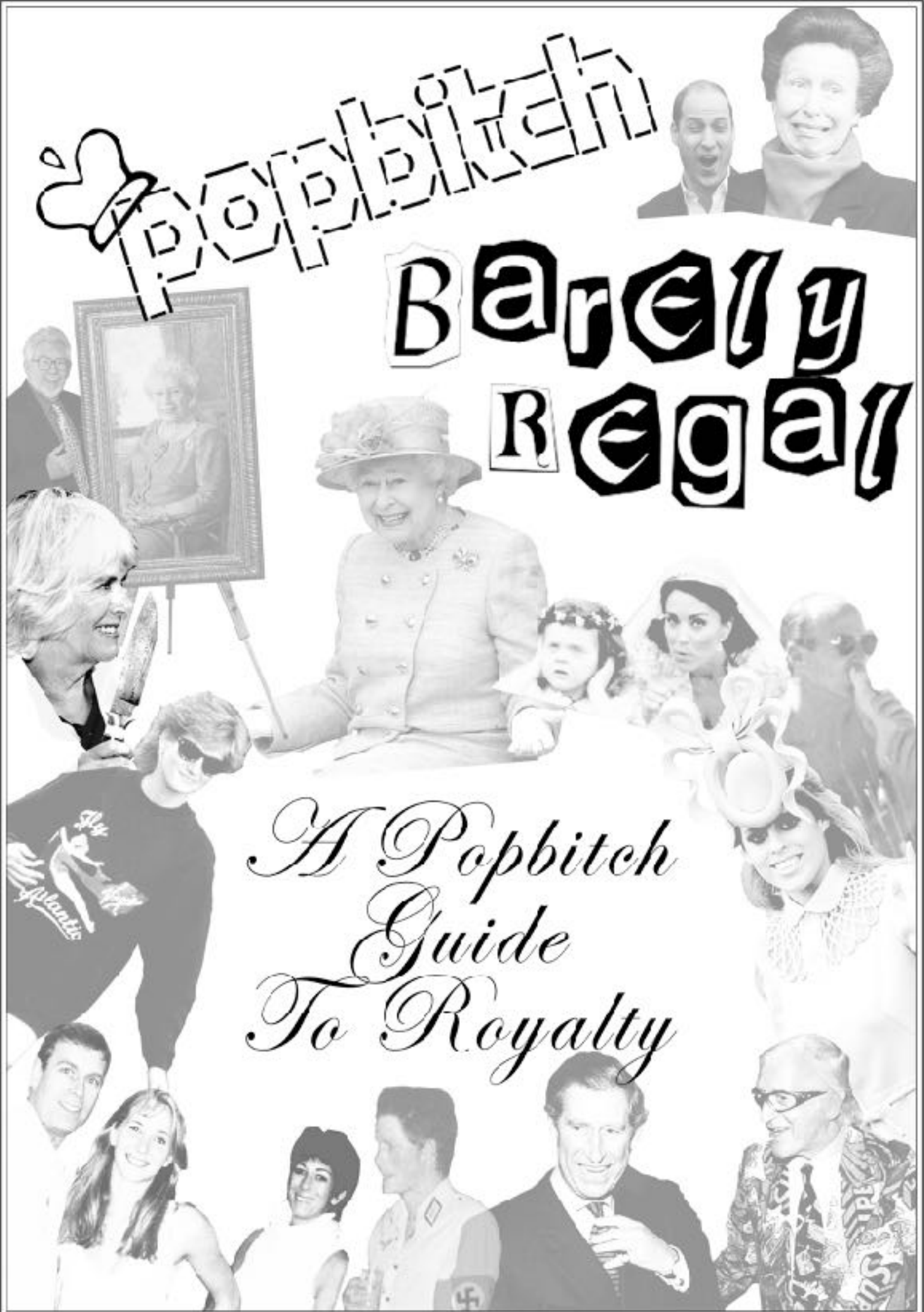


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Guide
To Royalty*



The House Of Windsor



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>> Royal Tea <<

Before we get started, if you find the idea of gossip about the Royal Family distasteful, you should know that the Queen herself is a total gossip fiend.

Her Majesty is sent a personalised private daily gossip email written by a staffer in the government whips' office. It's not just a daily digest of the news. She specifically requests the proper, behind-the-scenes Westminster dirt that "doesn't make the press".

Which means there's a decent chance she's already well versed in Popbitch lore. So just enjoy...

The Queen's birthplace, 17 Bruton Street, Mayfair, is now Hakkasan restaurant.

