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.

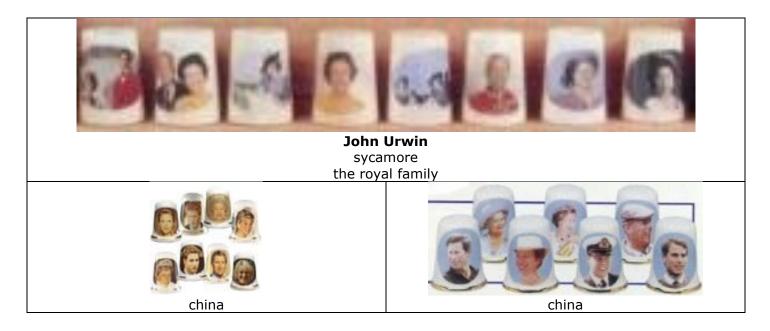
Royal commemorative memorabilia is an industry in itself and if you think of the number of occasions that have occurred in the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II since 1952 - the big birthdays - anniversaries of her marriage to Prince Philip - anniversaries of her ascension to the throne - her coronation 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 &</u> <u>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.



Royal family members



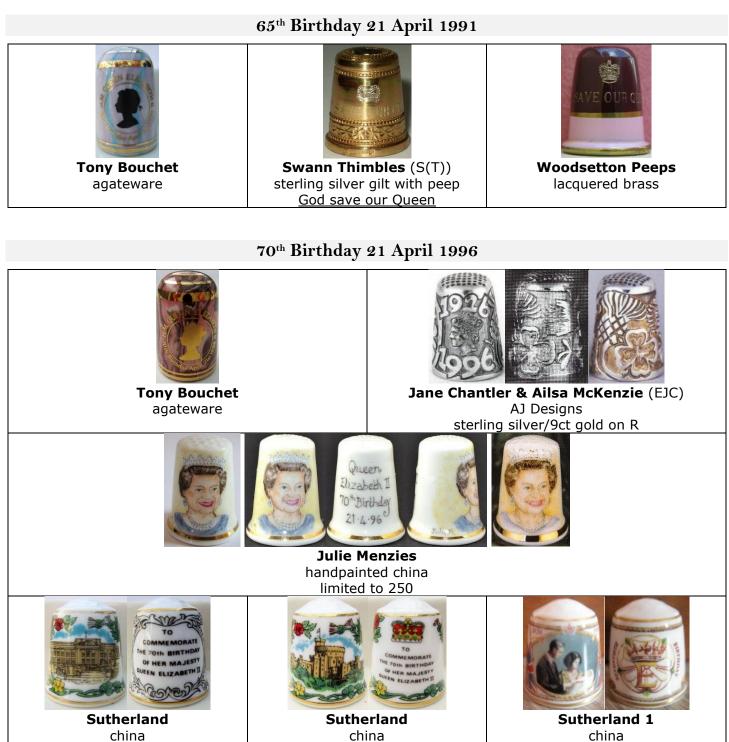
HM Queen Elizabeth II 21 April 1926 – 8 September 2022

Birthdays

60th Birthday 21 April 1986











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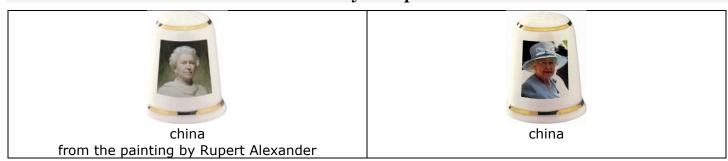
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| | | Queen Elizabeth at 80 |
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86th Birthday 21 April 2012



87th Birthday 21 April 2013

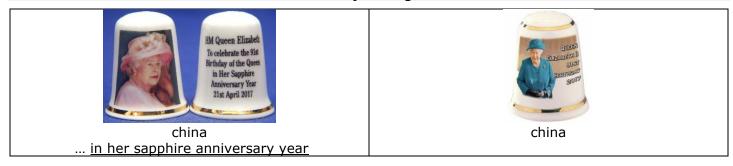


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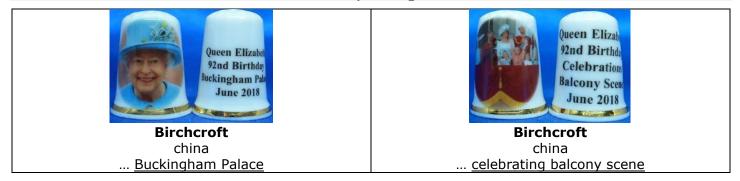




