# British royalty on thimbles HM Queen Elizabeth II

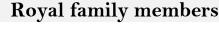
I wasn't a thimble collector when the first thimbles appeared for the most important commemorative event in the modern era of thimble making. I am talking about Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee in 1977. The detailed sterling silver thimbles by <u>James Swann & Son</u> must be one of the most well-known modern thimbles and shortly after I became a thimble collector in 1984, one joined my collection. It is still the only sterling silver royal commemorative I own.

This topic begins with the Ascension to the throne of HM Queen Elizabeth II in 1952 . I remember having the day off school in South Africa and I have the most vivid memory of listening to the coronation on the radio in 1953.

Royal commemorative memorabilia is an industry in itself and if you think of the number of occasions that have occurred in the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II since 1952 - the big birthdays - anniversaries of her marriage to Prince Philip - anniversaries of her ascension to the throne - her coronation and its anniversaries - the list goes on and on. It makes sense that there are more royal thimbles featuring Her Majesty than any other member of the royal family.

<u>Henry Griffith & Sons</u> ceased thimble production of their sterling silver thimbles in 1956, which was just in time to have produced one of the few thimble designs made for the Coronation in 1953. <u>James Swann & Son</u> were also there for the coronation but having finally ceased production of all thimbles in 2005, they were the only British silversmiths making commemorative royal thimbles in any quantity in the second half of the twentieth century.

Since beginning this topic on British royalty on thimbles, I have seen some interesting modern royal commemorative needlework tools. I won't go looking for them, but if they cross my path, I will include them.





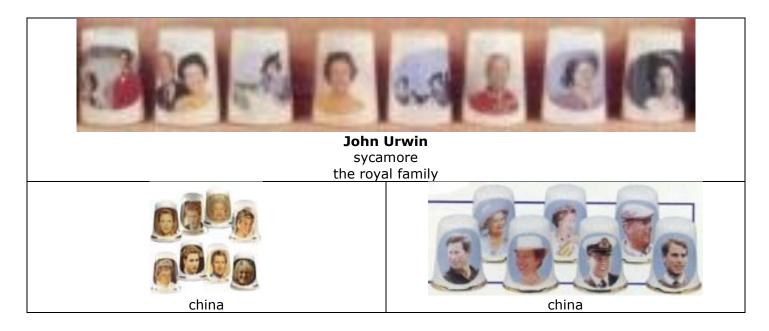
**Connoisseur Collectables** resin & china The Royal Collection also entered individually by Royal



John Urwin sycamore 15 royal family members by birth



John Urwin china August birthdays for Queen Mother – Princess Margaret – Princess Anne – Princess Beatrice



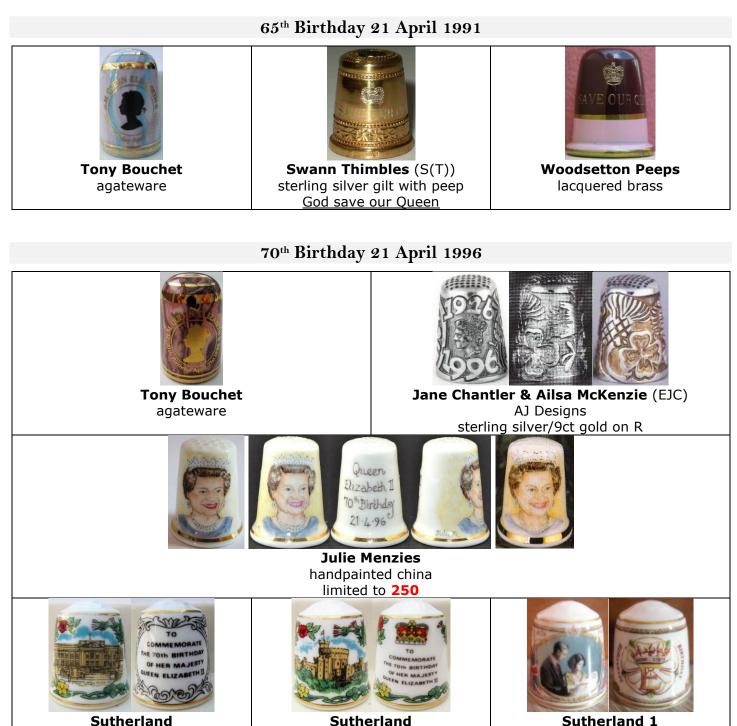
# HM Queen Elizabeth II 21 April 1926 – 8 September 2022

