

Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh



Coronation Day, Jun 2, 1953

- **1956:** **Duke of Edinburgh's Award** scheme launched – international programme aimed at helping young people engage in community service
- **1957:** Queen Elizabeth grants Philip style and title of **Prince of the United Kingdom**
- **1960:** **Prince Andrew** is born
- **1961:** Philip is named first president of **World Wide Fund for Nature** – holding position until 1982
- **1964:** **Prince Edward** is born
- **1986:** Known for his frequent gaffes, unfortunate remark to UK students about "slitty eyes" makes headlines on state visit to China



Queen and Duke at Royal Ascot, 2005

- **2009:** Becomes Britain's longest-serving royal consort
- **2011:** Steps down as president or patron of more than a dozen organisations as he turns 90
- **2017:** Retires from public life



- **Jan 2021:** Prince Philip and Queen receive Covid-19 vaccinations during lockdown at Windsor Castle
- **Jun 10:** **Duke of Edinburgh** has requested no fuss to mark his 100th birthday

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

■ **1922:** Family settles in Paris following overthrow of **King Constantine I** of Greece

■ **1928:** Philip sent to live with **Mountbatten** relatives in England. Attends Cheam School

■ **1933:** Sent to Schule Schloss Salem in Germany, run by educational pioneer **Kurt Hahn**

■ **1934:** Transfers to **Gordonstoun School** in Scotland – founded by Hahn after he flees Nazi persecution

■ **1937:** Philip's sister **Cecilie** killed in plane crash at age 26



■ **1939:** As World War II looms, Philip enrolls as cadet at **Royal Naval College**, Dartmouth
Philip, 18, first meets his distant cousin, 13-year-old **Princess Elizabeth**, when Royal Family visit college

■ **1940:** Sees first wartime action in Indian Ocean aboard battleship **HMS Ramillies**

■ **1941:** Serves on **HMS Valiant** in Mediterranean – mentioned in dispatches after spotting unexpected enemy vessel during **Battle of Matapan**

■ **1942:** At 21, he becomes one of youngest first lieutenants in Royal Navy, serving as second in command of destroyer **HMS Wallace**

■ **1943:** Philip often stays with royal family during home leave. After one visit at Christmas, Princess Elizabeth places his photograph on her dressing table

■ **1947:** **King George VI** announces engagement of Princess Elizabeth to **Lt. Philip Mountbatten**. Philip renounces Greek and Danish titles, takes British citizenship and adopts his mother's anglicised name of Mountbatten



Engagement announced Jul 9, 1947

■ **Nov 20, 1947:** Philip marries Princess Elizabeth at Westminster Abbey. Given title **His Royal Highness** one day earlier, he now becomes **Duke of Edinburgh**



■ **1948:** First child, **Prince Charles**, is born

■ **1950:** **Princess Anne** born



■ **1952:** Philip is promoted to rank of commander but has to give up naval duties to accompany Elizabeth on tour of Commonwealth

■ **Feb 6:** George VI dies while couple are in Kenya – Philip breaks news to Elizabeth that she is now Queen

