

Kate Middleton in London next year

Engagement: William asked

Kate to marry him in October while on private holiday in Kenya

Meeting: Couple began dating in 2001 while both were studying at St Andrews University in Scotland. Brief split in 2007 was blamed on press harrassment

■ William: 28, is second in line to British throne. Currently serving as RAF search-and-rescue helicopter pilot

■ Kate: Also 28, is eldest child of businessman Michael Middleton and former air hostess Carole. Family are

self-made millionaires

Married life: Couple plan to live in north Wales, where William will continue his BAF career

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