>> Bounty Hunter <<

RM writes:

"I went to a school in Windsor Great Park that often had royal visits on very special occasions – 100th anniversary of the school, that kind of thing. There was also a special day at Ascot racecourse where, just before Christmas, the Queen would stand in a sleigh and hand out chocolates for the children from a big sack.

"My sister got to the front and asked Her Majesty for a specific chocolate, but every time the Queen found one she'd exclaim that it was broken, put it back and look for another. This continued for ages while my sister stood, paralysed with nerves, too scared to explain to the Queen of England that a Bounty is actually two small bars in one wrapper."

>> Crown Jewels <<

The drawback of dedicating your life to the service of a country like the United Kingdom is that, once you've carked it, its libel laws absolutely hang you out to dry. Still, now there's less chance of the Royal lawyers getting mad with us asking, maybe we'll get to find out if there was ever any truth to the many crazy rumours that circulated about Phil over the years.

The rumours that he was the dad of Helen Mirren, for instance. Or that he once had an affair with Joanna Lumley. Or that he was the naked waiter tending at Stephen Ward's Profumo Scandal sex parties.

The one we're most curious to know the truth behind though is the rumour that went around the set of The Crown a few years ago. The one suggesting that the reason its writer, Peter Morgan, is so obsessed with the Royals is because Philip once had an affair with his mum.

>> Security Codes <<

Prince Philip's media nickname "Phil The Greek" wasn't just confined to the press. For a while, "The Greek" was also the secret code name by which his police protection officers referred to him.

Less interesting: the Queen's code name was "Purple One".

More interesting: Prince Andrew's was "The Cunt".

>> Pork Swordsman <<

Prince Charles has always been a firm believer in the erotic benefits of a high protein diet. During his youth, his standard tactic for seduction was to invite a woman round to a ball, then to have a meat intensive supper with her in a private room, before going to mingle.

Later on in the evening, the hostess of the ball would then approach the woman and ask her if she would like to "stay for the night" as Charles was so afraid of rejection.

Prince Charles is a huge fan of Borat. William and Harry set up a private screening of the movie for him and he loved it, saying he "couldn't believe the Americans even understood why it was funny"