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92nd Birthday 21 April 2018



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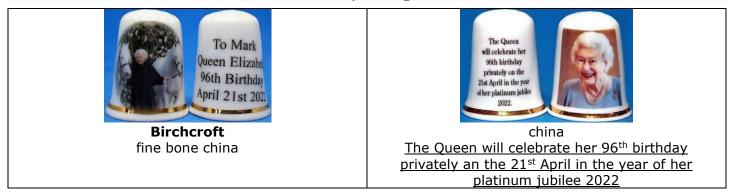
94th Birthday 21 April 2020



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95th Birthday 21 April 2021





Marriage & Anniversaries

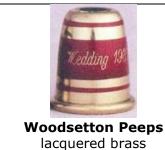
Prince Philip 20 November 1947

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

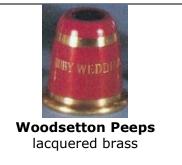


Ruby Wedding (40) 20 November 1987 (1947-1987)





commissioned by Thimble Society of London



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





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



63rd wedding anniversary 20 November 2010 (2007-2010)



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



Ascension to the throne & anniversaries

6 February 1952



Queen Elizabeth II's royal cypher

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





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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45 years of the Ascension 6 February 1997 (1952-1997)

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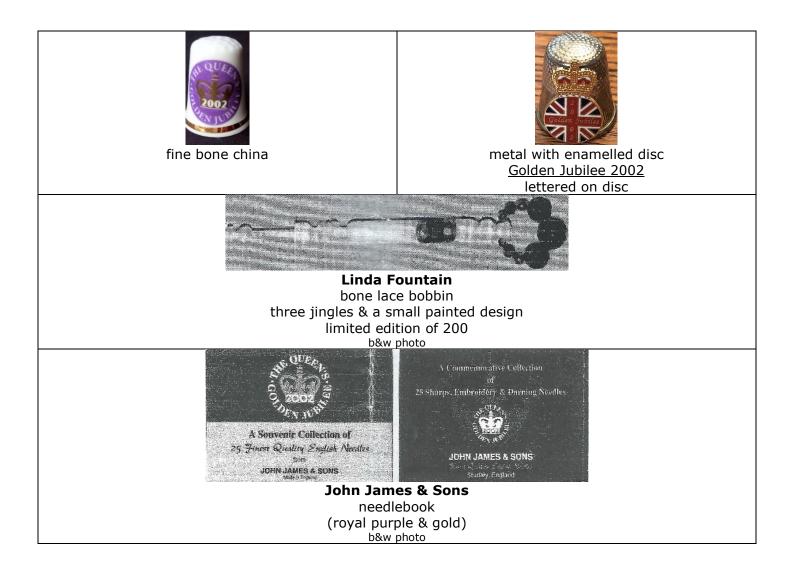
Swann Thimbles/The Thimble Guild (S(T))(TG) sterling silver

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









60 years Diamond Jubilee of the Ascension 6 February 2012 (1952-2012)











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



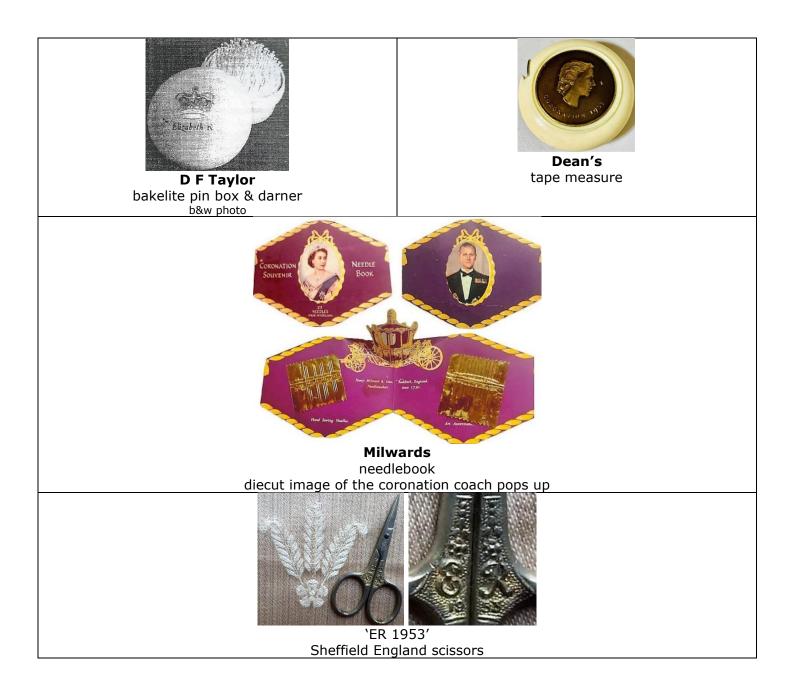
70 years Platinum Jubilee of the Ascension 6 February 2022 (1952-2022)



