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SPECIAL ROYAL WEDDING EDITION HOW TEXAS CHAPTERS CELEBRATED THE ROYAL WEDDING ON 29TH APRIL 2011

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"Not Ourselves, But The Cause"

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Chapters:

Austin:

Ascot
3rd Thursday - 7:15pm

Sherwood Forest
Saturdays - 11:30 am

Ascot Chapter – Round Rock



Round Rock resident Anne Berriman, who hails from England, held an afternoon garden party on Friday, April 29th to celebrate the Royal Wedding of Prince William & Catherine Middleton. Anne wanted to make sure that her daughter got to celebrate this special occasion and part of her history...but had to wait until she got home from school! Anne is a member of the Ascot Chapter of the DBE.



Coldstream Guards Chapter – Houston

Dallas/Fort Worth:

Hampton Court

3rd Thursday – 7:30 pm

Lady Godiva

Sunday – 2:30 pm

Lindisfarne

3rd Sunday – 3:00 pm

Trinity College Cambridge

2nd Thursday – (am)

United Kingdom

3rd Saturday – 10:30 am

El Paso:

MacGregor-Chester

3rd Saturday – 10:00 am

Houston:

Beatrix Potter

3rd Tuesday – 7:30 pm

Brigadoon

3rd Saturday – 12:00 noon

Coldstream Guards

3rd Thursday – 10:30 am

Cornwall

2nd Wednesday – 7:30 pm

Douglas Bader

1st Wednesday – 7:00 pm

Edith Cavell

2nd Saturday – 11:00 am

Flora MacDonald

3rd Wednesday – 7:30 pm

Piccadilly

2nd Wednesday – 11:00 am

Pickwick

4th Tuesday – 11:00 am

Sir Malcolm Sargent

3rd Wednesday – 7:15 pm

St. Thomas A Becket

3rd Monday – 10:30 am

William Shakespeare

2nd Wednesday – 7:30 pm

San Angelo:

Drury Lane

3rd Monday – 7:30 pm



Marjorie Jackson
Margaret Sambrooks
Pat McDonald

Dorothy Norland
Joan Gol MBE
Hazel Switzer

Coldstream Guards Chapter thought it would be a lovely idea if they could combine a fund raiser with a party to celebrate the Royal Wedding. It was a wonderful day and we made enough money to donate \$500 to Mountbatten House our Retirement Home that we support. A local television crew came to interview some of the ladies and to learn why it was such a special occasion for the British people.

Hats definitely made a very big come back, and they were all worn with great style.



Local TV Interview



Cheers to the Happy Couple



Ready for the Wedding Toast



We are enjoying the party

San Antonio:

Cardiff

4th Tuesday – 7:30 pm

Jane Austen

2nd Wednesday – 2:00 pm

King's Lynn

2nd Monday – 11:00 am

MBH Birthday List

April

Ruth Hammer – 15th
Dorothy McGuire – 23rd

July

Donald Broussard – 29th

August

Louise Dworsky – 13th

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We have had a wonderful morning



All dressed up for the occasion

Edith Cavell Chapter - Houston



Pat Pruitt, Mavis Sanders, Sharon Pruitt

Sarita Hinger, Janet Matthews



Members of the Edith Cavell Chapter were excited and honored to attend various different Royal Wedding celebrations. Sharon and Pat Pruitt attended Coldstream Guard's fabulous Champagne Brunch. Several of our members were on TV. Pat Pruitt was interviewed by Fox News and Angela Hall was interviewed by Channel 11 at The Expats Society of Houston's pre-wedding reception and celebration held at "Your Cup of Tea". This was a great event and everyone wore wedding attire and amazing hats.

Sarita Hinger and Jan Matthews, like all the other members of Edith Cavell Chapter, were engrossed in watching the Royal Wedding in the wee small hours of 4/29/11, from 2:00 a.m., onwards to be precise. They were fortified with a typical English cream tea with scones, clotted cream and strawberry jam along with an array of cakes including Battenburg, Bakewell Tarts and assorted English biscuits and of course generous cups of tea!! What fun it was!!

Karen Pruitt hosted a rehearsal dinner celebration and breakfast at the Rolling K Ranch in Livingston, Texas. Clare Imre watched the wedding and like most of us had numerous discussions with friends of how fabulous the wedding was!

Sherwood Forest Chapter - Austin

Sherwood Forest Chapter Wedding Garden Party was held at the home of longtime DBE member Pat Rogers, on Sunday May 1st to celebrate the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

It was a ladies only event for Sherwood Forest members and Pat's neighbors. Also invited were members of Ascot Chapter. DBE members Mary Barnett, Sue Gordon and Liz Mitchell arrived early to help with the set up and refreshments. Tables were set around the garden and were decorated in red, white and blue, and during the tea Mary entertained by traveling to each table with royal trivia questions. No report on how many got the answers correct.

The ladies made the party special by wearing their best hats for the occasion.

Several British tasty treats were offered to eat and well as the never ending "cup of tea". Miniature paper bags with the couples photograph on were given to everyone, they contained red white & blue wrapped candy and a door prize ticket. Everyone went home with a small gift, a British item of china, tin of custard, or tea and British biscuits. Many ladies took the opportunity to watch a recording of the event that Pat had playing in her home before they left the celebration.



Back: **Sarah Suttcliff, Barbara McKnight, Mary Barnett**
Middle: **Sue Gordon, Liz Mitchell**
Front: **Margaret Rodgers, Pat Rogers**

Sir Malcolm Sargent Chapter - Houston



FRIENDSWOOD – Members of Sir Malcolm Sargent Chapter held a viewing party of the Royal Wedding beginning at 4:00 a.m. on Friday April 29. The event was held at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Friendswood and the broadcast was projected onto a large screen for viewing. Members of the church were invited along with chapter members. Fancy hats, pajamas and slippers were the dress of the day and participants enjoyed tea, fruit, scones, breakfast pastries and a version of Prince William’s groom’s cake.

United Kingdom Chapter - Dallas

ROYAL WEDDING AND SHERRY LUNCH PARTY

On April 30th, 2011 the United Kingdom Chapter in Dallas held a Royal Wedding/Sherry Lunch Party at the home of Francine Hamza-Gillam. It was a well attended and most enjoyable occasion. Members from Hampton Court, Lady Godiva, Lindisfarne, Trinity College Cambridge and United Kingdom Chapters, all of the North Texas Chapters, attended as well as other guests. Attendees were requested to bring a plate and/ or a beverage with the result that there was a great variety of food and plenty of sherry, wine and other beverages for drinks. All of it was excellent. Francine, our hostess, made an English style wedding cake, a fruit cake covered with marzipan and icing, decorated with wedding bells and roses. This was the first time some of our guests had ever tasted this kind of wedding cake. After lunch, we watched a recording of the wedding. Suzelle



Poole, one of our members, was kind enough to bring us copies of the lyrics for *Jerusalem* so we were all able to sing along with the choir and the wedding congregation at Westminster Abbey.

Nearly everyone who attended the party wore a hat. This was a great opportunity to revive a hat that had not been worn for years, from the back of the closet or to come up with a new creation out of odd bits and pieces. Jill Teschke's creation won the best hat

won the best hat competition. Some of the members also brought one of their baby pictures to be identified by attendees for a competition. Julie Caruso identified six of the babies displayed becoming a winner too. Funds for Mountbatten House were raised from donations by members and guests and also by the sale of copies of a recipe for a cake that Queen Elizabeth is said to make herself in her own kitchen.

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