

# Queen Margrethe marks Golden Jubilee

Queen Margrethe II of Denmark marks the 50th anniversary of her succession to the throne of Europe's oldest continuous monarchy

■ **April 16, 1940:** *Margrethe Alexandrine Thorhildur Ingrid* born one week after Nazi invasion of Denmark, eldest child of future **King Frederick IX** and **Princess Ingrid** of Sweden

■ **1953:** Becomes heir presumptive following change in Danish constitution permitting female succession

■ **1959:** Graduates from school in Copenhagen, later studies archaeology at Cambridge and political science at Aarhus University, Sorbonne and London School of Economics

■ **1967:** Marries **Count Henri de Laborde de Monpezat** – French diplomat who becomes **Prince Henrik**. They have two sons, **Crown Prince Frederik** and **Prince Joachim**

■ **Jan 14, 1972:** On her father's death, becomes first female sovereign of Denmark since **Margrethe I** – ruled Scandinavian kingdoms from 1375-1412 during Kalmar Union

■ **2018:** Prince Henrik dies at age 83

■ **Jan 14, 2022:** Margrethe, 81, celebrates Golden Jubilee



Margrethe can trace heritage over 1000 years to king **Gorm the Old**, believed to be born around 900