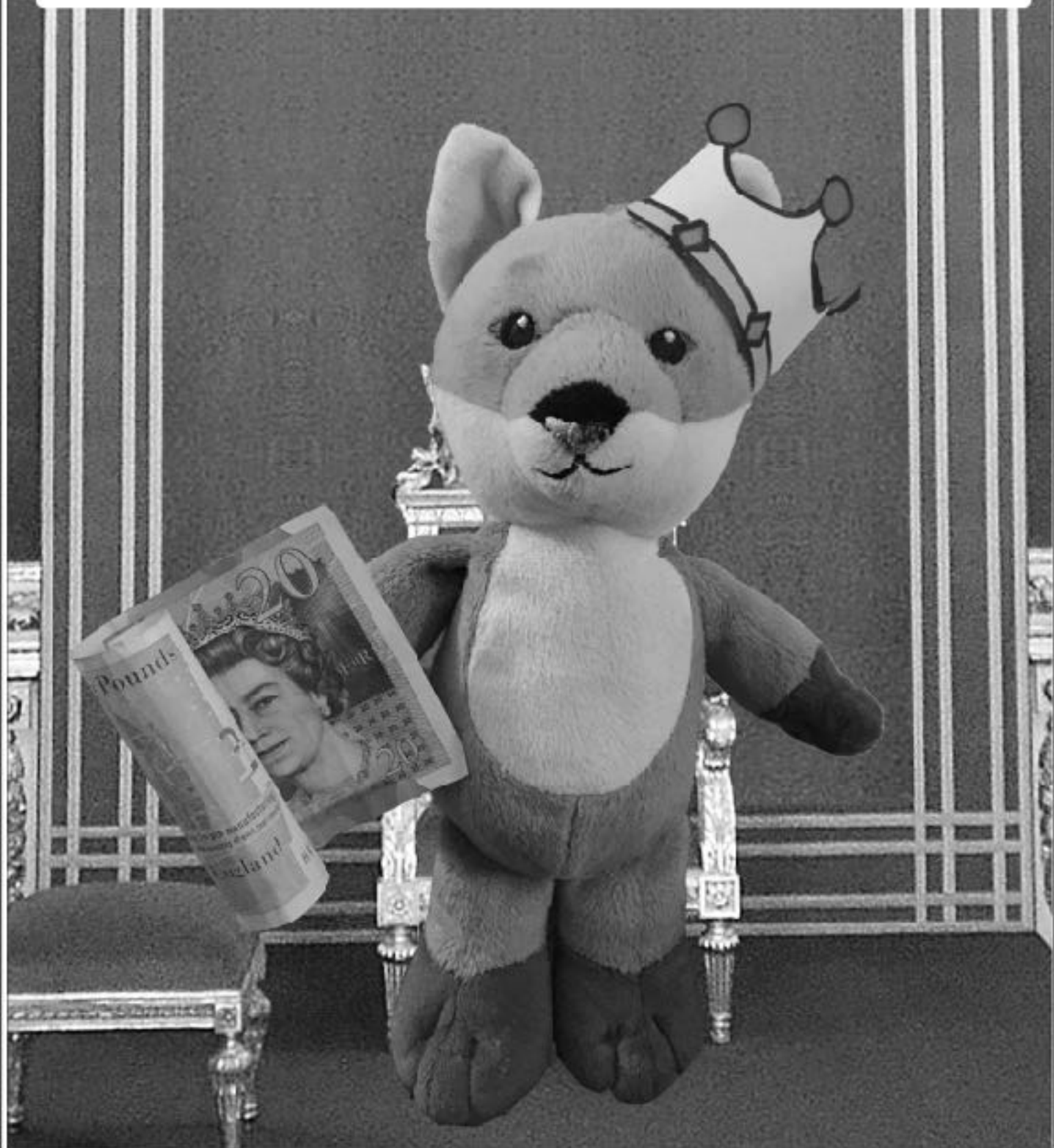
>> King Dong <<

Whether through press invasion, or through drunken hi-jinks in Vegas a great number of the Royal Family have been snapped in various states of undress.

One cameraman who didn't intend to catch a glimpse, saw Prince Charles on a windy day, wearing a kilt, stepping down from a helicopter. As such, he got a lens full of the royal banana. Apparently it was massive - a rare bit of good news for the Windsor blood-line.



Which 3rd generation royal has an initially funny (but gradually grating) habit of unrolling friends' banknotes when doing coke to say "Hello Granny!" to the Queen's portrait — before re-rolling it and hoofing their line?



>> Family Matters <<

Q/ Which member of the Royal Family...

1/ ...is better known to university friends by the nickname "Sesh Gremlin"?

2/ ...became the heart of a scandal when they were photographed having their toes sucked in St Tropez?

3/ ...earned themselves the nickname "Mr Tickle" among staff on account of their party hands?

4/ ...famously wished to be reincarnated as a tampon?

5/ ...had a private pool striptease from Tara Palmer-Tomkinson?

6/ ...was once offered cocaine by Jack Nicholson?

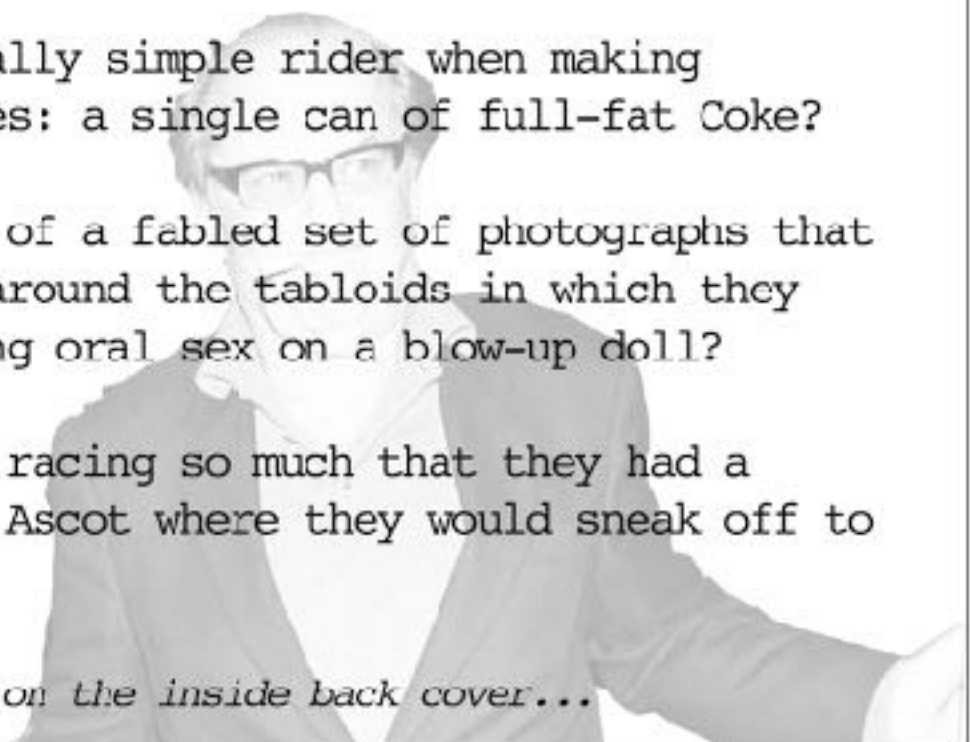
7/ ...once dressed in drag to enjoy an anonymous night out at the Vauxhall Tavern with Freddie Mercury?

