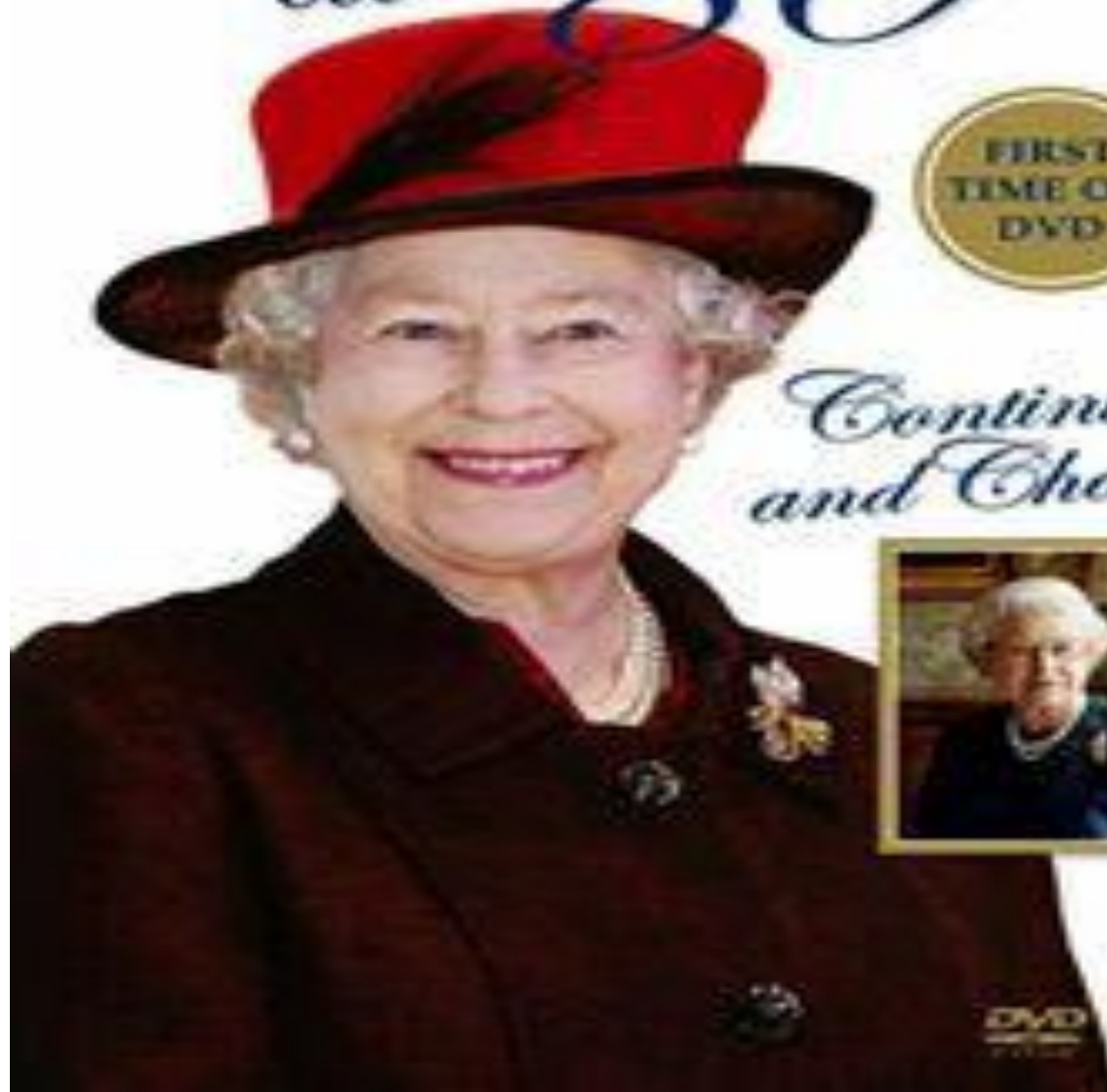


The Royal Family

Queen *Elizabeth* at 80



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At present the British royal family is headed by Queen Elizabeth. When the Queen was born on the 21st of April 1926, her grandfather, King George V, was on the throne and her uncle was his heir.



The death of her grandfather and the abdication of her uncle brought her father to the throne as King George VI. As a child she studied constitutional history and law as well as art and music.

In addition she learned to ride and acquired her enthusiasm for horses. As she grew older she began to take part in public life, making her first broadcast at the age of 14.

