

ROYAL DIARY

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The Duke of Edinburgh attended the evening session on the opening day of the International Horse Show. King Feisal was another royal visitor. Entries total 900, better even than last year. 600 individual horses will be on view. [His Royal Highness presented spurs to Colonel Weldon and to some of the other British riders who won medals in the Olympics (here is Wilf White) he presented whips. Pat Smythe, of course, worthily included.

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Windsor Castle was the noble background of the ceremony at which the Queen presented colours to the First Battalion, The Royal Berkshire Regiment. The Duke of Cornwall and Princess Anne were in the Princess Royal's charge. The colours replaced were presented to the Battalion as long ago as 1908. The new Queen's Colour carries the ten new battle honours won in the second world war.

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Almost in the shadow of Windsor Castle Eton College welcomed Her Majesty and the Duke. The Queen was escorted by the Provost, Mr. Claude Elliott; the Duke by the Headmaster, Mr. Robert Birley. After inspecting the Library bequeathed by a former Provost, Sir Henry Marten, the Queen and Duke saw the new swimming pool, who taught Her Majesty history when she was a girl.

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The most famous of public schools was founded 500 years ago by Henry VI. The present scholars, numbering nearly 1200, will long remember the Queen's visit.

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The Queen and Duke saw several of the latest bombers during their visit to Marham R.A.F. Station. ~~Marham~~ First opened in 1916 Marham has been a bomber station for nearly 20 years. 1400 officers and airmen man the station.... The Queen was shown an ejector seat, for pilots escape from jet planes. She also inspected the Valiant bomber ~~compartment~~ ^{intake}. In secret the Queen and Duke saw an atomic bomb. To the famous 207 Squadron, formed nearly 40 years ago, Her Majesty presented a standard to mark their 25th anniversary.... The impressive fly-past ~~which~~ included 72 Canberras and 20 Valiant ~~Medium Bombers~~.