PRINCESS MARGARET ROSE



- Portrait of Princess Margaret Rose (1930-2002), Countess of Snowdon, as a young woman, by the prominent portrait photographer Dorothy Wilding, who made a number of official photographs of the royal family. The inscription on the back indicates that it was apparently used in a publication.
- The daughter of King George IV and Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, and younger sister to Queen Elizabeth II, she began carrying out public engagements at a young age, accompanying her parents on their official visit to South Africa in 1947. She was married to Antony Armstrong-Jones, who became Lord Snowden, in 1960 and had two children. The marriage ended in 1978. As an adult, she actively participated in ceremonial functions as well as charitable activities and organizations, with a particular interest in social welfare and the arts, serving as patron or president of some 80 organizations.





- Princess Margaret was the younger sister of Queen Elizabeth. She was born Margaret Rose on 21 August 1930, at Glamis Castle in Scotland.
- She was the first royal born in Scotland since the seventeenth century.
- Her parents were the Duke and Duchess of York at the time. But in 1936 the King, Edward VIII, announced he was giving up his crown.
- This meant Margaret's father had to take over and her life had to change.
- From 1937, when Margaret was enrolled as a Brownie in the Buckingham Palace Pack (see picture above), the Girl Guide movement became an important part of her life.
- She later became the association's president









