

ACROSS THE POND

by Miss Windsor



Hello darlings!

Miss Windsor bestows a rather queenly and incredibly hearty welcome to her delightfully indigenous countrymen, statesmen, nobility, and any royal 'blue blood' of the captivating and majestic Whidbey Island! Once again, It's certainly a real pleasure to adorn the *Whidbey Weekly's* pages with Miss Windsor's exceedingly chirpy royal presence.

Darlings, now what the 'heck' has the frabjous Miss Windsor been up to since our last chucklesome rendezvous? Well darlings, suffice to say Miss Windsor certainly enjoyed many of her frolicsome birthday activities – oh I say! One of which you may recall darlings, Miss Windsor's unexpected culinary challenge which involved a rather 'stubborn' cocconut! An unforgettable experience that called upon Miss Windsor's undisclosed 'demolition' skills, which she executed beautifully armed with a hammer! Evidently, Miss Windsor's efforts certainly paid off, as she merrily devoured more than a fair few slices of her extremely delicious and mouth-watering recreation of Mrs. Beeton's recipe for Cocconut Cake. Of course darlings, Miss Windsor is a 'woman of her word' and, as promised, she finished off every last 'morsel' of her utterly sublime homemade birthday treat.

Now moving on gracefully darlings, today Miss Windsor has beckoned the company of her exquisite culinary American followers, including those who class themselves as a devoted 'royalist' to join in the merriment of such a joyous celebration of yet another 'Windsor's' birthday. On Friday the 21st April 2017 (tomorrow), my darling royal counterpart celebrates her 91st birthday, and if you haven't already hazarded a jolly good guess to whom we owe this pleasure to then shame on you! However, it's imperative to say, darlings, that followers of the 'unheeding' kind will not be tolerated in the Miss Windsor household – comprehend? So, please take

a 'pew' (American translation: a seat) and immediately furnish Miss Windsor with your undivided attention, as she proceeds to reveal all!

This rather extraordinary and formidable 'gooseberry pudding' (Cockney Rhyming Slang for: woman) of distinguished personage, who is 'without a shadow of a doubt' one of the most famous ladies in the world, it is in fact the most glorious Queen Elizabeth II, also known as 'Her Majesty Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith' – well, what do ya know! Quite a grand title - do you concur, darlings? So my dears, from here on One shall address Miss Windsor's beloved sovereign as 'Her Majesty The Queen,' and naturally One expects her darlings to follow suit – toot sweet!

Her Majesty The Queen was born of the royal House of Windsor the 21st April 1926, the same year Miss Windsor's precious Grandmother Josie entered this world. Although both ladies are of the greatest stature, Her Majesty was furnished with the choice to celebrate her birthday twice each year – a tradition which started in 1748 by King George II. It is a fact that King George II's actual birthday was in November, but due to the infamous British weather being terribly inclement, His Majesty decided to celebrate his 'official' birthday during the cheerful month of June. Thus, Queen Elizabeth II simply carried on this tradition, which is celebrated by 'Trooping the Colour,' and attended by Her Majesty The Queen in a horse-drawn carriage – how splendid!

So darlings, you may now be wondering, "What revelry does Her Majesty The Queen get up to on her 'actual' birthday?" Well darlings, Miss Windsor shall proceed to share her thoughts on this extremely fascinating topic! Now, according to one of Miss Windsor's mentors – the jolly old 'internet,' Her Majesty The Queen spends her actual birthday privately, and is marked by a 41 gun royal salute – now isn't she such a lucky lady! But, the somewhat intrigued Miss Windsor can't help but wonder what 'shenanigans' Her Majesty cares to indulge in whist within the safe confines of her private royal quarters!

Darlings, indeed One can only surmise! However, Miss Windsor vividly imagines Her Majesty The Queen riding her favoured horse, 'sidesaddle' of course, through the lush green boscage amidst the rolling countryside of her much loved Balmoral Castle grounds in Scotland. Then having built up quite a hefty appetite, such a vigorous activity would be rewarded by a prompt and rather special Afternoon Tea with Her Majesty's family in attendance – not forgetting her adored Corgi dogs, who are always welcome at the monarchs' dining table! Also, with much gratitude to serendipity, entertainment would be provided by Her Majesty's hubby Prince



Photograph of Chocolate Queen Pudding

Philip, whom is renowned for unexpectedly blurting out a 'clanger' (American Translation: a blunder) or two – how very amusing! Darlings, the mind certainly 'boggles' regarding this particularly thought-provoking royal subject matter!

Now, according to Her Majesty The Queen's former chef Darren McGrady, "The Queen loves chocolate, she's a chocoholic!" – just like Miss Windsor's Grandmother Josie, who was rather partial to a 'schmeck' or two of Cadbury's Chocolate! Also my dears, it's common knowledge that when Her Majesty The Queen dines alone she doesn't usually care to indulge in foods of a starchy nature. Of course darlings, such an indulgence would certainly call upon Her Majesty's participation when in the company of dinner guests.

Now darlings, Miss Windsor is of course frightfully mindful of Her Majesty The Queen's royal pallet, therefore, One set about recreating something intensely chocolaty and a trifle starchy, just perfect for Her Majesty's royal delectation. But, Miss Windsor being quite a staunch royalist, just like her darling Grandmother Josie, commenced sifting through the pages of her Radiation Cookery Book (1935 edition) in search of a recipe 'fit' for a Queen! Darlings, luckily Miss Windsor stumbled upon the ultimate dish for Her Majesty The Queen, called Chocolate Queen Pudding – oh how regal!

This rather ravishing dish is a luxury spin-off from the traditional British Bread Pudding, and boasts a handful of variants to the original Bread Pudding recipe – one being, its topped with a heavenly layer of meringue, and so forth. Indeed, a terribly sumptuous pudding eager to grace Her Majesty The Queen's dining table at her actual birthday repast. A splendidly satisfying birthday treat, certainly to be enjoyed by both Her Majesty and her guests in the palatial surroundings of her royal private

quarters! As always my dears, this recipe is available via my website: www.misswindsoruk.com

Darlings, it's been well documented that Her Majesty The Queen is very much averse to wasting food, so there's no doubt she would rescue the final helping of Miss Windsor's Chocolate Queen Pudding! She's from a generation that lived through the Second World War, and whom lived by the expression, 'waste not, want not.' Miss Windsor recalls her Grandmother Josie being extremely frugal about food. Even in her later years Grandmother Josie felt compelled to keep every last scrap of leftovers – even half a boiled potato would be saved from the voracious clutches of One's garbage bin! The lucky thing of course, would always be refrigerated within the luxury walls of its very own, handpicked, Tupperware vessel – oh such class!

Darlings, Miss Windsor is now ready to retire to the comfortable surroundings of her royal quarters at the Miss Windsor estate, accompanied by a crystal glass tumbler of Her Majesty The Queen's favourite tittle – the rather decadent 'Gin and Dubbonet.' But before we part ways, let's raise our glasses, and together we'll wish Her Majesty The Queen a bloomin' marvelous birthday! Now let's stand united as we proudly sing the national anthem of the United Kingdom – 'God Save the Queen.'

God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble queen!
God save the Queen
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen!

Until we meet again darlings, One would be extremely delighted to make your acquaintance via Instagram, Twitter and Facebook (@misswindsoruk).

Cheerio,
Miss Windsor X



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