

Congratulations and good wishes to Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip as they celebrate the tenth anniversary of their wedding. And let us now look back --- as in a family album --- to this happy group that smiled at our newsreel cameras at the announcement of ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the engagement of our young Princess Elizabeth; and to the splendour of the wedding ceremony at Westminster Abbey, in November 1947

The streets of London were packed with excited, cheering crowds as the bridal coach, with Princess Elizabeth and her bridegroom --- newly-created Duke of Edinburgh --- drove from the Abbey to Buckingham Palace.

The Princess's bridal gown --- a lovely creation encrusted with pearls --- was described at the time as "something out of a fairy tale". ~~It was the forerunner of many beautiful dresses that she has since worn on State visits.~~

But soon after the wedding, Princess Elizabeth and the Duke set the pattern of service to the Commonwealth that they have followed ever since. This was their first tour of Canada

In 1952, by the death of her father, King George VI, the Princess was crowned Queen, in the Abbey in which she had ~~xxxxxxxx~~ celebrated her wedding.

These were scenes that will never be forgotten by any who saw them.

Then began the familiar round of a Sovereign's duties --- Trooping the Colour

And the ceremonies of installation of the Knights of the Garter.

And even on holiday --- as well as relaxation with the family at Balmoral the young Queen found time to spare for royal duties; such as lending a hand at this local sale of work on Deeside.

A sign of the rapid passing of time was this occasion when Prince Charles --- at eight years old --- was taken for his first term to his first boarding school.