

Breakdown of a royal marriage



Jul 29, 1981: Lady Diana Spencer marries Prince Charles at St Paul's Cathedral in London

Jun 21, 1982: Birth of first son, Prince William

Sep 15, 1984: Birth of second son, Prince Harry

Jun 1992: Andrew Morton's book, *'Diana, Her True Story,'* says Diana tried to kill herself five times because of her unhappy marriage

Aug 25: The *Sun* newspaper publishes transcript of a telephone conversation in which a man, believed to be her friend James Gilbey, talks intimately with a woman identified as Diana. He calls her 'Squidgy'

Dec 9: Prime Minister John Major announces that Charles and Diana are separating 'amicably'



conversation between Charles and his old friend, Camilla Parker Bowles

Dec 3: Diana announces she is withdrawing from public life

Jun 29, 1994: Charles, in interview for nationally televised documentary, says he was unfaithful to Diana after their marriage broke down

Source: ASSOCIATED PRESS

Interviewer Jonathan Dimbleby later identifies the other woman as Camilla Parker Bowles

Aug: Newspaper reports claim Diana has been bombarding a male friend, Oliver Hoare, with telephone calls

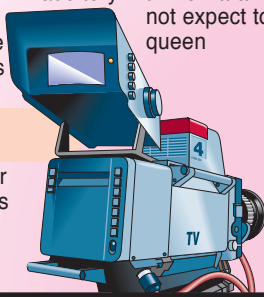
Oct 3: Book titled *'Princess in Love'* claims Diana had five-year affair with Major James Hewitt, her former riding instructor

Mar 3, 1995: Camilla Parker Bowles and her husband, Andrew, divorce

Aug: Newspaper stories link Diana with Will Carling, captain of the England rugby team. 'She picked the wrong couple... we can only get strong from it,' Julia Carling says. On Sep 29, the Carlings announced their separation

Nov 14: On Charles' 47th birthday, Diana informs Buckingham Palace that she has agreed to her first solo television interview

Nov 20: In blockbuster interview on BBC TV's *Panorama*, Diana admits adultery with Hewitt and says she does not expect to become queen



Dec: Divorce now, the Queen tells Charles and Diana

© GRAPHIC NEWS