leap year baby!



This is my father's great uncle, William James Atherton. He died in the First World War and is buried at Le Treport cemetery. My father didn't have a photo of him. I spent hours looking in local archive newspapers to find William James' story and now it can preserve the memory of a once forgotten soldier.



This is my wife Linda Mansfield at the age of 4, at a street party for the Queen's Coronation in 1953. She is dressed as the Queen of Hearts from *Alice in Wonderland*. She won the fancy dress prize.



Help

fancy dress (n) when you are disguised in a costume for a carnival or Halloween

spend (time / hours) (v) use energy or make an effort (for a long period of time)

once forgotten (exp) in the past he was anonymous