

Diana, Princess of Wales – 1961-1997

- **1961, Jul 1:** *Diana Frances Spencer* born at Park House, Sandringham, Norfolk. Her parents split up when she is six years old
- **1981, Feb 24:** *Prince Charles* and *Lady Diana Spencer* announce their engagement. He is 32, she is 19
- **Jul 29:** Charles and Diana marry in “fairytale” wedding at St Paul’s Cathedral, watched by an estimated 750 million TV viewers worldwide
- **1982, Jun 21:** Diana gives birth to her first son, *Prince William*
- **1984, Sep 15:** *Prince Harry* born
- **1987, Apr:** Diana opens UK’s first specialist Aids ward and shakes hand of man suffering from disease
- **1992, Feb:** Diana pictured alone at Taj Mahal during trip to India with Charles – image seen to symbolise their failing marriage
- **Jun:** Controversial book *Diana: Her True Story* published, detailing her depression and unhappy married life
- **Aug:** Tabloid newspaper prints transcript of 1989 phone call between Diana and male friend who calls her “Squidgy”
- **Dec 9:** Prime Minister *John Major* announces that Charles and Diana are separating but have no plans to divorce
- **1993, Jan:** Tabloids publish transcript of intimate 1989 phone call between Charles and former girlfriend *Camilla Parker Bowles*
- **1994, Jun:** In TV interview Charles admits adultery. Authorised biography later confirms his affair with Camilla



- **1995, Nov:** Diana speaks openly on TV of her marital difficulties, and implies Charles is not suited to be King
- **Dec:** Queen urges Charles and Diana to seek early divorce
- **1996, Aug 28:** Divorce finalised, Diana loses *HRH* title
- **1997, Jan:** In Angola, Diana calls for campaign against landmines
- **Jun:** Auction of her dresses raises \$4.5m for AIDS and cancer research
- **Aug 31:** Diana, her boyfriend *Dodi al-Fayed* and their driver, *Henri Paul*, killed in car crash in Paris
- **Sep 4:** As sea of flowers swells around Diana’s London home, Queen bows to mounting public pressure to participate in mourning
- **Sep 6:** Thousands line streets for funeral at Westminster Abbey. Diana buried at Spencer family home at Althorp, Northamptonshire