8/ ...has an unusually simple rider when making personal appearances: a single can of full-fat Coke?

9/ ...was the star of a fabled set of photographs that were once shopped around the tabloids in which they were seen simulating oral sex on a blow-up doll?

10/ ...hated horse racing so much that they had a secret VIP room at Ascot where they would sneak off to watch TV instead?

Answers on the inside back cover...



On The Throne

Shitting. The great leveller. You may not own a palace, have servants, riches or power – but it's something we all share with the Royals: the need to take a dump every now and again. How do the Royals do it? We're happy to tell you...

>> Royal Flush <<

Whenever the Queen makes a royal visit anywhere, her hosts are required to go to great lengths to ensure her comfort should she need the loo there. Some of this has been written about elsewhere (that she has her own seat, her own supply of toilet paper, preferred colours of towels, etc).

But one detail that rarely gets discussed is the delicate matter of security while Her Maj is otherwise engaged. Naturally, her bodyguards need to stick as close to her as possible at all times – but they don't want to be so close to her that they can hear the Royal plop hitting the pan.

So, to prevent embarrassment all round, one favoured method is to have someone repeatedly drop a chunk of banana into the toilet bowl in advance of her arrival, while guards outside take a step away with each splash to reposition themselves to the point along the wall where the banana becomes inaudible.

Prince Charles' self-confessed preferred direction of bum-wiping is front to back.

>> Skidwatch <<

One of our favourite Katie Price stories is of the time that she – along with her mum and a couple of her kids – was given a special tour of the Palace of Westminster.

As part of it, their tour guide managed to sneak them into the Robing Room, the room in Westminster reserved for the Queen to change into her ceremonial robes – as well as pointing out the special bathroom that Lizzie uses when she is in attendance.

Katie's mum and kids remained very respectful and reverent throughout. Katie? Less so – screeching "COME ON THEN, LET'S SEE IF THERE ARE ANY SKIDMARKS!"

>> Motion Sickness <<

Pricey isn't the only one fascinated by Her Majesty's movements.

There's a story from the RAF about the Queen's reserved loc in her 32nd Squadron jet. Ground crew claim they once pumped the cistern with liquid oxygen instead of disinfectant to perfectly preserve a Royal turd (one that went on display in the crew room).

It doesn't end there either. One guest aboard the Royal Yacht Britannica ended up drinking with the crew late that night and insists that they told him they kept one of the Queen's onboard poos in a jar on the back bar.

>> Pizza al Fergie <<

In the late 80s, before pizza places in the UK offered delivery as standard, celebrities would often call despatch riders (who normally couriered scripts, contracts, etc) to pick up their pizza orders and bring it to them at home.

Noted pizzaphile Prince Andrew was one such person who made use of this service. A former courier remembers delivering pizza to the York Household all too clearly, because Fergie was one of only two celebrity clients who ever thought to offer the rider a slice as a thank you.

(The other was Cleo Rocos.)

When Prince Andrew was born one of his gifts was a baby crocodile from Gambia, called Mansa. It was given to London Zoo, but not before becoming the only crocodile in history to spend a night at Buckingham Palace.

>> Party Talk <<

Back when he moved freely among the Hollywood elite, attending the glamorous house parties of the cream of American society, Prince Andrew was a guest at a party at Cameron Diaz's house.

One poor soul who ended up getting talking to him says that HRH spent most of the evening complaining how the UK press liked to build people up only to knock them down, saying that it happened not only to him but also to that famed British band "The Radioheads".

>> The Royal E <<

anon writes:

"I used to run a media/arts centre in Huddersfield in the late 90s. As Andrew was the Duke of York, we were included in a mini-tour he did of community arts projects in Yorkshire.

"At the time, we had a big art installation in the lobby, made up of loads of refurbished monitors from old PCs arranged in a grid. The artist had programmed them so that large letters scrolled across the screens with what looked like random text. It looked interesting enough for Andrew's people to suggest using it as a backdrop for press pics, so I posed with Andrew shaking hands in front of the art work.

"Later that month, the artist came to take the installation down, so I mentioned we'd had Andrew in for a photo shoot in front of it. He burst out laughing and explained that the machines had been donated by a medical dept from a local university, and he'd found a text explaining the chemical composition of MDMA.

"So there are pictures out there of me shaking Andrew's hand in front of a giant screen showing the chemical composition of E."

