Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

On Wednesday September 9th 2015, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II became the longest-reigning monarch of the United Kingdom in history.

Since her father, King George VI died in his sleep, the exact timing of his death is not known but at approximately 17.30 BST on that day she had reigned for 23,226 days, 16 hours and 30 minutes surpassing the length of reign of that of her great-great grandmother, Queen Victoria.

The Queen celebrated the day by opening the new Scottish Borders railway. She commented:

"Inevitably a long life can pass by many milestones - my own is no exception - but I thank you all and the many others at home and overseas for your touching messages of great kindness."

Long live the Queen!