

ON Sunday the volunteers on Ramsgate Harbour surprise when Mi



HONOUR: June and Keith Chadband at Buckingham Palace

Buckingham Palace Garden Party

IT WAS truly wonderful experience and an honour for us both (Keith and June Chadband from the Cliftonville Farmer's Market) to be invited. We shared the day with 7,998 other guests! All of the guests were nominated for their good works to charities and the community.

We queued for about an hour and a half to enter the palace but it did not seem that long because there were a lot of interesting people to chat to and of course to see all the colourful hats and dresses. We were lucky with the weather too.

You then go through the main doors into the gardens where there are lots of marquees (tea tents) scattered all around the grounds.

The tea itself was excellent. Numerous different finger sandwiches and canapés plus a fantastic array of cakes, some with the royal crown on them. We were told that on an afternoon they serve 27,000 cups of tea and 20,000 sandwiches and the same amount of cakes.

I don't think I would like to be the caterer, do you?

Her Majesty the Queen, Prince Philip and Princess Beatrice appeared on the steps at 4pm and then went and spoke to some of the guests, (not us I'm afraid)

The afternoon finished at 6pm when the Royals departed.

The invite to this once in a lifetime experience, was because of Louise Friend of East Northdown Farm, Kingsgate, and we thank her for nominating us.