>> Teed off <<

On a visit to New Zealand back in the late 90s, Andy stopped off at the Gulf Harbour Country Club to wangle himself a free game of golf. Unfortunately, it didn't go too well for him as he was soundly thrashed by one of the local teens playing there.

Rather than graciously accept defeat to the youngster, Andy went on a tear in the clubhouse where he told the gathered members that theirs was the worst designed course he had ever played in his life. At first the bigwigs laughed nervously, thinking he was just being jovial, but their smiles soon turned to frowns as his speech went on – criticising everything from the greens and position of the pins, to the design of the course – even blaming the "offshore wind" at one point, saying the course designers "should have borne that in mind".

Still, at least there's some proof that he doesn't always enjoy the company of teenagers.

>> Foul Stroke <<

Many companies, charities and other organisations were quick to cut themselves loose from Prince Andrew – all understandably unkeen to be publicly associated with a bone-dry, sneaky-fingered pizza pervert.

In among the dozens of remaining patronages that Andy had to announce he was stepping back from, we couldn't help but notice one with a rather striking name: "Lucifer's Golfing Society".

>> Lines Of Succession <<

It's a shame that Princess Margaret's memory is so tied up with her colourful sexual escapades, because there's so much more to her than just that. Like her penchant for hosting "coke races" at the Palace, for example, in which she and guests (including a certain piano-playing pop legend) would get on all fours – and Hoover huge lines of cocaine off the beautifully polished floors.

Princess Margaret's preferred term was "Naughty Salt".

A nurse who tended Princess Margaret through her final months reveals that the ailing Royal's main source of comfort was watching endless re-runs of the Adam West Batman TV show.

>> Hot Potato <<

An old British movie stuntman tells a curious story about attending a Royal Gala film performance once, where he was introduced to Princess Margaret.

After the screening, HRH's PA approached the stuntman and asked if he would meet the princess for a drink afterwards, handing him a piece of paper with an address on it. The stuntman was greeted at the house by the assistant. Inside was a woman in bondage gear, wearing a full-face gimp mask. The assistant handed the bemused stuntman a bucket of hot potatoes to throw.

Too shocked to argue, he threw the potatoes as requested – mesmerised by her distinctly regal eyes which remained fixed on him the whole time...

Conspiracy

ROYAL
CONSPIRACY

CS writes:

"I was at school with someone whose dad worked in the family courts. He was talking about something he'd heard at work about Prince Philip being Valerie Singleton's real dad. We were sworn to secrecy but I have always believed it. The ears are a dead give away."

One of Max Clifford's most interesting stories revolved around former Royal butler, Paul Burrell.

Clifford insisted that Burrell had confessed everything to him, and explained that many of the trinkets and nik-naks that were found in Burrell's possession weren't stolen; they were actually unwanted gifts given to the Royals from heads of state, discarded with disdain.

The "Burrell The Burglar" story was therefore concocted to spare the blushes of the Royal Family, as it would be a source of great embarrassment should it ever get out that the Queen had called an expensive vase given to her by the Clintons as "a piece of useless crap" which she then gave to a man-servant.

KE writes:

"It's definitely not credible, but my absolute fave conspiracy theory. Some years ago a shitfaced horse racing millionaire was telling me that the Queen is going on so strong because she was ill and had Shergar's heart donated in a transplant. And that's where Shergar went."



The Royal Weed

Here's a little conspiracy of our own: Is Prince Charles a secret stoner on the sly? Let's weigh the evidence...

* Was the person who cut the ribbon at Alnwick Garden – the only public garden in Britain allowed to grow cannabis.

* Has his own farms and produces his own line of premium munchies.