# **Birthdays**

60<sup>th</sup> Birthday 21 April 1986







Sutherland china





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Sutherland 4

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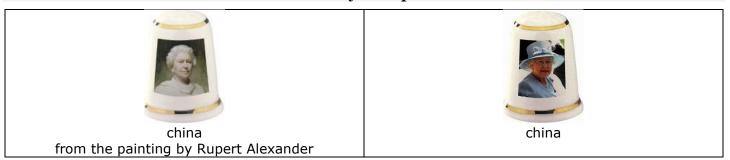


## 75th Birthday 21 April 2001



Tony Bouchet	Stephen Frost/Warwick	Julie Menzies
agateware	Models	beechwood
	pewter	(decal)
Julie Menzies	Julie Menzies	Julie Menzies
china	china	china
(decal)	(decal)	(decal)
		Queen Elizabeth at 80
		Prince Philip at 85





# 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday 21 April 2011



# 86th Birthday 21 April 2012



# 87th Birthday 21 April 2013

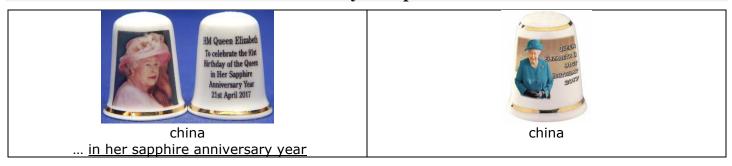


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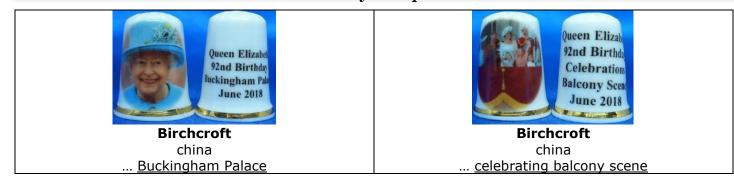








#### 92nd Birthday 21 April 2018



## 93rd Birthday 21 April 2019



## 94th Birthday 21 April 2020



china .. <u>pictured at Balmoral Castle one of her private residences</u>



#### 96th Birthday 21 April 2022



fine bone china



china <u>The Queen will celebrate her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday</u> <u>privately an the 21<sup>st</sup> April in the year of her</u> <u>platinum jubilee 2022</u>

# Marriage & Anniversaries

Prince Philip 20 November 1947

## Silver Wedding (25) 20 November 1972 (1947-1972)



James Swann & Son sterling silver & enamelling R: b&w photo



sterling silver <u>Anniversary Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip</u> <u>1947-1972</u> tho hallmarked there is no maker's mark plain polished all over – was this a prototype?

