

Neighborly News

Brought to you courtesy of your friends at Mt. Hebron Church of Christ

Most Dangerous Woman in England

She was, so Adolph Hitler once said, “the most dangerous woman in England.” Who was she? A spy? A nuclear scientist on the verge of discovering the ultimate weapon?

She outlived Hitler, Goering, Himmler and Mengele the gruesome foursome. Churchill, Roosevelt, Montgomery, and MacArthur, the men who stood for something right, too, have long been dead. Perhaps Americans and a new generation of Britons have forgotten what this lady meant to the nation in those dark days.

When Hitler’s bombers lit the night with tracers, when London burned, when Londoners huddled in shelters, the night finally came when Buckingham palace was also hit. Inside the palace

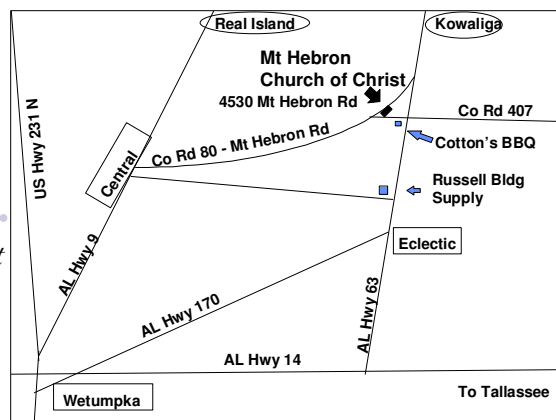


Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon (1900—2002)

were the two royal princesses, Elizabeth (later to be Queen Elizabeth II) and Margaret. Anxious newspaper reporters who toured the charred walls of the palace the next day asked the question that was on everybody’s mind: Shouldn’t the royal family spirit the princesses away from the center of London for their own safety? The queen mother’s answer was a classic: “The children will not leave unless I do,” she began. “I shall not leave unless their father does,” she added, “and the king will not leave the country in any circumstances whatever.”

Elizabeth, the feisty Queen Mother, was exactly what the nation needed at that moment. There must have been an irresistible temptation for royalty not to share in the troubles of her subjects. After all, even a Queen Mum loves her children! With the whiff of smoke and flames in the air and the scream of falling bombs overhead, the British royal family remained in London.

THOUGHTS: When the world burned with hatred and sin, God could have sheltered His Son in the comforts of heaven, but He did not. Jesus became human and endured the indignities of humanity. He walked the dusty streets of



Mt. Hebron Church of Christ

P.O. Box 240159
4530 Mt. Hebron Rd.
Eclectic, Ala. 36024

Come and visit us

Sunday

Bible Classes 10:00 AM

Worship Services

11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Palestine, had “no place to lay His head,” and suffered death, surely the factor all humans have in common. He came to a burning planet and was singed by the same passions we all know. This gives Him the empathy that all great figures in history have possessed. He understands our plight. From Satan’s point of view, that makes Jesus the most dangerous man in history! — Stan Mitchell, via KneEmail, Mike Benson, editor.

“For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted” Hebrews 2:18 NASU

Dandy Designs Dandy Designs

How High Can They Fly?

We all know that long distance jets fly at very high elevations. There are good reasons to fly at 35,000 feet. The air is thinner so you have less drag and can go faster. You are flying above weather, so storms and bad weather are not an issue. There is less likelihood of a collision either with things like dust storms or with other local objects that might be in the lower atmosphere.

For living things like birds the same advantages would be present as well as protection from predators, but the cold temperatures and lack of oxygen were thought to make flying at high elevations impossible.

Our radar has evolved to the point where the newest radar can distinguish between birds, bats, insects, dust and even pollen. Imagine the surprise of radar technicians when they detected swans flying at 27,000 feet and bar-headed geese flying at just under 30,000 feet. It turns out that most birds fly at very high elevations. Songbirds typically fly at 6,000 feet. Most ducks fly between 10,000 and 15,000 feet. How can they do that?

Most mammals cannot breathe well enough to survive at elevations of 20,000 feet or more. Birds are able to breathe because they have a complex respiratory system that provides a continuous flow of oxygen through their lungs. They do not depend on a diaphragm pushing air in and out of their lungs. That means that the birds can survive in thinner air longer, even when exerting themselves heavily as they do in flight. The layering of feathers that birds have is so efficient as an insulator that the cold temperatures of the high elevations is no issue for them.

Once again we have an example of how God has created creatures to do incredible things in ways that benefit them and allow them to survive in places we would not think possible. It is

