

Letter sent to The Queen on behalf of the parish

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Her Majesty The Queen
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30th March 2016

Your Majesty,

I am writing on behalf of the parishioners of Sampford Arundel to wish you a very happy birthday celebration and to congratulate you on reaching your ninetieth year, ninety incredible years!

We would also like to send our warm wishes to His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh for his 95th birthday on Friday the 10th. of June.

This little message, just one amongst thousands you will undoubtedly receive over the coming weeks, is sent with fondest love and deepest admiration for your many accomplishments throughout your long and remarkable reign.

Ours is a small rural community tucked away 'neath the Blackdown Hills in the Somerset countryside, comprising no more than 300 souls and on Sunday the 12th of June we will be gathering on our village green for a Parish Picnic Party and by so doing join the many thousands of your loyal subjects across Britain and across the commonwealth to celebrate this very special occasion.

Needless to say we are all looking forward to it immensely, when we will be raising our glasses and our voices too with a hearty 'three cheers' to you Ma'am, our wonderful Queen Elizabeth.

We wish you many happy returns.

Faithfully yours,

The parishioners of Sampford Arundel



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

23rd May, 2016.

Dear Mr. Burgess,

The Queen has asked me to thank you and the Parishioners of Sampford Arundel in Somerset for the kind message you have sent on the occasion of Her Majesty's ninetieth birthday, which you will be celebrating with a Parish Picnic on 12th June.

The Queen much appreciated your thoughtful message and, in return, has asked me to send her warm good wishes to all those who will be present for a most memorable and enjoyable gathering.

Yours sincerely,
Christopher Sandamas

Christopher Sandamas
Chief Clerk to The Queen

Mr. John Burgess.