

# *The Queen's Birthday Celebrations*



Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor was born on 21 April 1926 and became Queen on the death of her father King George VI on 6 February 1952.

In 2006 about 128 million people live in the countries where she is head of state.

In Jeddah this year, the Birthday Cake was cut by H.M. Consul-General Carma Elliot OBE and Abdulghani Abdulkhaliq Showilah Al-Ghamdi, the Director of Protocol at the MEA.

In the Eastern Province, Sir Sherard and Lady Cowper-Coles were joined on the receiving line by the newly arrived Head of Post, Terry Evans and her husband John.



In Riyadh, HMA was joined by HRH Prince Sattam bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the deputy Governor of Riyadh for the ceremonials and in all three provinces the Band of the Royal Irish Regiment entertained the guests.

In both Jeddah and Riyadh where the services of Toast Master Roger Harrison were employed to the full, the celebrations were sponsored by Naghi Motors who exhibited several Rolls Royce models.

Guests in Riyadh also said faewell to William D'sa who is retiring this year after 31 years in Saudi Arabia.