

The Queen's Knickers.

The Queen likes to dress smartly.

So she has an enormous wardrobe for her clothes...

...and a slightly smaller chest of drawers for all her knickers.

Dilys looks after the Queen's knickers.

She has a special trunk for when the Queen goes away.

One day the trunk went missing!

It caused a great crisis...

...and was only *just* sorted out before it reached the NEWS AT TEN.

The trunk had got mixed up...

...with a picnic hamper.

The Queen has knickers for all occasions.

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Every day.

At the opening of parliament the Queen wears her VIPs (very Important Pair). There is no picture of these. But here is the safe where they're locked up with other state secrets.

When she travels she has special knickers with a small parachute inside them...

...just in case.

(She has another pair for when she is on board ship.)

But her most special knickers are her Christmas knickers. They are a gift from Scandinavia and are traditionally decorated with real holly...

...which is why she keeps her Christmas message very short.

The Royal Knickers, though, are her most valuable. They are made of pure silk with gold thread and encrusted with diamonds, emeralds and rubies.

They were first worn by Queen Victoria and are rather baggy.

I wonder what knickers the Queen would wear if she visited our school?

There'd be a *terrific* flap at the Palace.

'Call the Royal Knicker-maker, Dilys!'

'Oh no! Far too fancy!'

'Oh no! Far too frilly!'

'Oh no. Far too plain!'

'Oh no! Far too...SILLY!'

'I shall just have to wear my 'Every Day' knickers.'

Then the poor Queen would feel very awkward, as she is so particular about her clothes.

But I would tell her something to put her at ease. 'Don't worry about your knickers, Your Majesty,' I'd whisper. 'You see, *no one can see them anyway.*'

Then she'd be sure to send a special note to me afterwards by the Royal Mail saying:

'Her Majesty wishes to inform you that her visit was very enjoyable... and most comfortable.'