



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

To: The Pupils in Year One
British School Xativa

The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for your letters, which you have decorated with little drawings.

Her Majesty thought it so kind of you to write to her and, although unable to reply to you personally, owing to the hundreds of letters she receives every day, The Queen was interested to see your questions.

I enclose some information sheets, which I hope you will all enjoy, and I am to thank you once again for writing as you did.

Lory Garrison .

Lady-in-Waiting

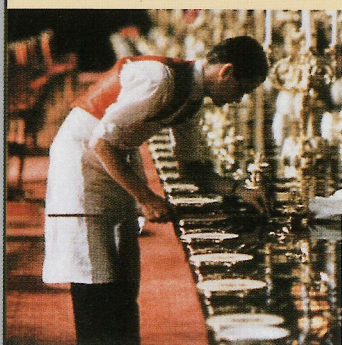
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Buckingham Palace is where The Queen lives when she is in London. You can always tell if Her Majesty is at home, because the Royal Standard will fly above the building. When The Queen is away the Union Flag flies above the Palace.



A Royal Home

The Queen lives in an apartment at Buckingham Palace, but the Palace has over 400 rooms as well

as a swimming pool and squash courts. There is also a large garden with a tennis court and lake.

Around 550 staff work in the Palace and garden, to

help Her Majesty in her job as Head of State

and to keep the Palace and works of art clean and in good condition.

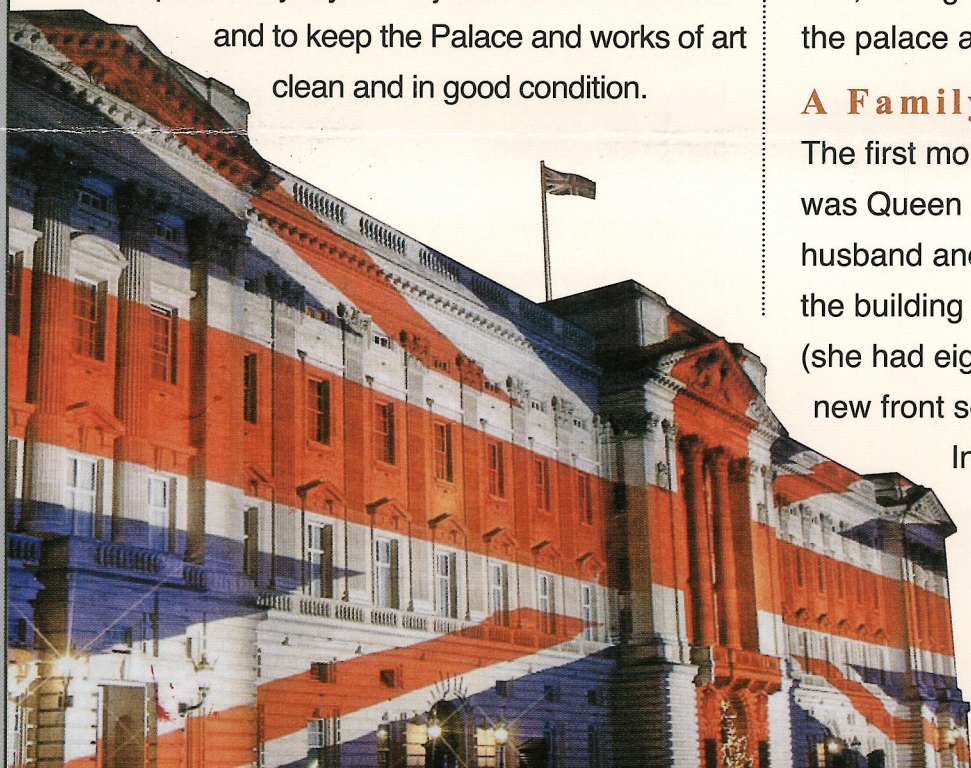
From a House to a Palace

When Buckingham Palace was originally built in 1677, it was known as Buckingham House, because it was the home of the Duke of Buckingham. King George III bought it as a family home in 1762 for his wife, Queen Charlotte. Over the next sixty years, the house was enlarged and remodelled. King George's son, George IV, moved many works of art into the palace and changed the interior decoration.

