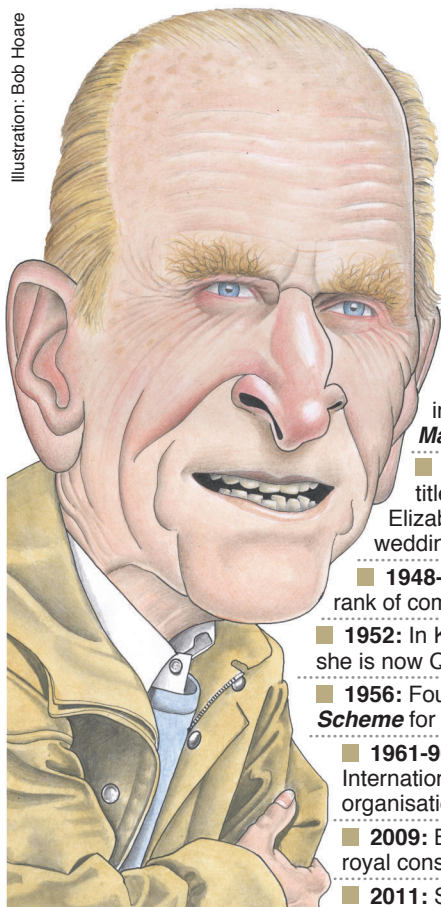


Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, turns 90

Illustration: Bob Hoare



■ **1921:** Born June 10 in Corfu, fifth child and only son of **Prince Andrew of Greece and Denmark** and **Princess Alice of Battenberg**

■ **1922:** Family settles near Paris after Andrew is banished from Greece following war with Turkey

■ **1928-39:** Philip educated in UK, first at Cheam, later at Gordonstoun

■ **1939:** Joins Royal Navy, meets **Princess Elizabeth** for first time when Royal Family visits Royal Naval College, Dartmouth

■ **1940-45:** War service. Mentioned in despatches for service in **Battle of Matapan**. Promoted to lieutenant in 1942

■ **1947:** Renounces Greek and Danish titles prior to engagement to Princess Elizabeth. Created **Duke of Edinburgh** on wedding day. Created Prince of UK in 1957

■ **1948-51:** Continues naval career, rising to rank of commander before royal duties intervene

■ **1952:** In Kenya, breaks news to Elizabeth that she is now Queen, following death of **George VI**

■ **1956:** Founds **Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme** for young people

■ **1961-96:** President, first of UK and later International World Wildlife Fund, one of 800 organisations of which he has been patron

■ **2009:** Becomes Britain's longest-serving royal consort

■ **2011:** Salute of 41 guns fired by King's Troop Royal Artillery will mark 90th birthday