

QUEEN IN CHANNEL ISLANDS:

The Royal Barge glides across the harbour of St. Peter Port, bringing Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh ashore for their visit to Guernsey, the second engagement on their Channel Island Programme. The landing is made at White Rock,

Her Majesty steps ashore, to be greeted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Air Marshal Sir Thomas Elmhirst, and the Bailiff, Sir Ambrose Sherwill. Past cheering crowds, Sir Ambrose leads the Queen along the quay for a further welcome which brings history to life; the presentation of a bouquet by young Hilary Beacher, in a white organdie dress last worn for the visit of Queen Victoria.

Up to the last moment, the weather threatened to mar the royal visit - but fortunately the sun breaks through. The Queen drives to Beau Sejour to meet representatives of the Agricultural and Horticultural Society, the Growers' Association, the Women's Institutes and the W.V.S. Here again, the dresses, are a colourful reminder of the island's history. Her Majesty received another memento to add to the many the Channel Islanders have given her - a set of four "guernseys", for herself, Prince Prince Philip, and their two children.

After meeting some of Guernsey's older people, Her Majesty and the Duke drive to Cambridge Park to see the youngsters - a gathering of 6,500 schoolchildren of Guernsey and Herm. They, too, have their gifts to present - a fly fishing rod and pannier for Prince Charles, and a gold chain bracelet with Guernsey charms for Princess Anne.

Next morning, the royal visitors cross to Sark. Once again, Air Marshal Sir Thomas Elmhirst welcomes them, while at the top of the jetty steps waits La Dame de Seroq, Mrs. R.W. Hathaway.

Motor vehicles are not allowed on Sark; Her Majesty does not wish to break with local tradition, so she and Prince Philip travel in an open victoria drawn by a farm grey. At this leisurely pace, many islanders are able to escort the royal couple on foot as they drive to the Bays' School where they are to attend a meeting of the Chief Pleas.

The Queen and the Duke enter the school building to receive from the Seneschal a Loyal Address of Welcome from the Chief Pleas and People of Sark.

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Her Majesty planned to sail from Sark to Alderney, but the weather forecast is poor and the royal programme has to be changed. So after the Queen and the Duke have said goodbye to Sark, they leave Britannia at Guernsey and fly to Alderney, their last port of call. They visit the Parish Church at St. Anne.

And finally, the Queen lays the foundation stone of a new hospital, to crown a memorable visit.