

Royal moments that shocked

King Edward VIII

1936: Britain's **King Edward VIII** abdicates to marry American divorcee **Wallis Simpson**, sparking a constitutional crisis



Diana, Princess of Wales

Aug 1996: **Prince Charles** and **Diana's** "fairytale" marriage ends in divorce. Diana loses title of **Her Royal Highness**. One year later, in August 1997, Diana is killed in a car crash in Paris

Duke of York

Nov 2019: **Prince Andrew** – Queen Elizabeth's second son – steps back from royal duties following a BBC TV interview which focuses on his connections to U.S. sex offender **Jeffrey Epstein**

Duke and Duchess of Sussex

Jan 2020: **Prince Harry** and **Meghan Markle** announce their decision to step back from royal duties. Sussexes no longer receive public funds and lose their HRH titles

Mar 2021: Harry and Meghan give an explosive interview to **Oprah Winfrey** in which Meghan talks of suicidal thoughts and says a royal family member asked Harry about baby **Archie's** skin colour

Princess Margaret

1952: **Queen Elizabeth II's** younger sister sparks a firestorm with her romance with divorced former Royal Air Force officer **Peter Townsend**. Eventually, **Margaret** abandons the relationship