## Ruby Wedding (40) 20 November 1987 (1947-1987)

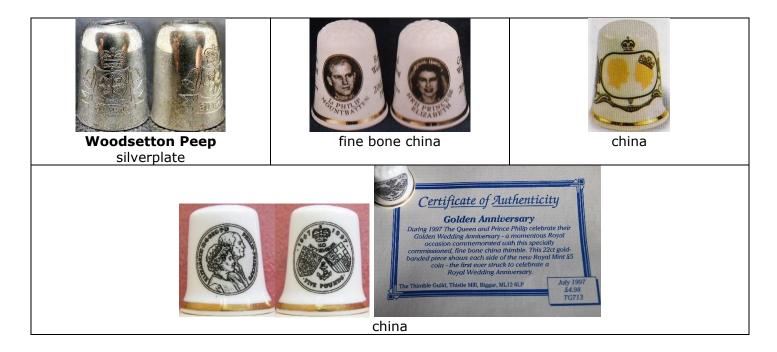




## Golden Wedding (50) 20 November 1997 (1947-1997)







# Diamond Wedding (60) 20 November 2007 (1947-2007)





# **63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary 20 November 2010** (2007-2010)



## Platinum Wedding (70) 20 November 2017 (1947-2017)



# Ascension to the throne & anniversaries 6 February 1952



## Silver jubilee (25) of the Ascension 6 February 1977 (1952-1977)





James Swann & Son	James Swann & Son	Mappin & Webb (M <sup>N</sup> &W <sup>B</sup> )
sterling silver	sterling silver & enamelled apex	sterling silver & gilt
	CLIZABETH CALSILVER	
Peter Swingler (PS)	Peter Swingler (PS)	Trevor Towner (TT)
sterling silver & handpainted	sterling silver & handpainted	sterling silver & gilt
enamelling	enamelling	
royal cypher	_	
		1977 JUBILEEE UEAR
sterling silver	china	china
	<u>1977 Westminster Abbey</u>	<u>1977 Jubilee year</u>
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	Christine & David Spriggett spirally inscribed lace bobbin silver tinsel bound with brass wire b&w photo	

# **40 years of the Ascension 6 February 1992** (1952-1992)





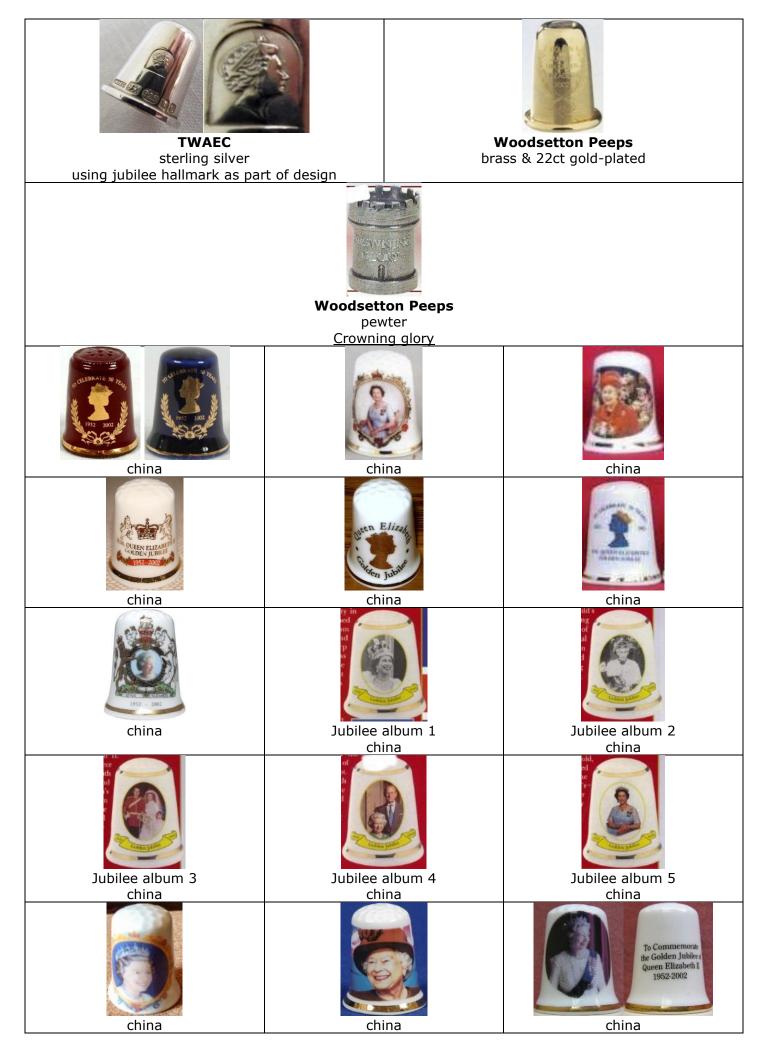
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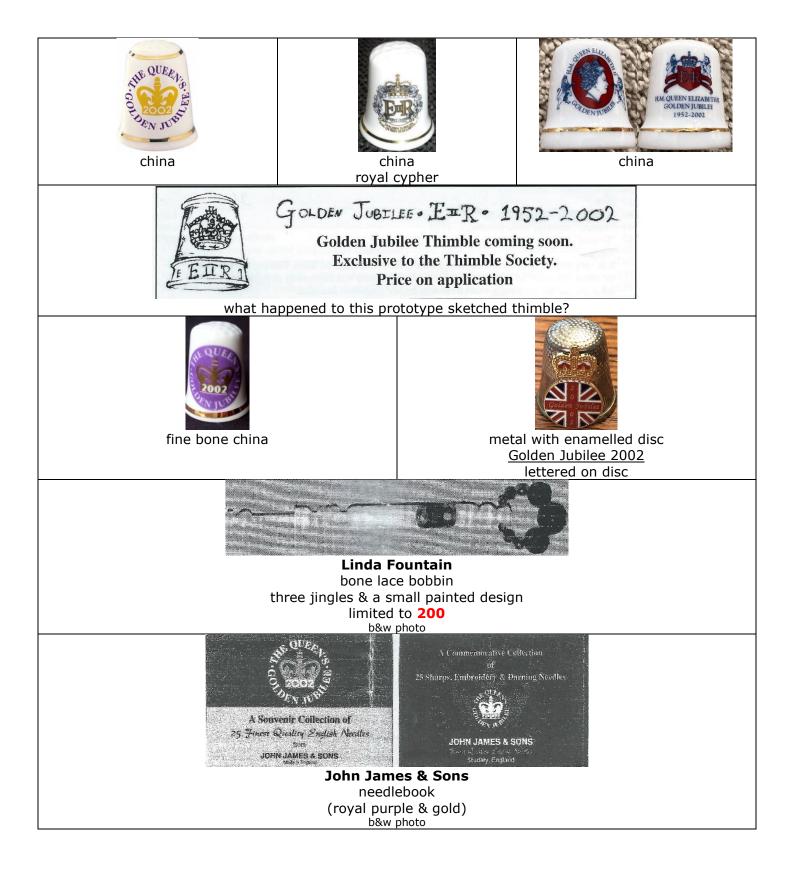
#### Swann Thimbles/The Thimble Guild (S(T))(TG) sterling silver

