

■ Nov 14, 1948: **Charles Philip Arthur George Mountbatten-Windsor**, first child of **Princess Elizabeth** and **Philip, Duke of Edinburgh**, born at Buckingham Palace



■ 1952: Grandfather **King George VI** dies, **Queen Elizabeth II** ascends throne – Charles becomes heir apparent, aged three

■ 1962: Attends Gordonstoun School in Scotland, where father was educated

■ 1969: Studies Welsh language ahead of his investiture as **Prince of Wales** at Caernarfon Castle in north Wales



■ 1970: Graduates in Anthropology, Archaeology and History at Cambridge – first heir to British throne to earn university degree

■ 1971-76: Joins Royal Air Force and Royal Navy, qualifying as helicopter pilot



■ 1976: Founds **The Prince's Trust** to help young people into work. Dashing polo player, tagged "world's most eligible bachelor"

■ 1979: Charles devastated by IRA murder of great-uncle **Louis Mountbatten**, calling him "the grandfather I never had"



King Charles III



■ As a single parent, Charles devotes himself to bringing up sons alone



■ 2005: Eight years after Diana's death, Charles and Camilla marry in civil ceremony at Windsor Guildhall

■ 2007: Known for his environmental concerns, creates **Prince's Rainforests Project** to highlight deforestation. He is also president of **World Wildlife Fund** in UK



Passionate about gardening, Charles is famous for "talking" to his plants

■ 2011: Prince William and **Catherine Middleton** marry. Charles becomes grandfather after birth of couple's first child, **Prince George**, in 2013

■ 2020: Family suffers break up when Prince Harry and American wife, **Meghan Markle**, resign royal duties and move to U.S.

■ Jun 2022: Charles pays heartfelt tribute to "Mummy" at Platinum Jubilee party celebrating Queen Elizabeth's 70-year reign



■ Sep 8: Queen dies at Balmoral, Charles at her side. After seven decades, Charles becomes king

■ May 6, 2023: Coronation of King Charles III is held at Westminster Abbey



■ 1988: Narrowly escapes death in avalanche that kills close friend during skiing trip at Klosters

■ 1990: Establishes organic food brand **Duchy Originals**, challenging modern farming methods



■ 1992: Charles and Diana separate

■ 1995: In BBC TV interview, Diana describes "three of us" – referring to Charles's long-standing affair with **Camilla Parker Bowles**

■ Aug 1996: Divorce finalised

■ Aug 1997: Diana killed in car crash in Paris, along with boyfriend **Dodi Al-Fayed** and driver



Philip, William (15), Diana's brother Charles Spencer, Harry (12) and Charles at Diana's funeral

■ 1981: At 32, Charles marries 20-year-old **Lady Diana Spencer** at St Paul's Cathedral, London, watched by TV audience of 750 million. Archbishop of Canterbury calls it "the stuff of which fairy tales are made"

■ 1982, 1984: Sons **William** and **Harry** are born, but marriage under strain amid intense press scrutiny and rumours of infidelity

■ 1984: Attacks proposed extension to National Gallery as "monstrous carbuncle", becoming outspoken critic of modern architecture