The marriage of the young Princess Elizabeth to Philip, Duke of Edinburgh took place in November 1947. She came to the throne of her father's death in 1952 and was crowned in Westminster Abbey in June 1953.

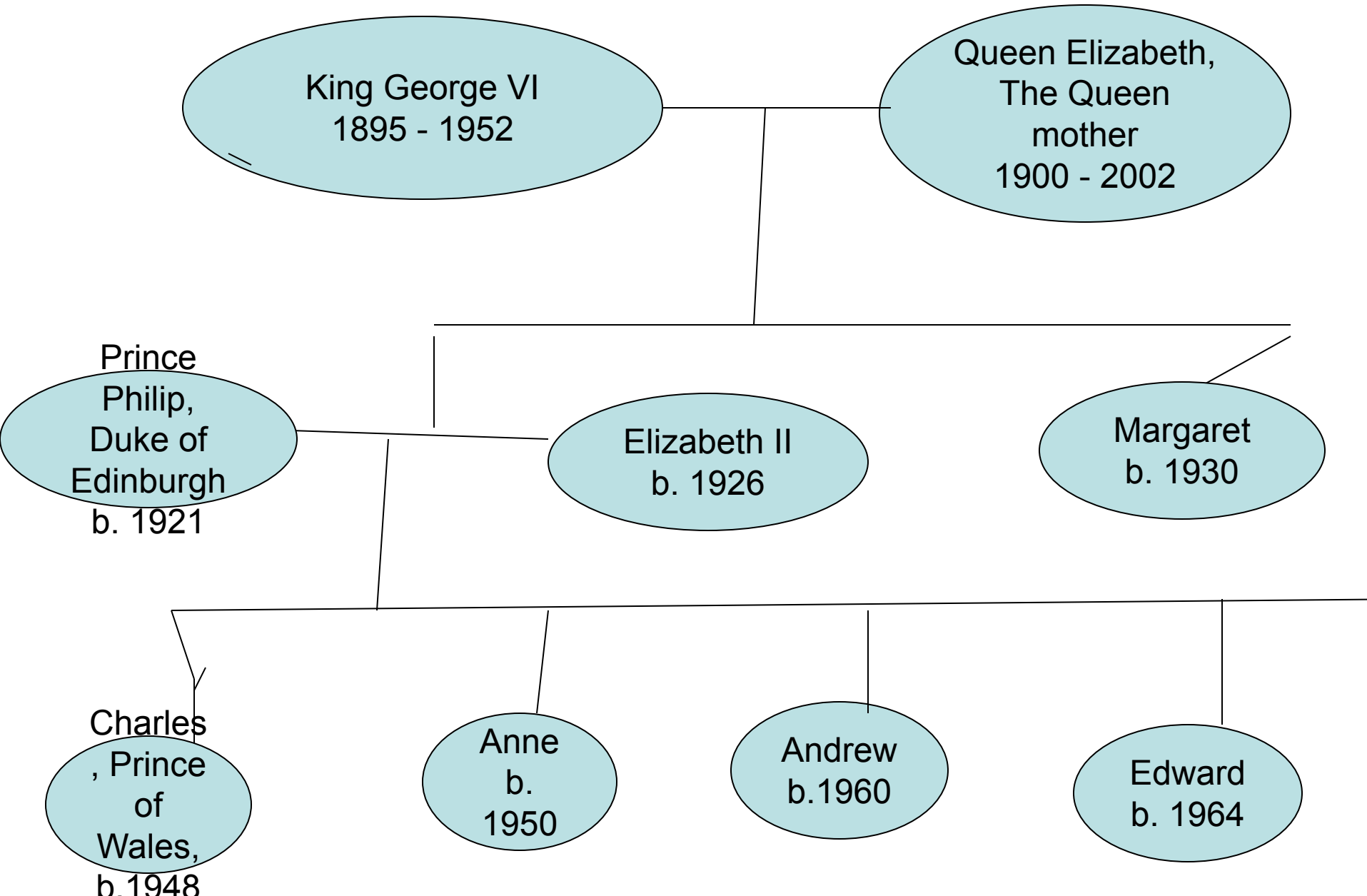
Among Queen Elizabeth's many duties are the regular visits she makes to foreign countries, and especially those of the Commonwealth, whose interests and welfare are very important to her

The Queen has allowed the BBC to make a documentary film about the every day of the royal family. She also started the tradition of the "walkabout", an informal feature of an otherwise formal royal visit, when she walks among the public crowds and stops to talk to some people.