# 50 years Golden Jubilee of the Ascension 6 February 2002 (1952-2002)

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Argyll Silver (AS)   sterling silver   thimbles made by Julius   Wengert of Pforzheim,   Germany	Tony Bouchet agateware limited to 500	set of fo	Bilston china our – each with different apex
and the	(COM)		
Birchcroft	Birchcrof		Birchcroft
fine bone china	fine bone ch	ina	fine bone china
1432 2012 2012			
Birchcroft	Birchcrof		Jane Chantler (EJC)
fine bone china	fine bone ch	ina	sterling silver
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Connoisseur Collectables	Stephen Frost/V	Narwick	Harrison Brothers & Howson
china & handpainted pewter see also Sterling Classic	Models handpainted pewte	r/silver ailt	(HBH) sterling silver
	pewter	y silver yilt	thimbles made by <u>Julius Wengert</u>
	crown lifts	off	of Pforzheim, Germany
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#### 60 years Diamond Jubilee of the Ascension 6 February 2012 (1952-2012)











#### 65 years Sapphire Jubilee of the Ascension 6 February 2017 (1952-2017)



70 years Platinum Jubilee of the Ascension 6 February 2022 (1952-2022)



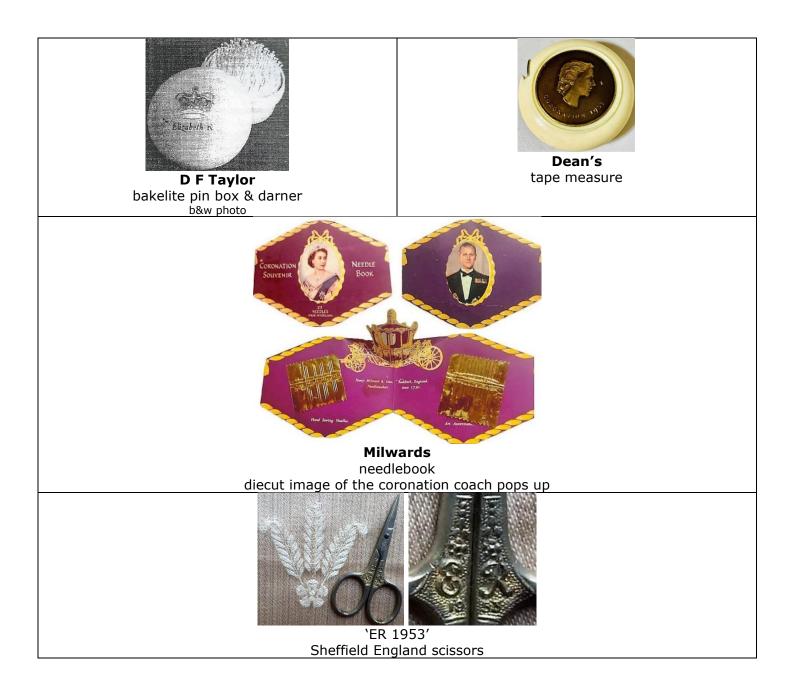
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#### **Coronation & anniversaries** 2 June 1953