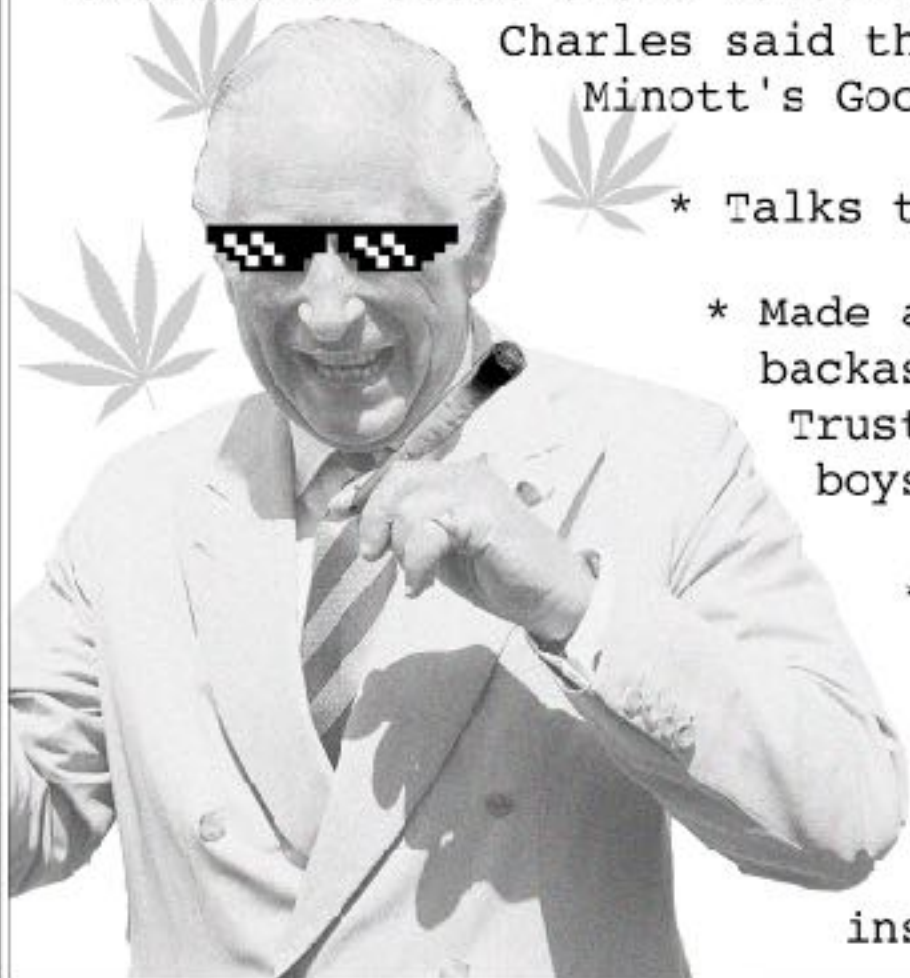
* Loves to talk at length about grey-goo nanotech and how it might one day over-run the world.

* On an official visit to Harlesden, he made a point of popping into Hawkeye Records to talk reggae with the owner, Gerry. They got into a big discussion about their favourite records, and Charles said that his was Sugar Minott's Good Thing Going.

* Talks to plants.

* Made a beeline for Aswad backstage at a Prince's Trust gig to talk to the boys about Bunny Wailer.

* A woman was spared jail in 2016 for growing £40,000 of cannabis at home because she claims that Prince Charles inspired her to do it.



>> Picture Perfect <<

Diana's biographers say that the paparazzi's big trick with Diana was to continually call her a bitch while they were taking her picture so that she'd look angry, or sad, or (ideally) start crying.

A pretty grim tactic but, strangely, 'bitch' is the word that Diana herself often chose to say when having her photo taken. She said she always found it left her mouth in a more alluring shape than saying 'cheese' ever did.

GTM writes:

"I met Diana at a reception once. I said it must get tiring shaking hands with all these people. She said old ladies were the worst as they'd really grip on."



To keep their affair on the QT, Diana took to leaving messages on Hasnat Khan's answerphone in a fake American accent under the false name "Dr Armani"

>> Ready And Willing <<

Diana was, by most accounts, quite a needy girlfriend. After the initial excitement of hanging out with the Princess wore off, Will Carling found her constant attention quite grating.