A Family Home

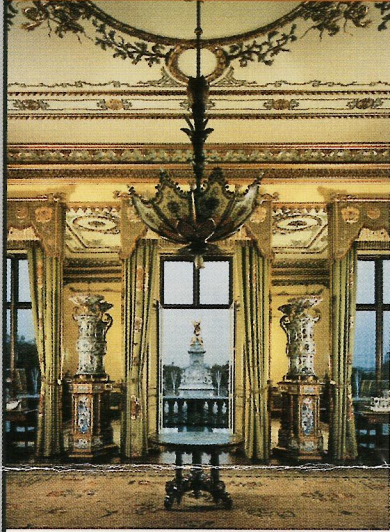
The first monarch to live in Buckingham Palace was Queen Victoria. She lived there with her husband and children. Queen Victoria felt that the building was too small for her large family (she had eight children), so she added a whole new front section closing the other three sides.

In 1913 the front was given a new stone face which explains why it is a different colour to the other three sides of the building. Since Queen Victoria, all the Kings and Queens have been based at the Palace.



A LOOK AT ROYAL LIFE

Buckingham PALACE



In this reign, three of Her Majesty's children, Prince Charles, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward, were born at Buckingham Palace and Princess Anne was born at Clarence House.

by people walking on it with dusters attached to their feet! There are many other State Rooms in the Palace which are used for official purposes including the Throne Room, the Marble Hall and the State Dining Room. You can see them in the summer when the Palace is open to visitors. You can also visit The Queen's Gallery, which has art exhibitions, and the Royal Mews, where all the horses, carriages and cars are kept.

Visitors to the Palace

Many important visitors are invited to the Palace. The Prime Minister comes to see The Queen every week while Parliament is sitting, and many ambassadors, judges and clergy also have audiences. Award ceremonies called Investitures are held in the Ballroom at the Palace; every year there are at least three garden parties. During a State Visit, foreign Heads of State often stay with Her Majesty at Buckingham Palace.

Ballrooms and Banquets

There is always a State Banquet during a State Visit. This is held in the Ballroom at Buckingham Palace for around 160 guests. Because there are so many guests, the table has to be absolutely enormous. It is so big that it has to be polished

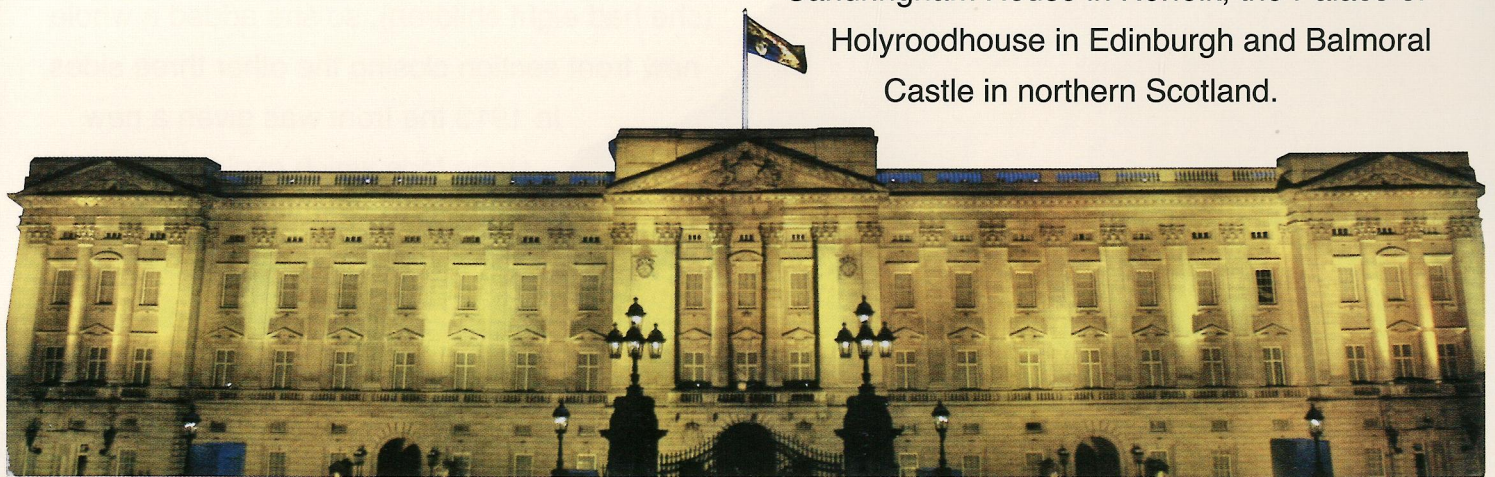


The Palace Gardens

The Buckingham Palace gardens cover nearly 40 acres. The Queen has added

many flowers and trees to the garden during her reign including 34 Indian horse chestnut trees. Many species of birds have lived in the gardens, among them flamingoes. Helicopters, which Her Majesty and other members of the Royal Family use on official occasions, can land on a special pad in the garden.