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# **Coronation 25 years anniversary 2 June 1978** (1953-1978)





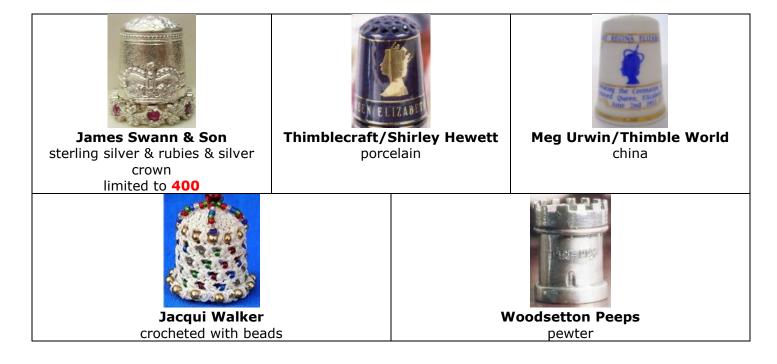
Peter Swingler (PS) sterling silver & enamelling ruby in apex royal cypher

#### Coronation 30 years anniversary 2 June 1983 (1953-1983)



## **Coronation 40 years anniversary 2 June 1993** (1953-1993)





# **Coronation 50 years anniversary 2 June 2003** (1953-2003)

Caverswall china	Stephen Frost/Warwick Models handpainted pewter royal cypher	With the second seco	
Julie Menzies beechwood (decal)	Julie Menzies (decal)	Image: Construction of the second	
Museum Collections fine bone china	china	china	
china			

# **Coronation 60 years anniversary 2 June 2013** (1953-2013)

Bead Loom Gallery –	<b>Caverswall</b>	Julie Menzies	Julie Menzies
Bellevue WA USA	bone china	bone china	handpainted china
Rowena Designs handpainted pewter <u>Queen Elizabeth</u> <u>Coronation</u> 60 years 1953-2013	A E Williams handpainted pewter Queen Elizabeth Coronation 60 years 1953-2013	(decal)	china young fan <u>Coronation Festival</u> <u>Buckingham Palace 11-</u> 14 July 2013
china Trooping the colour	china coronation chair	china <u>Coronation 1953</u> off to the Abbey	hone the second
China Imperial state crown	chin	<u>The Qu</u>	China eeen's serice of celebration nster Abbey 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2013

#### Coronation 65 years anniversary 2 June 2018 (1953-2018)



## Other occasions & mixed sets





Sutherland china		THE ROAM		atherland china
				use of Windsor 1917-1992 III-George VI-George V
Sutherland	Su	therland		Peter Swingler (PT)
china Boyal visit to China	Codicava a	china	sterlin	g silver & handpainted enamelling
Royal visit to China October 1986	Gou save or	ur Gracious Queen		
Peter Swingler (PS) sterling silver & handpaint enamelling part of his Kings & Queens	fro	Wedgwood jasperware m set of Kings & Que	eens	<b>Wedgwood</b> jasperware Elizabeth Regina II
Woodsetton Peeps synthetic material Royal visit to China Octob 1986	er	Woodsetton Peeps lacquered brass <u>Elizabeth Regina</u> isit Australia Expo 19		Woodsetton Peeps lacquered brass <u>Good Companions</u> friendship between Elizabeth and
china firehydrant <u>Royal visit Australia 2002</u> <u>Western Plains Zoo</u>		RE LIK PM. china ew Prime Minister Da Cameron 2010	vid	Margaret China visit to Wimbledon 2010