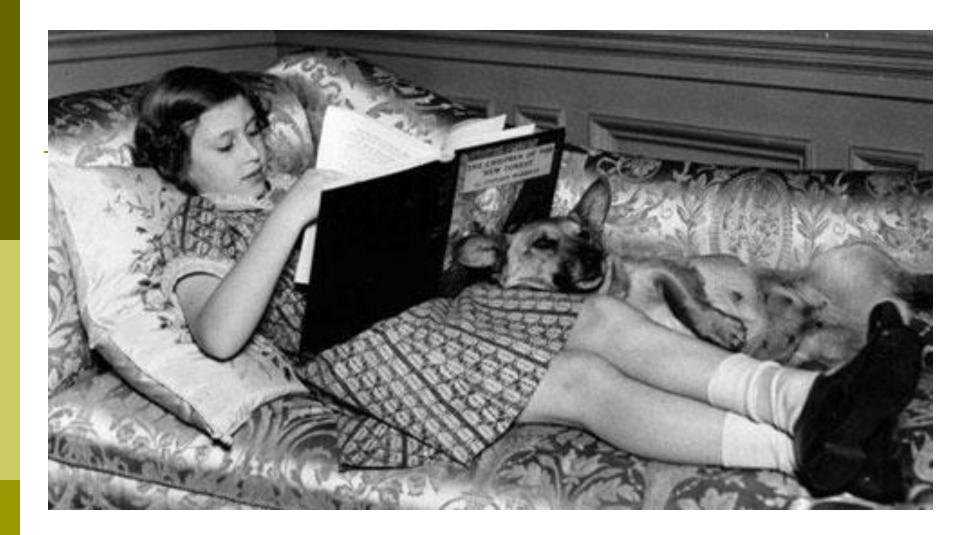
















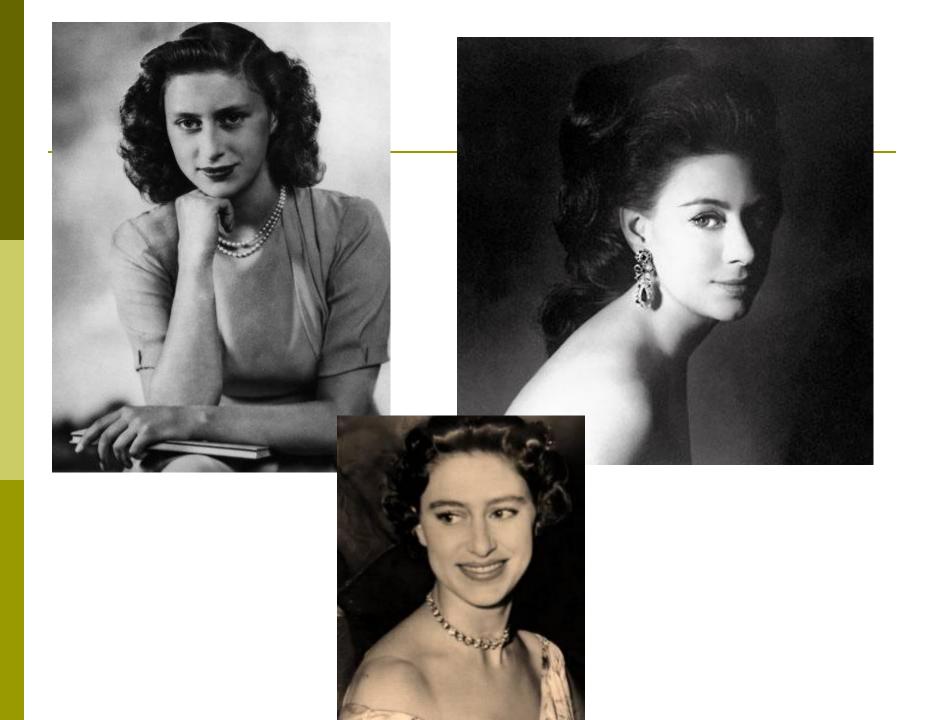
































- Although she never forgot her first real love, she had to get on with her royal duties. In 1958 she met a handsome photographer called Anthony Armstrong-Jones.
- They married in 1960 at Westminster Abbey and he became the Earl of Snowdon.
- They had two children, Viscount Linley and Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones.
- But he didn't like the royal life and they separated in 1976. They divorced two years later which caused quite a scandal in those days.



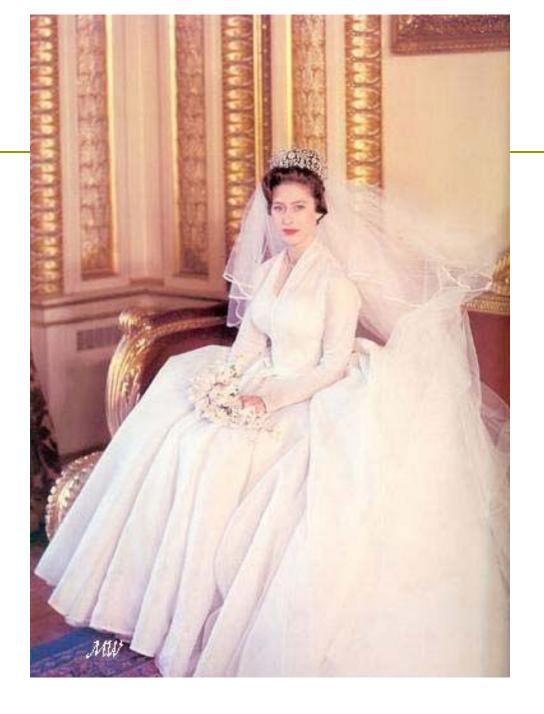








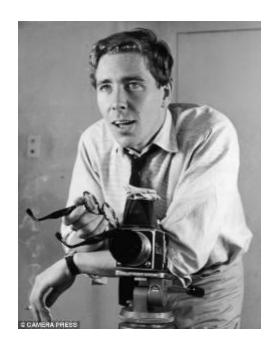














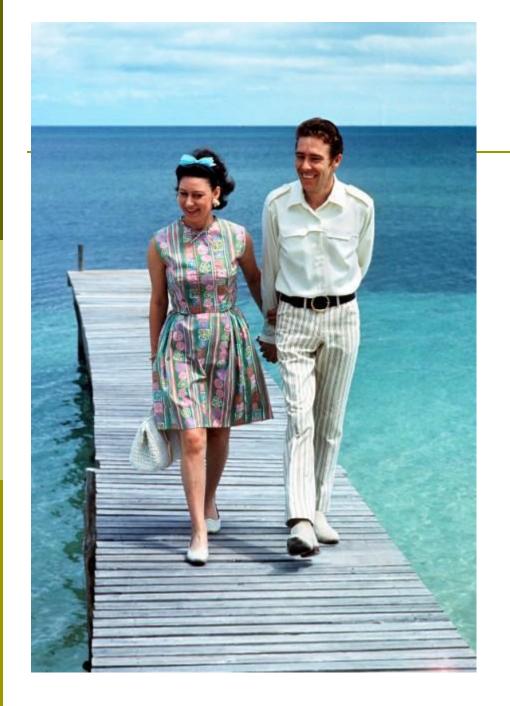
















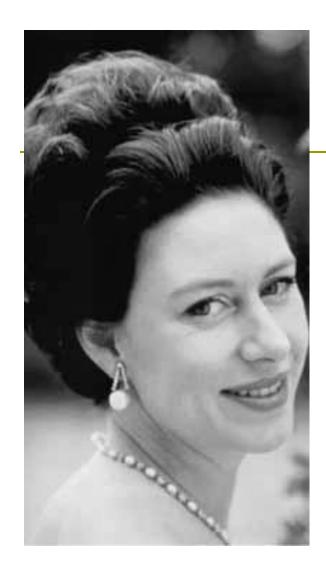


























- Margaret did not enjoy the hunting, shooting and fishing pursuits of the other royals.
 Her first love was the ballet, and she became president of the Royal Ballet.
- Over the years she attended scores of glittering film and theatre premieres and mixed with the stars, many of whom became her friends.
- Princess Margaret also loved reading. She became a collector of books and loved to discuss them with friends.









































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