Coronation & anniversaries 2 June 1953

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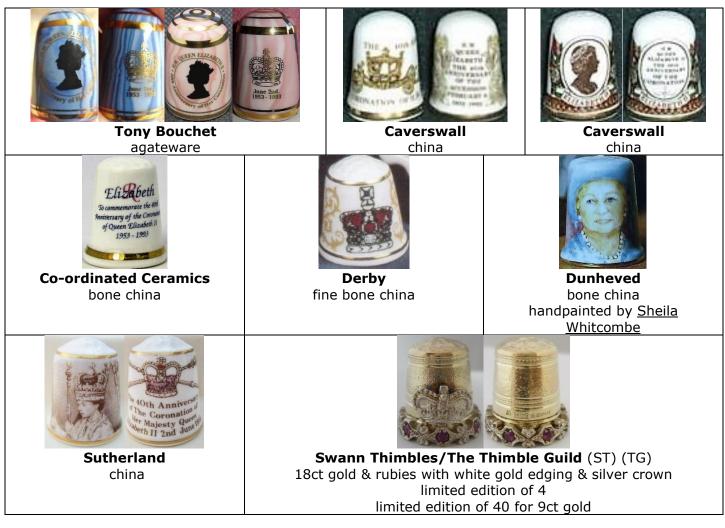
Coronation 25 years anniversary 2 June 1978 (1953-1978)



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



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





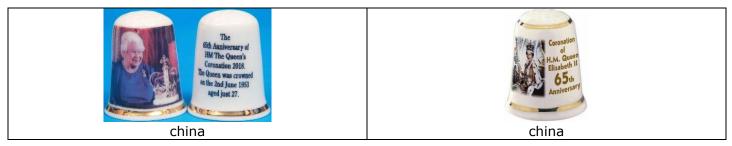
Coronation 50 years anniversary 2 June 2003 (1953-2003)

| Caverswall china | Stephen Frost/Warwick Models handpainted pewter royal cypher | Wayfair Editions china ruby Swarovski crystal in apex |
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| Julie Menzies beechwood (decal) | Julie Menzies china (decal) | Image: Weight of the second |
| Museum Collections fine bone china | china | china |

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

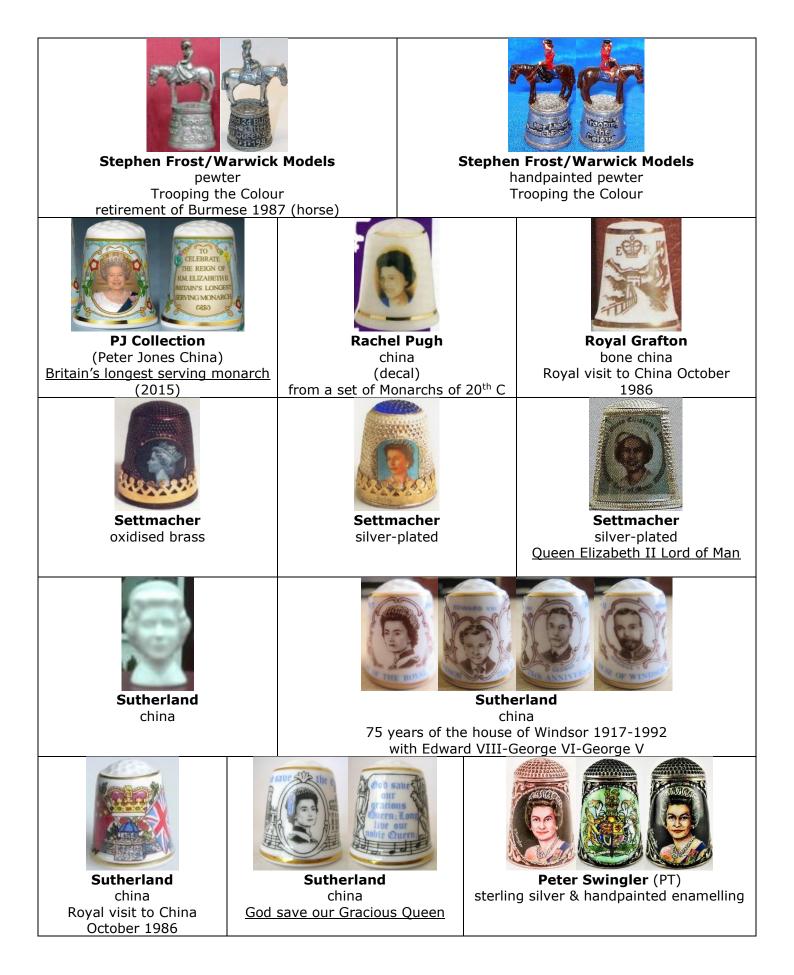
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Other occasions & mixed sets