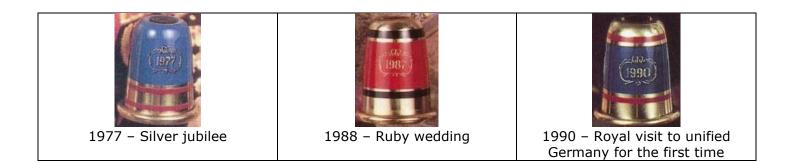


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date 2017 six great grandchildren		
china Trooping the Colour 2018	The Queen Is marked the start of the decade 2020 with the decade 2020 with three heirs   China   China   The Queen has marked the start of the decade 2020 with a new photo of her three heirs Charles William and George	King King   King King   King King   H.M Queen Eliabeth President Joe Biden First Lady Jill Biden   Windsor Castle 6 June 2021 King
china firehydrant	The Queen bis two birthdays, to clobrate the date of Her birth April 21st 1926 China The Queen has two birthdays, this thimble is to Celebrate the date of her birth April 21 <sup>st</sup> 1926	china rainbow outfits
China The Queen & QE2	china	Ricen Elizabet Prince George Prince Louis Birchcroft China Queen Elizabeth with grandchildren Prince George Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis



## set of 12 Woodsetton Peeps covering HM reign 1926-1990 (life of our Queen)





#### china series "The Queen by Julie" Menzies (2013) (decals)

The wicker pram	Elizabeth and corgi	The young Princess	military
wedding	coronation	country attire	dressed in yellow

# china series Queen Elizabeth through the years (2015-2016)

Coronation	To The Series State of the	Balmoral	Queen and Philip waeing tweed
1957 televised broadcast	2000 millennium celebrations	Royal family 1968	grandmother
Royal family 1965	Ref:T124361 Solomon Islands 1992 (2.9.9)	With Prince Charles at Windsor Castle	Sandown Park

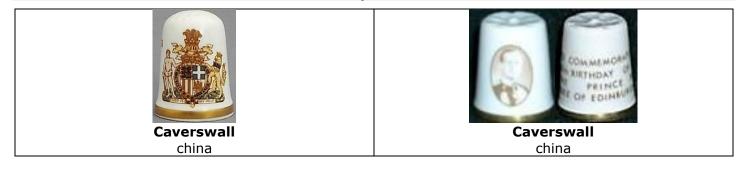




# HRH Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh 10 June 1921 – 9 April 2021

# **Birthdays**

60th Birthday 10 June 1981



#### 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday 10 June 1986



# 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday 10 June 1991





lacquered brass

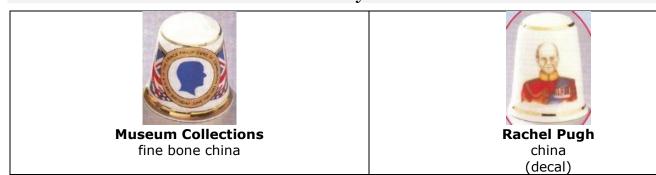
# 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday 10 June 1996



Tony Bouchet agateware



# 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday 10 June 2001



## 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday 10 June 2006



Julie Menzies china (decal)

# 89<sup>th</sup> Birthday 10 June 2010



china

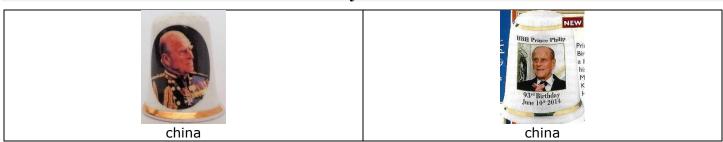
# 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday 10 June 2011



# 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday 10 June 2013



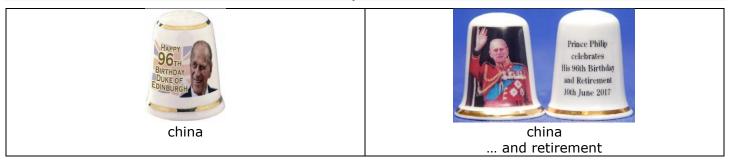
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# 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday 10 June 2016



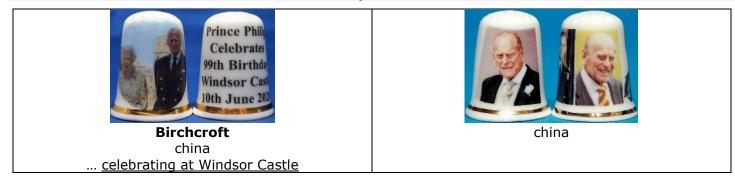
# 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday 10 June 2017



## 97th Birthday 10 June 2018



#### 99th Birthday 10 June 2020



# Death of Prince Philip 9 April 2021



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