



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

3rd April, 2007

Dear Mr. Gilbert,

Thank you for your letter of 1st February and I must first of all apologise for the delay in replying. Due to the very high volume of mail received in recent weeks, it has not been possible to reply until now.

Your letter was forwarded to The Queen's desk and I am to say that Her Majesty was interested to learn that the Skegness resort Mascot, the *Jolly Fisherman* created by the artist John Hassell, will be one hundred years old in 2008.

The Queen has asked me to convey her congratulations and warm good wishes to you, to all the Members of the East Lindsey District Council and everyone concerned, and hopes that the celebrations to mark this event will be both enjoyable and successful for all who take part.

Yours sincerely,

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