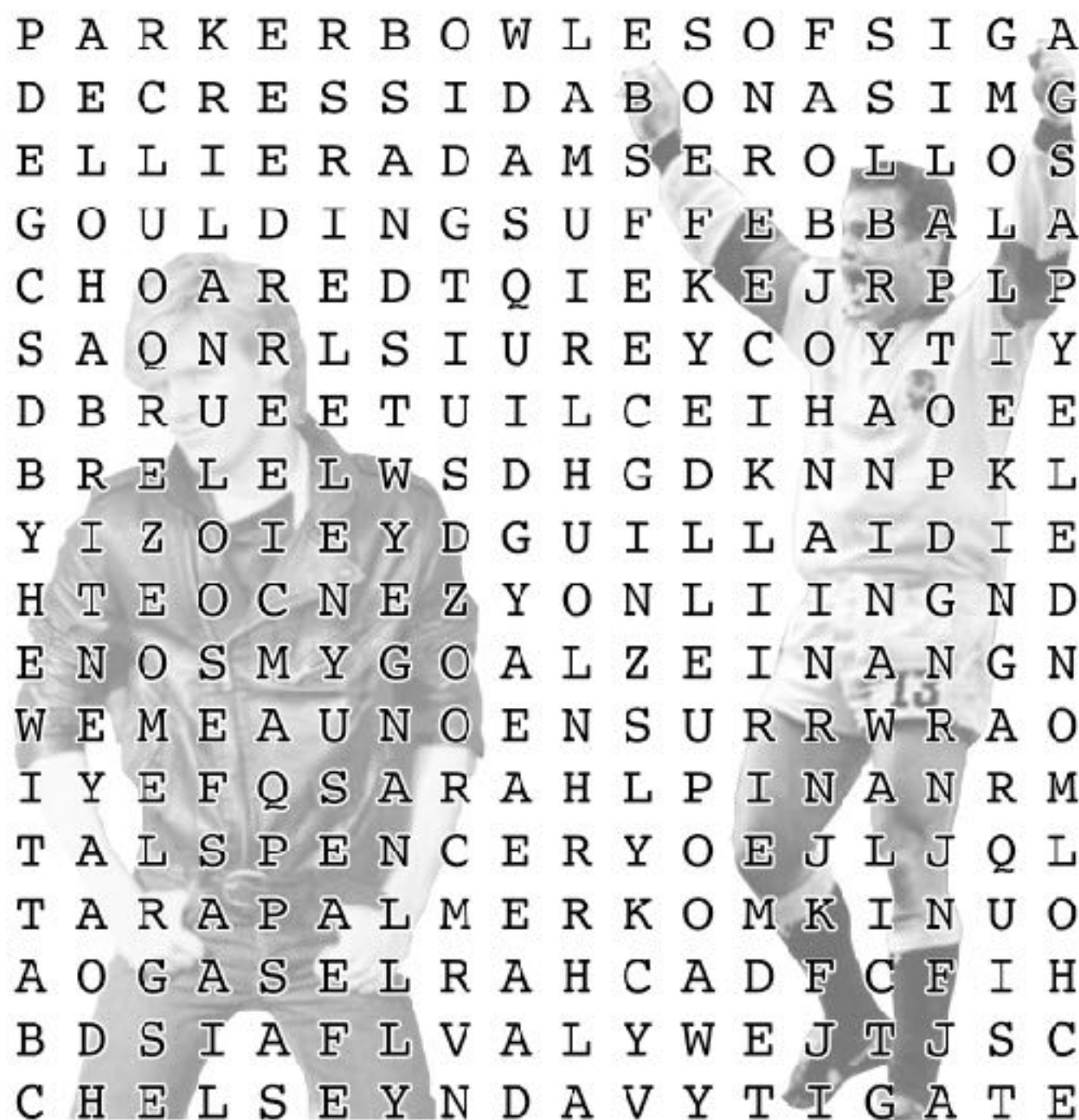
One night she kept booty calling him, but he was trying to put her off as he had friends over. In the end he got tired of the calls so, egged on by his buddies, he told her she could only come round if she "shaved her growler for him".

Thinking that would be the end of it, Carling went back to his evening. The phone rang again.

"I've done it. Now can I come round?"

>> Princess of Hearts <<

Can you find Diana's lovers in the grid?
Be careful of the royal shagging red herrings...



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AL FAYED (*Dodi*)

HOARE (*Oliver*)

CARLING (*Will*)

JFK JNR

CHARLES (*Prince*)

KHAN (*Hasnat*)

GILBEY (*James*)

MANNAKEE (*Barry*)

Solution on the inside back cover....

>> Queen Of Pop <<

Meghan Markle might have had an easier time adjusting to life in the Palace had William done the honourable thing and tried to make an honest woman out of Britney Spears back in 2000 when she made a play for him.

As was rumoured at the time, Britney and Wills really did swap emails and arrange to meet back then. It was only because William got in trouble over fox-hunting that their date was cancelled.

Teenage Britney may have ended up overplaying her hand from afar though. Word is that she sent so many CDs, signed notes and autographed that Buckingham Palace had to intervene and ask her management to make her stop.

An old university friend of Prince William says he was an absolute lightweight on the drink.

>> Razzall, Dazzled <<

Most people have a story about seeing a celeb on the street, mistaking them for someone they know in real life and trying to engage them in a conversation. Few are like Katie Razzall's.

The Newsnight correspondent once saw someone she thought she knew in a bar. Shouting "Hey, hey, hey!" she ran up to them, only to find herself being tackled, having her arms twisted behind her back and then given a good frisking for her trouble.

Because the 'friend' she thought she recognised and accosted turned out to be... Prince William.

>> (Un) funny money <<

Prince William and Kate Middleton's romance hit a bit of a roadblock in 2007, with the pair splitting up for a while.

