

The monarchs

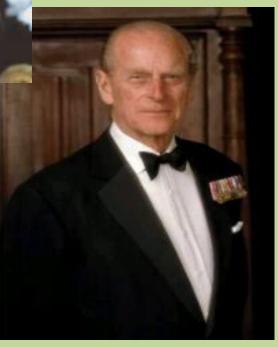
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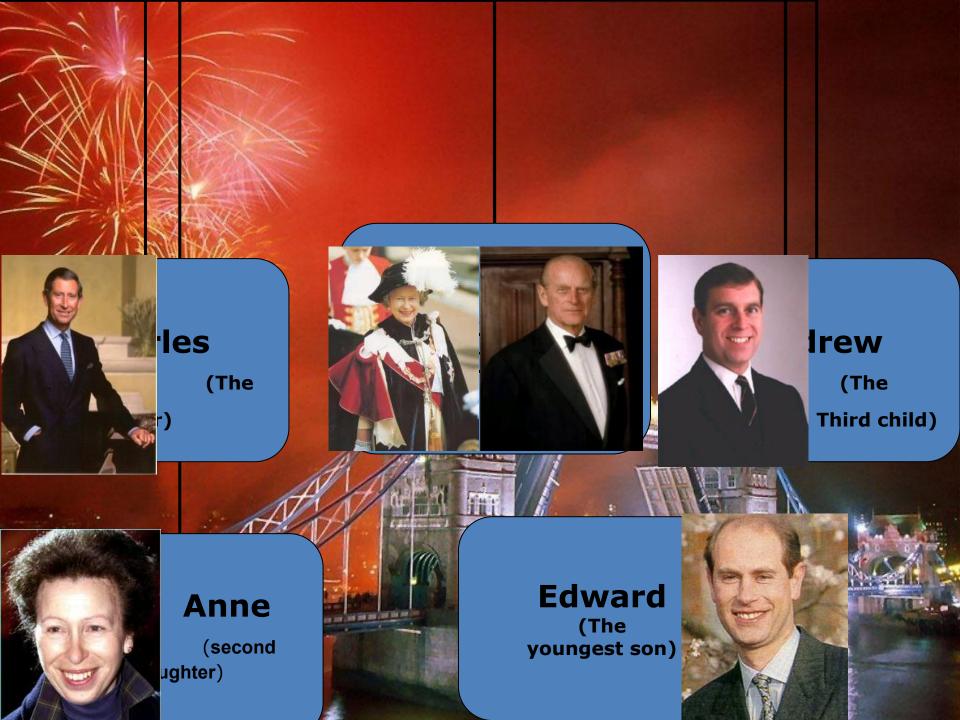




At present the British royal family is headed by **Queen Elizabeth** The marriage of the Princess Elizabeth to Philip, Duke of Edinburgh took place in November 1947.



The Queen's husband **Philip**, Duke of Edinburgh, was born in 1926 and served in the Royal Navy. He takes a great deal of interest in industry, in the achievements of young people (he founded Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme in 1956) and in saving raise wild animals from extinction.



The grandchildren.









Buckingha m Palace



Windsor Castle is an official residence of The Queen and the largest occupied castle in the world. The Queen uses the Castle both as a private home, where she usually spends the weekend, and as a Royal residence at which she undertakes certain formal duties. Every year The Queen takes up official residence in Windsor Castle ford a month over Easter (March-April).

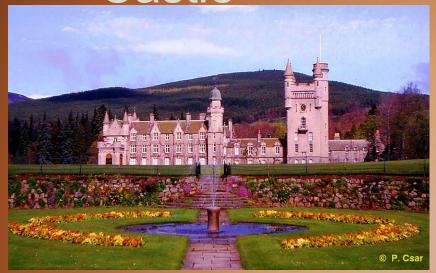
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Buckingham Palace is the official London residence. The State Rooms at Buckingham Palace are open to visitors every year. The Palace is a working building and the centrepiece of Britain's constitutional monarchy.





Balmoral Castle



The Queen and other members of the Royal Family regularly spend Christmas at Sandringham and make it their official base until February each year.

Sandringha m House

Enimoral Castle is the private residence of The Queen. It is a favourite residence for The Queen and her family during the summer holiday period in August and September.





The Tower of London



The British monarchy has collected lots of royal customs and traditions. Some are very ancient, but they're not all old. In fact, some are surprisingly modern. Here are nine of the best known.

- The Changing of the Guard takes place in front of Buckingham Palace.
- There are hundreds of swans on the river Thames.
- Ascot Week
- The Queen has two birthdays
 - The Queen sends a telegram to anyone in Britain or the Commonwealth on their 100th birthday
- Once a year, someone from the Royal Family goes to a film premiere in London's West End
- On December 25th the Queen makes a ten-minute radio and TV speech to the Commonwealth
- Each year all the knights meet at Windsor on a Monday in June. Then they walk from the Castle to St George's Chapel where a special ceremony takes place
- Royal Investiture

Charities



- The **Queen** has over **600 patronages** and The **Duke** of Edinburgh over **700.**
- They are Presidents or Patrons of
- 128 organizations **Agriculture**
- 146 organizations Animals
- 167 organizations Children and young people
- 42 organizations Elderly people
- 231 organizations Environment
- 341 organizations Healthcare and Hospices
- 131 organizations Science and technology
- 165 organizations Social clubs
- 539 organizations Sport and recreation
- 203 organizations Business and industry