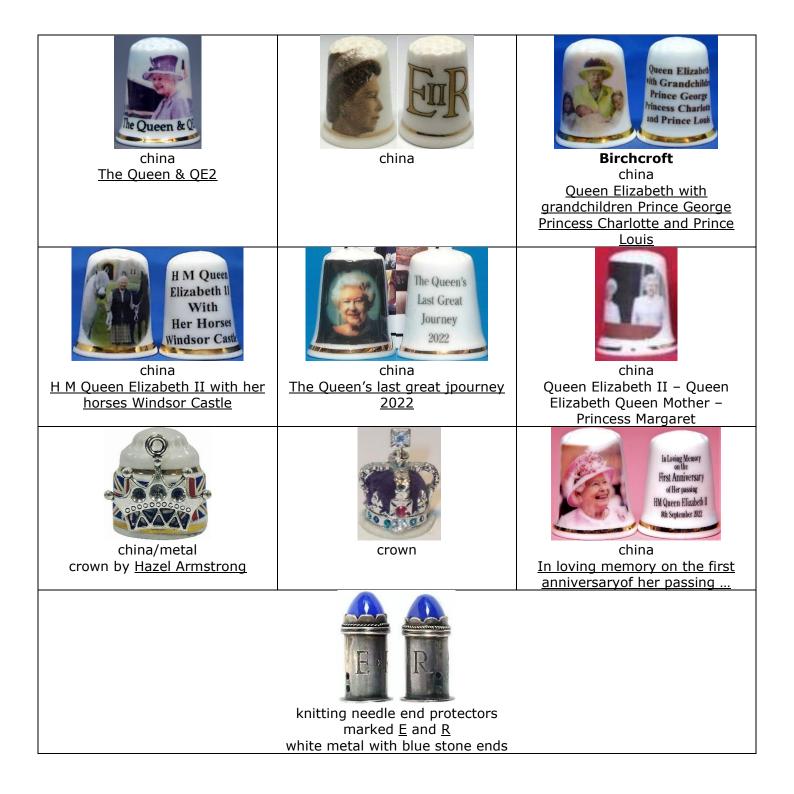




| Peter Swingler (PS) sterling silver & handpainted enamelling part of his Kings & Queens set | Wedgwood jasperware from set of Kings & Queens | Wedgwood jasperware Elizabeth Regina II |
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| Woodsetton Peeps synthetic material Royal visit to China October 1986 | Woodsetton Peeps lacquered brass Elizabeth Regina visit Australia Expo 1988 | Woodsetton Peeps lacquered brass <u>Good Companions</u> friendship between Elizabeth and Margaret |
| china firehydrant <u>Royal visit Australia 2002</u> Western Plains Zoo | china new Prime Minister David Cameron 2010 | china visit to Wimbledon 2010 |
| The Queen's Visit to Australia 19th - 29th October 2011 19th - 29th October 2011 | china visit to Ireland 2011 | china Epsom Derby 2012 |
| china Royal Variety Show 1952-2012 | H.M. The Queen 2012 With her guards China with her Guards 2012 | china Trooping the Colour 2012 |