At different times of the year, The Queen also stays at Windsor Castle in Berkshire, Sandringham House in Norfolk, the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh and Balmoral Castle in northern Scotland.



Royal PETS



The Queen is well known for her love of horses and dogs. She has been riding horses since the age of four and was given her first corgi at the age of 18.



Corgis and Dorgis

The Queen's first corgi was called Susan. She died in 1959 and is buried at Sandringham. All

Her Majesty's corgis are descended from Susan. Corgis have been a favourite dog in The Royal Family since The Queen's father, King George VI, first bought one in 1933.

In addition, Her Majesty has a number of 'dorgis'. These were a result of breeding Pipkin, a long-haired dachshund belonging to Princess Margaret, with a corgi. When The Queen Mother died, Her Majesty said that she would take care of her corgis as otherwise they might not have a home. Some of the names of The Queen's corgis and dorgis over

the years have included: Myth, Fable, Kelpie, Pharos, Flora, Swift, Emma, Linnet, Rush, Minnie, Monty, Harris, Brandy, Cider, Berry, Willow and Holly.

Walking the Dogs

The Queen looks after her own dogs as much as possible. They live in her private apartments and often wake her up in the morning, as well as travelling with her throughout the United Kingdom. Her Majesty walks them regularly in the grounds of Buckingham Palace and the other residences. They are sometimes seen at receptions at the Palace.





Breeding and Training

At Sandringham in Norfolk, there are kennels where Labradors and Spaniels are bred

and trained for use on the estate for The Queen and other members of The Royal Family.

All The Queen's Horses

The Queen loves horses and knows a lot about them. She was taught to ride at the age of four and her first pony was called Peggy. She later had more lessons in the riding school at Buckingham Palace with her sister, Princess Margaret. The Princesses looked after their ponies themselves and learned to harness and drive them. Her Majesty continues to enjoy riding when she is at Windsor, Sandringham or Balmoral.

The Royal Mews

Horses that are used for ceremonial purposes are kept at the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace. There are currently about 30 horses in the Mews who draw the carriages and coaches on State or ceremonial occasions throughout the year. They are very well trained and looked after and you might see them pulling carriages on the streets around the Palace when you are in London.

The Queen also breeds racehorses. Her Majesty's horses have won more than 600 races over the years. Jockeys that ride The Queen's horses in races wear Her Majesty's racing colours. They are a purple body with gold braid, scarlet sleeves and black velvet cap with gold fringe.

Strange Pets and Animals

The Royal Family has been given a number of unusual animals as gifts over the years. In 1972, The Queen was given an elephant named Jumbo as a gift for her silver wedding anniversary and, in 1961, The Duke of Edinburgh was given a hippopotamus!

In 1956, Princess Anne was given a bear called Nikki when she was only 6 years old, while a village in The Gambia gave Prince Edward a crocodile when he was only one year old.

