

## **Extraordinary Experiences: Letter to Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth II.**

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Having been in service as Hamburg Queen of Texts for more than two years and having gained some publicity throughout Germany, I found time had come to get into contact with the queen who is my prototype and surely is for others, too: Her Majesty the Queen of England, Queen Elisabeth II.

It was easy to find the address of Buckingham Palace over the internet. I had thought it might become more difficult. Writing a letter that was worthy of a queen and written in such English that it would be recognized as adequate and taken seriously enough to be passed on to her Majesty, was a challenge appropriate for a Queen of Texts.

My letter containing autograph card and some photographs started on its trip by the end of May.

Shortly after that, I got the information that the Queen and Prince Philipp would visit Germany. The tight schedule contained visits to Berlin, Frankfurt and Celle, and I felt a little disappointed.

A mail from Alsterradio surprised me. They wanted to make a phone interview with one of our queens over here and asked me, if I would be willing to call back. I felt flattered and of course called back. A relatively long interview was recorded. I spoke about my function as queen, explained the TextLab Bergedorf and also that Queen Elisabeth was a great prototype for me, because she stands for honour, dignity and humanity. There were no scandals about herself (although there were within her family).

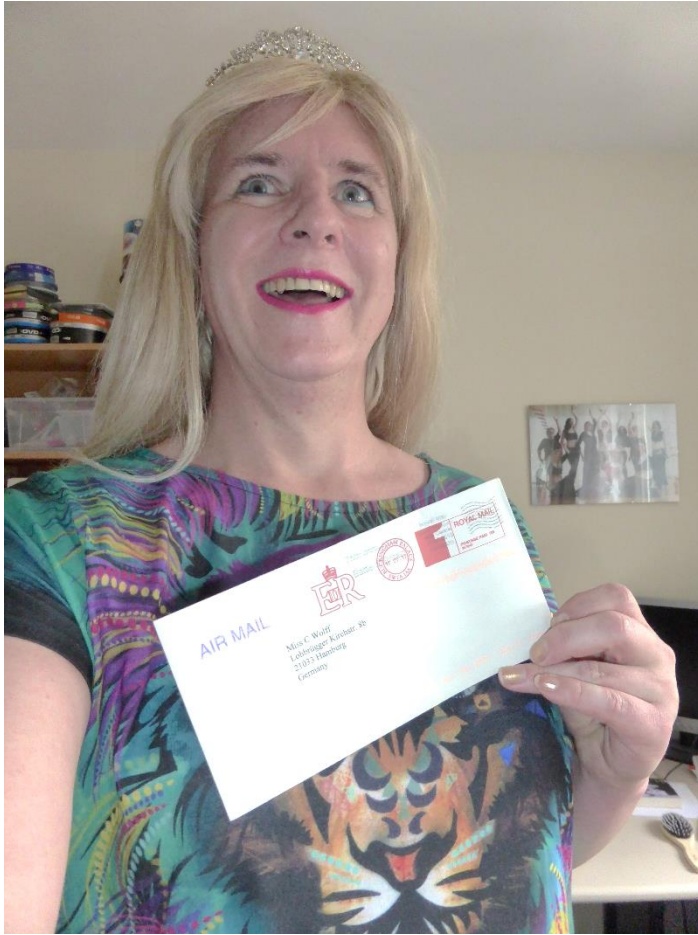
I was encouraged to speak a special greeting to her Majesty.

Sadly they did not broadcast the interview, however the people of the radio station were interested in attending the TextLab. I shall inform them, when the next session is due. Of course I will.

The visit of the Queen in Germany had long passed. I had not been invited for to wave nor drink tea with her. While I was a little disappointed, I do well understand that prominent people of her class probably hardly find time to organize "peanuts" like that. Perhaps – I thought – she would not even get my letter, that might get filed or disposed of together with uncounted others.

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But today, not yet two months later I hardly believed my eyes when I looked into the letterbox. I was puzzled at first until I understood that I really held an answer from Buckingham Palace in my hands.

As it should be, the Queen has her servants and does not write every letter by herself. But the answer was definitely personal and not a pre-written mass mail.

In the name of her Majesty the "Lady-in-Waiting" politely thanked me for my photographs and my supporting words.

See the letter below.

I feel overwhelmed by this recognition. To govern with the blessings of Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth II. is something which I can be proud of!

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

17th July 2015

Dear Miss Wolff.

The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for your letter and for the photographs which you enclosed.

Her Majesty was pleased to hear from you, and much appreciated your kind message of support.

It was thoughtful of you to tell The Queen about your aims and your hopes for the future, and to express your wish to meet with Her Majesty. Although The Queen would like to be able to see the many people who ask to meet her, I am afraid that, because of Her Majesty's numerous public engagements and the official audiences she gives each day, this is sadly not possible.

I hope you will have a most enjoyable reign as Hamburg's 'Queen of Texts', and I am to thank you once again for writing as you did.

Yours sincerely,  
Richenda Elton

Lady-in-Waiting

Miss C Wolff