| china unveils Iraq & Afghanistan war memorial 2017 | The Queen Brince Philip Keing to The Queen's Official Birthday Parake China The Queen & Prince Philip riding to the Queen's official birthday Parade 2017 | china Opens the National Army Museum - March 2017 |
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| china with aging corgi | china 1952 The Queen's Silver Jubilee 1977 40 th anniversary 2017 | The Royal Family For Children and is 'Grandchildren and to date 2017 The Royal Family. The Queen has four children and is 'Granny' to eight grandchildren and to date 2017 six great grandchildren |
| china HM The Queen's 1 st Television Christmas speech 60 th anniversary (2017) | china The Queen's speech 2017 issued in 2016!! | China The Queen and Prince Philip with seven of their great grandchildren 2018 2018 2018 |
| china The Queen's Christmas Day Speech 2018 The Queen's Christmas Day Speech 2018 | The Queen Improved the start of the marked the start of the decade 2020 with the formal photo of the three heirs Charles, William and George China The Queen has marked the start of the decade 2020 with a new photo of her three heirs Charles William and George | Image: Colspan="2">Image: Colspan="2" China H.M Queen Eliabeth President Joe Biden First Lady Jill Biden Joe Biden First Lady Jill Biden Windsor Castle 6 June 2021 |
| china firehydrant | The Queen bis two birthdays, bis thimble is to celebrate the date of Her birth April 21st 1925 China The Queen has two birthdays, this thimble is to Celebrate the date of her birth April 21 st 1926 | china rainbow outfits |



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



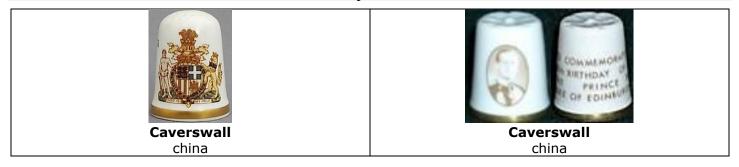
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HRH Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh 10 June 1921 – 9 April 2021

Birthdays

60th Birthday 10 June 1981



65th Birthday 10 June 1986



70th Birthday 10 June 1991



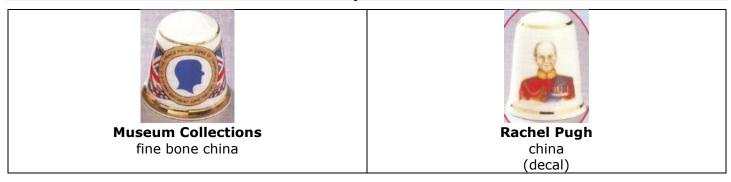
75th Birthday 10 June 1996



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80th Birthday 10 June 2001



85th Birthday 10 June 2006



Julie Menzies china (decal)

89th Birthday 10 June 2010



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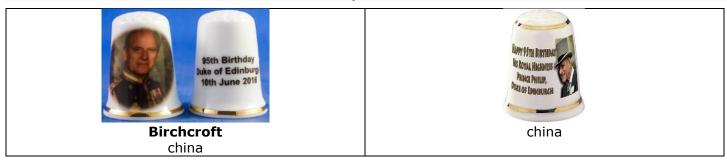


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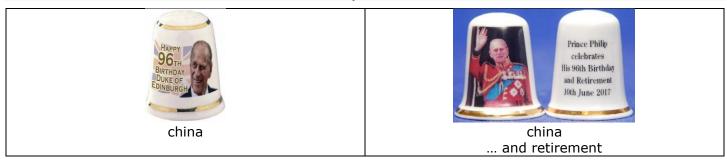


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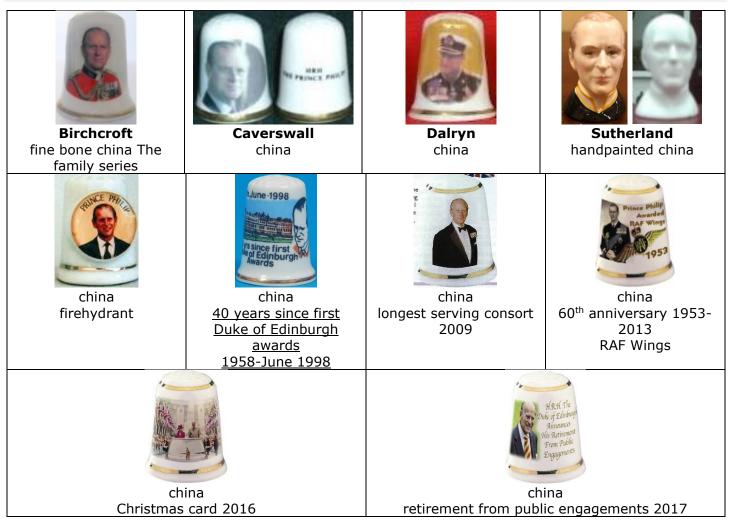
china .. <u>celebrating at Windsor Castle</u>



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