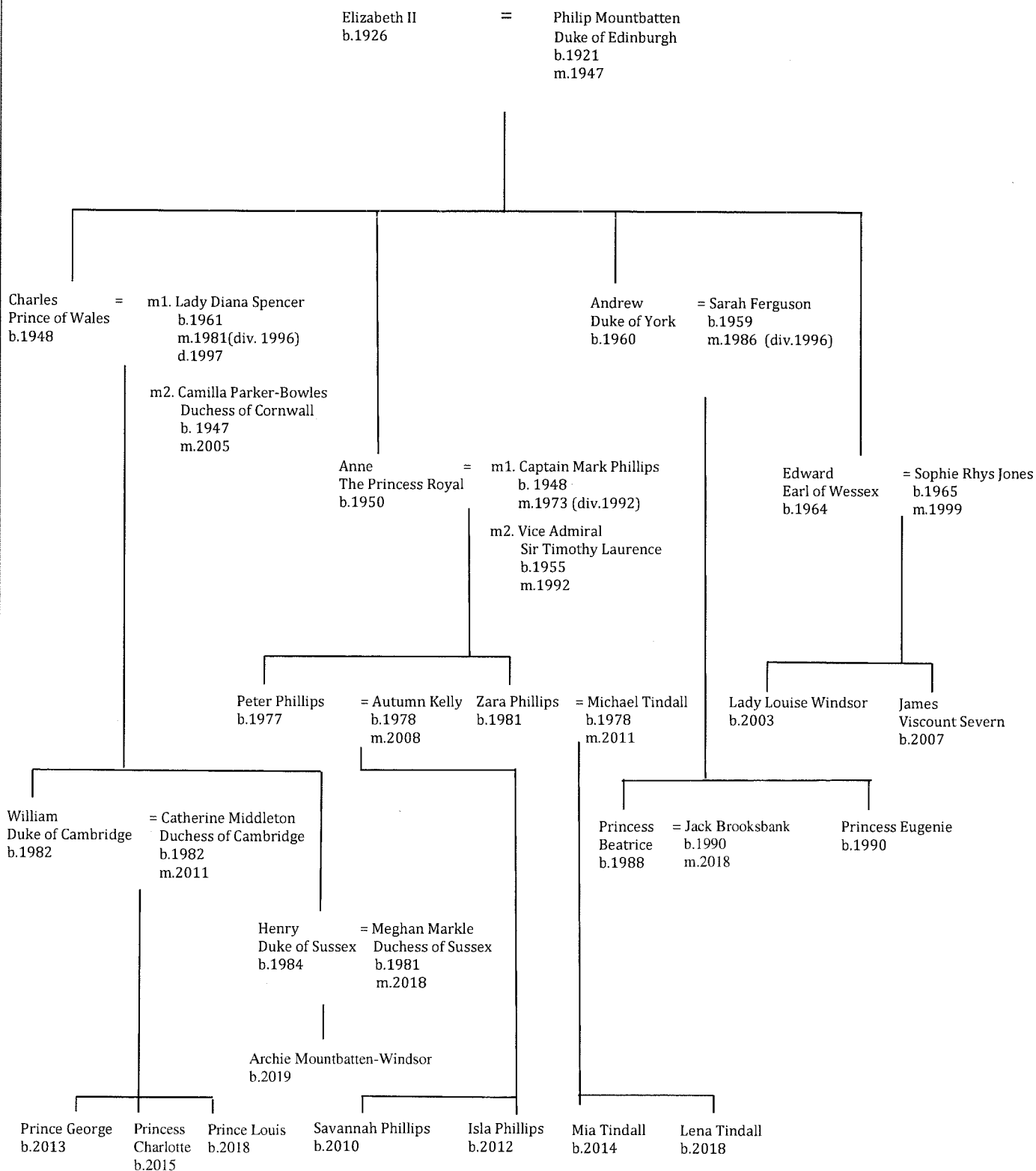
These animals were kept in the zoo as there was not room at Buckingham

Palace for elephants, crocodiles and bears

as well as dogs, horses and flamingoes!

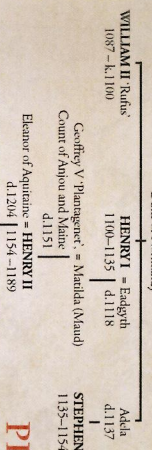


The Queen's Family

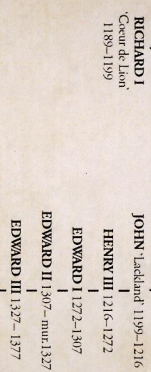


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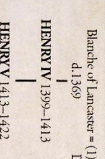
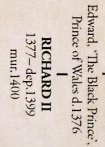
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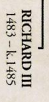
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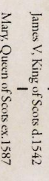
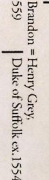
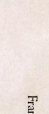
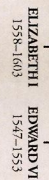
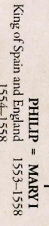
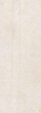
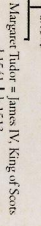
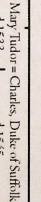
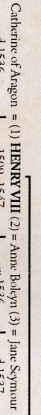
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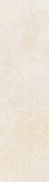
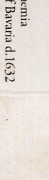
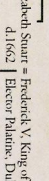
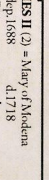
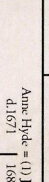
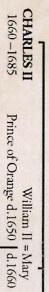
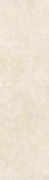
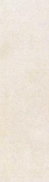
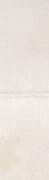
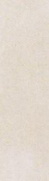
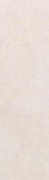
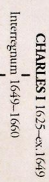
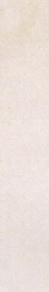
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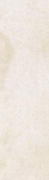
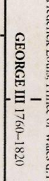
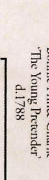
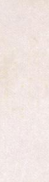
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