Christmas broadcast made by the Queen on radio and television has become a traditional and popular feature of the season, and there were widespread celebrations and special programmes of events in 1977 to mark her Silver Jubilee.

The Queen's husband, 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 British Royal Family Tree





HM Queen Elizabeth II
b. 21 Apr 1926



Prince Philip
Duke of Edinburgh
b. 10 Jun 1921

Married
20 Nov 1947



Prince Charles
Prince of Wales
b. 14 Nov 1948



Diana
Princess of Wales
b. 1 Jul 1961
d. 31 Aug 1997

Married 29
Jul 1981
Divorced 28
Aug 1996

Married 9
Apr 2005



Camilla
Duchess of Cornwall
b. 17 July 1947



Princess Anne
b. 15 Aug 1950

Married 14
Nov 1973
Divorced 28
Apr 1992

Married 12
Dec 1992



Mark Phillips
b. 22 Sep 1948



Timothy Laurence
b. 1 Mar 1955



Prince Andrew
Duke of York
b. 19 Feb 1960

Married 23
Jul 1986
Divorced 30
May 1996



Sarah
Duchess of York
b. 15 Oct 1959



Prince Edward
Earl of Wessex
b. 10 Mar 1964

Married 19
Jul 1999



Sophie
Countess of Wessex
b. 20 Jan 1965



Prince William
b. 21 Jun 1982



Prince Henry (Harry)
b. 15 Sep 1984



Zara Phillips
b. 15 May 1981



Princess Beatrice
b. 8 Aug 1988



Princess Eugenie
b. 23 Mar 1990



Lady Louise
b. 8 Nov 2003



Viscount Severn
b. 17 Dec 2007



Peter Phillips
b. 15 Nov 1977

Married 17
May 2008



Autumn Kelly
b. 3 May 1978

The Queen's heir is Charles, Prince of Wales, who was born in 1948, married Lady Diana Spencer and has two children, Prince William and Prince Harry.

The Prince of Wales is well-known as a keen promoter of British interests.

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In recent years he has become outspoken on such controversial topics as modern architecture, violence in films and on television, and the standard of English teaching in schools.

His wife Diana, Princess of Wales (often called in mass media Princess Di), won the affection of many people by her modesty, shyness and beauty. Unfortunately, she died in a car accident in August, 1997.



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The Queen



Prince Philip



Prince Charles



Diana
Princess of Wales



Princess Anne

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The Queen's other children are Princess Anne (born in 1950), Prince Andrew (born in 1960) and Prince Edward (born in 1964). Anne, Princess Royal, has acquired a reputation for being arrogant, but in recent years has become quite popular with the general public.

The Queen is widely known for her interest in horses and horse-racing.

She is now president of the Save the Children Fund, Chancellor of the University of London and carries out many public engagements.

Prince Andrew, Duke of York, served as a helicopter pilot in the Royal Navy.

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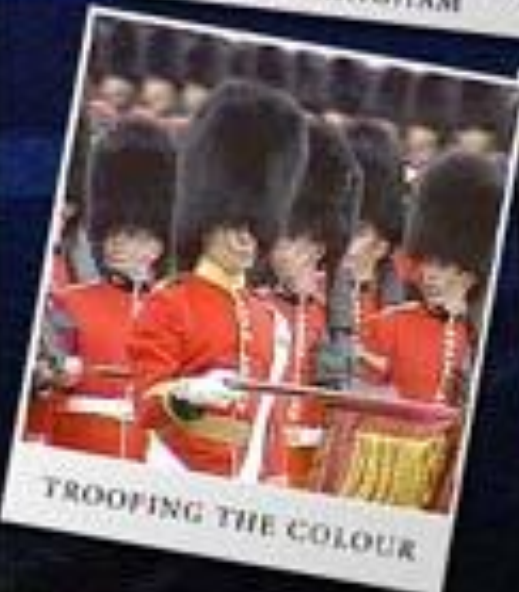
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AT GOLDEN WEDDING
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. In 1986 he married Miss Sarah Ferguson (Fergie, for short) and has two daughters. Prince Edward is keen on the theatre. This interest began while he was at university. He quit the Royal Marines, and is now pursuing a career with a theatrical company.

The Queen Mother, the widow of the late King George VI, celebrated her one hundred birthday in 2000 and died in 2002. The Queen's only sister, Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, is well-known for her charity work.





British Royal Family