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Queen Camilla Marks 78th Birthday with New Portrait Taken in Wiltshire Countryside

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A new portrait of Queen Camilla has been released to commemorate her 78th birthday, offering a personal glimpse into her life at her Wiltshire residence. The relaxed image, taken earlier this month, comes as Her Majesty celebrates the occasion privately following a packed season of royal engagements.

Captured by royal photographer Chris Jackson, the photograph shows the Queen smiling warmly while leaning on a metal gate in a serene field at Raymill, her private home in Wiltshire. Camilla appears effortlessly elegant, dressed in a striking turquoise dress decorated with an exotic rainforest pattern featuring monkeys, lemurs, and toucans. She complements the look with gold drop earrings and three rings, including her five-carat

emerald-cut diamond engagement ring, her wedding band, and a unique gold piece of circular plaques on her little finger.

Unlike last year, when Queen Camilla accompanied His Majesty King Charles III to the State Opening of Parliament on her birthday, this year's celebrations are expected to be more low-key. She will likely spend the day with close family, away from the public spotlight. The King continues to receive treatment for cancer but remains visibly active in his public duties.

Busy Season

Despite her birthday falling during summer, Queen Camilla has shown no sign of slowing down. In April, she and the King marked their 20th wedding anniversary, a significant milestone that passed without a grand ceremony, in keeping with their preference for personal rather than public celebration.

Since then, the Queen has maintained a strong presence at high-profile events. In May, she and the King travelled to Canada to open the country's Parliament. In June, she took part in the Trooping the Colour ceremony, and most recently, the royal couple hosted a state visit for French President Emmanuel Macron. Her schedule has been full, and her involvement continues to reflect her growing role in national and Commonwealth affairs.

Her Majesty's latest engagements saw her visit a children's hospice in Devon before heading to Plymouth to tour HMS Astute, a nuclear-powered submarine. During the naval visit, Commander Christopher Bate surprised the Queen with an unconventional birthday gift: a roll of clingfilm in a special holder. The gift came with a humorous tale, as the clingfilm had previously been used to fix a defect in the submarine's main engines. "There's nothing more useful, brilliant, how wonderful," the Queen commented, clearly delighted by the practicality of the present. The roll also bore a plaque reading: "Clingfilm keeping nuclear submarines at sea."

In recognition of her continued support for the Royal Navy, Queen Camilla was also appointed Vice Admiral of the United Kingdom on the same day. This honorary role further underlines her contribution to the armed forces and her consistent presence across the defence sector.

Queen Camilla's ability to balance tradition with warmth and formality with a sense of humour has quietly strengthened her standing within the Royal Family and among the public.

As she turns 78, her understated yet steady approach continues to define her place in British public life.