

# Here's the inside scoop

In many ways, they're the first family of the world - the British royal family are the most admired and talked-about people in the world. But here are twenty things you probably didn't know about the Queen and Prince Charles, who one day will be king.

## PRINCE CHARLES

1. His years as a boarder at Cheam Preparatory School were, he says, his most miserable. But he also hated Gordonstoun school, and begged his grandmother, the Queen Mother, to persuade Prince Philip to take him away. She was sympathetic, but insisted it was his duty to see it through.

2. Under his captaincy, the first XI soccer team of Cheam School lost every match of the term. Goals against: 82. Goals for: 4.

3. One of his former girlfriends, millionaire Lord Manton's curvy daughter Fiona Watson, had previously bared her generous 38-23-35 charms across 11 pages of the girlie magazine Penthouse. In some of the full-frontal shots she was wearing only a string of beads, arranged not at all strategically.

4. Other ladies in his life have included Davina Sheffield, dropped because she had once lived with a boyfriend; Lady Jane Wellesley, who tired waiting for a proposal; Lady Sarah Spencer, sister of Princess Diana, who talked to the press; and Anna Wallace, who stormed out of his life after complaining of being neglected at a Palace ball.

5. When he dated a girl he usually rang her quite late in the day. He rarely collected her, expecting her to arrive under her own steam and leave the same way. But "special" girls would have a policeman sent to pick them up.

6. On first meeting Lady Diana, when he was dating her sister, he commented on "what a very amusing, jolly and attractive 16-year-old" she was.

7. On the morning of his wedding he was so nervous he couldn't do up the buttons on his uniform, and had to ask a footman to help him.

8. He suffers from mild claustrophobia, the fear of enclosed spaces, and cannot ride in an elevator with more than two other people.

9. His favourite pick-me-up, made of boiled lemons and Epsom salts, accompanies him everywhere.

10. He is now a vegetarian, but does not tell people to avoid putting hosts to inconvenience. When served meat at public functions he cuts it up but leaves it.

12. He is the first heir to the throne to have gone to school, taken a university degree and parachuted. And he is the first for 300 years to have taken a university degree.

13. His first parachute jump, with the RAF, nearly ended in disaster when he found himself descending upside down towards the sea with his legs caught in the rigging lines. He managed to free his legs, and was fished out of the sea by Royal Marines, who took him off for a stiff drink.

14. In his sitting room at Kensington Palace there are two furry bunnies cuddling each other on the sofa. He keeps them to see how long it takes visitors to comment on them.

15. He has taken up jogging every morning.

16. His former valet Stephen Barry says he is very careful with money, doesn't like to spend it and is always complaining about prices.

17. He still calls the Queen "Mummy."

18. He carries a transplant donor card. If he were to die in an accident his liver, kidneys and heart could be used to save someone else's life.

19. Faith-healing is something that has interested him for more than three years. He has gone into it in depth, and discussed it with leading churchmen and doctors.

20. When pensioner Dick Bimson was mugged and robbed of his £121 savings, Charles sent him a letter of sympathy and a cheque.

## THE QUEEN

1. In the thirty years since her coronation she has travelled 612,000 miles on official tours and visits, equal to 25 times round the world.

2. She has received 48 Heads of State, given some 4,000 audiences, 114 garden parties, and been to nearly 2,000 receptions, lunches, dinners and banquets.

3. The 272 horses she has had in training over the years have won her more than \$2 million in prize money.

4. Without consulting anyone she could, in theory, dismiss the Government, pardon all criminals, give everyone a peerage and declare war. And she can appoint whom she pleases as prime minister. It does not have to be the leader of the party in power.

5. She can refuse to give evidence in court, cannot be sued, and is the only person in the country who does not need a licence for her dogs.

6. Among her pet hates are snails as a dish, tennis, Charles Dickens' books, laying foundation stones and listening to afterdinner speeches.

7. During the war she trained as a motor mechanic. She can dismantle and tune a car engine and carry out most repairs. She can also drive a railway engine.

8. Her black and claret Rolls-Royces don't carry license-plates. But when she is using one the normal winged lady on the radiator is replaced by her own mascot, a silver St. George and the dragon.

9. Through the Crown Estates she owns 3,330,353 acres of Britain, and income from her estates goes to the Exchequer.

10. She has always been careful with money. At age ten she was keeping detailed accounts of her shilling (5p) pocket money. When Prince Charles, as a boy, lost a

dog lead at Sandringham, she sent him out next day to find it. "Dog leads cost money," she told him sharply.

11. At her insistence, servants addressed all her children by just their Christian names until their 18th birthdays, to "stop them getting above themselves."

12. She first met Prince Philip at Dartmouth Naval College, on a visit with her father. Philip, who was 18, helped 13-year-old Elizabeth and her sister Margaret play with a clockwork trainset, and gave them

ginger biscuits and lemonade.

13. They first danced together when she was 16, at a dinner party at Coppins, the Duke of Kent's country home. Then Philip went back to the war, and the couple began exchanging letters that became increasingly affectionate.

14. A believer in herbal remedies, she sips Malvern water with a little arsenic to prevent her sneezing during a speech, takes onions for a runny nose and deadly nightshade for a sore throat.

15. She has dyed her hair for some years, but is now gradually letting the grey show through.

16. When she travels in an open carriage she always has a rug over her knees, even in the warmest weather, to prevent her skirt blowing up.

17. Her day begins at 7:25 a.m., when she is woken by her personal maid "Bobo" MacDonald, with a tray of tea and the morning papers.

18. She breakfasts at 8:15 usually alone, because Philip eats at 8 a.m. Normal fare is scrambled eggs and a selection of cereals.

The milk, in green, gold-topped bottles bearing the EHR symbol, is fresh and untreated and comes from the Queen's Jersey herd at Windsor.

19. At 4:30 everything stops for tea. The Queen likes to make her own, boiling the water in a silver spirit kettle converted to electricity.

20. She has a sense of humour. She once sent her corset maker a letter thanking her for her support. And when a woman, splashed by the Royal car, shouted: "Bastards," the Queen replied: "I quite agree with you."



## Bake shop new in store

A bake shop, top photo, is an addition to the A and P store in Huronia Mall in Tiny Township. The interior of the store has been painted and new fixtures put in place. Middle photo and bottom photo show the delicatessen and the flower department.

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