MDC Parish Bulletin

9th April 2021

Dear all

Today we heard the sad news of the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

In response, Mendip District Council issued a statement offering our deepest sympathies, with a quote from the Chair of the Council, Cllr Helen Sprawson-White.

You'll find the text in full below, and online here: https://direc.to/fumc

The flag was flown at half-mast at our offices in Shepton Mallet on news of his passing at Windsor Castle.

A book of condolences has been made available tonight on www.royal.uk allowing residents to pay their respects.

In line with current restrictions and guidance from the Royal Household, we are asking that people do not leave floral tributes in public spaces or gather at monuments - to ensure each other's safety. The Royal Household has suggested to make a donation to charity instead.

With best wishes.

STATEMENT:

HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, dies aged 99

On behalf of our residents, Mendip District Council offers its deepest sympathies to the Royal Family on the passing of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, 1921-2021 at Windsor Castle today.

Born on the Greek island of Corfu on 10th June 1921, he was two months shy of his 100th birthday.

At the District Council offices in Shepton Mallet, the Union Flag has been lowered to half-mast. Further information regarding the funeral, church services and books of condolence will follow.

Buckingham Palace confirmed the news earlier today, in a statement saying: "It is with deep sorrow that Her Majesty The Queen announces the death of her beloved husband, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

"His Royal Highness passed away peacefully this morning at Windsor Castle.

"Further announcements will be made in due course.

"The Royal Family join with people around the world in mourning his loss."

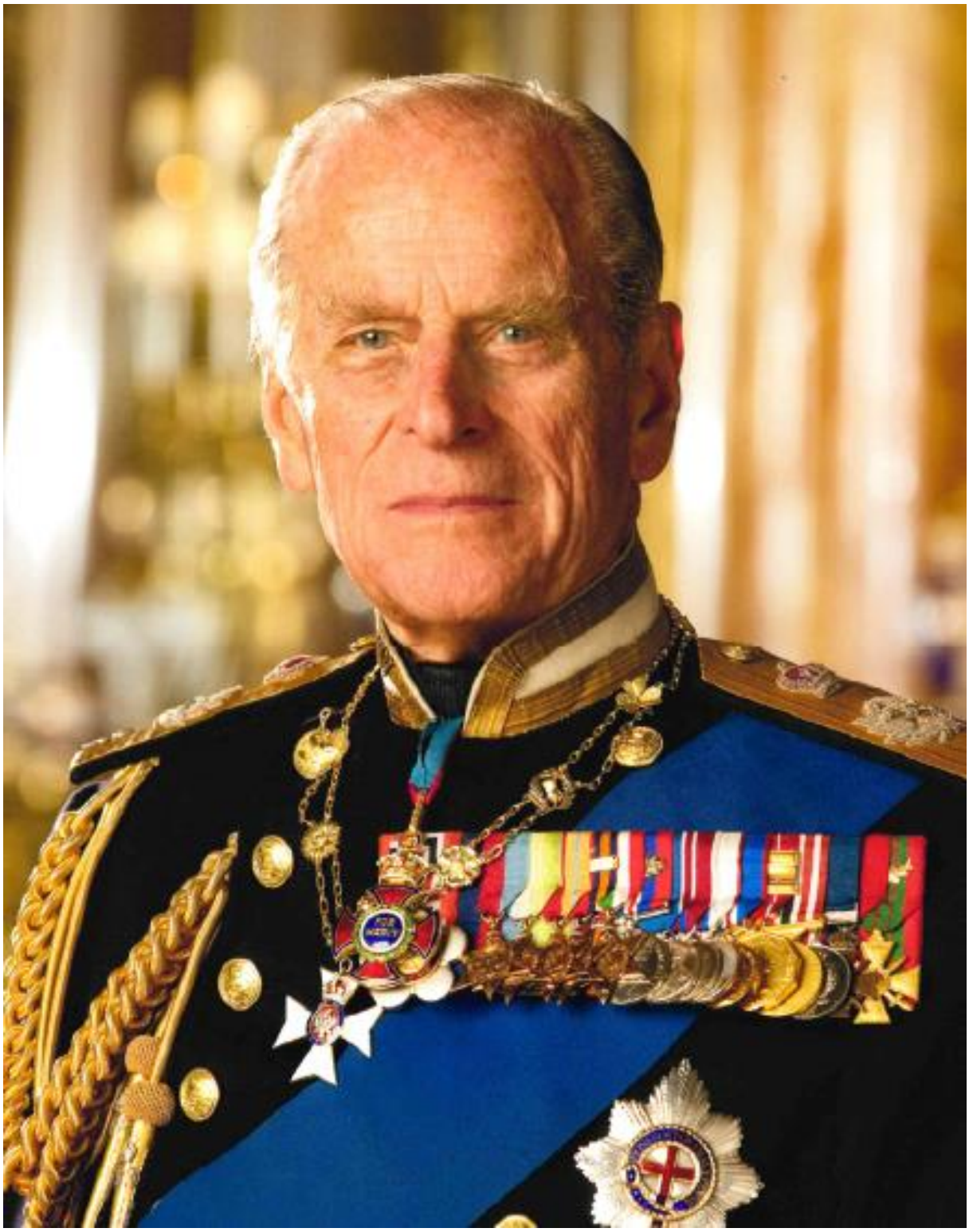
Husband and companion to Queen Elizabeth ll, Prince Phillip was the longest-serving consort to a monarch in British history. He leaves four children, eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Chair of Mendip District Council, Cllr Helen Sprawson-White, said: "I am deeply saddened to hear of The Duke of Edinburgh's death, he lived a remarkable life and has served our country and our Queen unreservedly.

"Primarily of course we must remember that he was a much-loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and the Council sends its sincere condolences to The Queen and the entire Royal Family."

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