What was the cause of it? Well, it can be hard to pin these things on any one factor in such a high-pressure relationship. But William certainly wasn't amused when he saw that some of Kate's friends had gone to the trouble of printing up some fake bank-note with Kate's face on them in place of the Queen's...

William and Harry refer to pound notes as "Grannies" - after Prince Charles would ask them on their birthday if they'd a blue granny, a brown granny or a pink granny. (Fiver, tenner or fifty, respectively...)

>> The Prince's Speech <<

In a rather odd case of life imitating art, the same year that the Oscar winning movie *The King's Speech* came out, Wills and Kate also employed the service of a speech therapist - to make sure the pair of them were in fine voice for their wedding day.

Also an odd coincidence:
29th April =

- * The Marriage of Prince William and Catherine Middleton
- * The Birthday of royal lizard conspiracist, David Icke

>> Monkey Business <<

Remember the infamous picture of Prince Harry dressed up as a Nazi? It was a huge scoop and caused an almighty uproar, but it was almost totally overlooked.

The incriminating snap was taken by a fellow reveller at a fancy dress party but the photographer didn't seem to realise what he was sitting on. The photos he'd initially tried to sell to the Sun were ones he claimed showed William dressed in a gorilla costume – but, as the mask covered his entire face though, there was no way to tell that it was actually William, so the journalists initially turned it down.

It was only on a second glance that they noticed that in the bundle was a shot of Harry dressed as a Nazi.

>> Princely sums <<

Of the all cash-draining parasites in the Royal Family, Harry stands alone. His tightness with money is not only legendary, he'll take it direct from the taxpayer.

Harry's ex, Cressida Bonas, told friends that one of the most difficult things in their relationship was his expectation that she'd buy a lot of their dinners, even when he was a multi-millionaire prince and she was a dance student.

Like most of the Royals, he very rarely carried cash so even when they did something as cheap as go the cinema, she generally ended up paying.

>> Royal Blush <<

Prince William was quoted as saying Harry was "blinded by lust" with Meghan – which is a much more delicate and diplomatic phrase than their father, Charles, managed.

Back when Harry still had official duties, he was supposed to do an event with Charles, but pulled out at the last minute. It caused some serious complications for the event staff but when an organiser complained, Charles asked that they cut the boy a bit of slack.

Why? Because, as Charles described it, Harry was just a little "cunt-struck" right now.

Meghan Markle did the calligraphy for Robin Thicke's wedding invitations.

>> Flack Attack <<

Now that she's escaped the clutches of the Palace and installed a fresh new team of strategists and handlers around her, Meghan Markle might think her troubles are finally at an end – but she'll want to keep her guard up. There could well be a cuckoo in her new nest.

The Sussexes hired LA-based PR flack Toya Holness at to be their new press secretary when they cut ties with the Palace's people. Toya has had an impressive career, mainly based out of New York and LA – but she also did a stint in London back in 2012.

Ex-colleagues at the firm there remember her clearly. Mainly because one of the reasons she gave for coming to London was that she "wanted to marry Prince Harry one day."

>> Old Jokes Home <<

Q/ What do the Royal Family and yeast have in common?

A/ They're both inbred.

Princess Diana walks into a bar and asks for a pint of lager. The barman asks, "Will Carling do you?" Diana replies, "Mind your own business!"

Q/ What's the difference between a Prince Albert and a Prince Andrew?

A/ The piercing.

Q/ What's better than writing jokes about the Royals?

A/ Their execution

Q/ What do Prince Andrew and Man Utd have in common?

Q/ Where did Prince Charles want to go on his honeymoon?

A/ It all went wrong after Fergie left.

A/ Indiana.

After the success of Diana The Musical, Prince Andrew has offered Netflix the rights to turn his life into a musical. His only proviso is that they put his part in A Minor.

Q/ What do you get if you cross Prince Charles and Queen Elizabeth?

A/ Killed in a tunnel...



>> We Are Not Amused <<

If you thought those jokes were bad, just wait until you hear the Queen's favourite gag...

A chap called David and his two friends are talking at work.

His first friend says "I think my wife is having an affair with the electrician. The other day I came home and found wire cutters under our bed and they weren't mine."

His second friend says "Well, I think my wife is having an affair with the plumber. The other day I found a wrench under the bed and it wasn't mine."

Then David says, "I think my wife is having an affair with a horse."

Both his friends look at him with utter disbelief.

"No I'm serious," David says. "The other day I came home and found a jockey under our bed."

10 / Phillip	5 / William
9 / Harry	4 / Charles
8 / Anne	3 / Andrew
7 / Diana	2 / Fergie
6 / Margaret	1 / Eugenie

ANSWERS

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