

THE ROYAL CHRISTENING

Buckingham Palace, scene of so much of this island's history, is the fairy tale setting for a story complete with fairy Princess - the Princess Anne Elizabeth Alice Louise, newly-christened, and lovely in the traditional christening frock. But no fairy tale is complete without Prince Charming and here he is, putting on his Sunday best behaviour for the special occasion (maybe because his father's watching) and making as lovely a royal picture as we've had in years.

Three generations of history and the fourth as the King and Queen watch Queen Mary with grand-daughter and great-grand-daughter. Sponsors at the christening were Lord Mountbatten; Princess Margarita (Prince Philip's eldest sister); the Honourable Andrew Elphinstone (cousin of Princess Elizabeth); Princess Alice, acting for Prince Philip's mother, and the Queen.

Prince Charming comes to see that everything's O.K. for his little sister, then like a little gentleman, walks out of the picture again. After all, it's her day, isn't it? Yes, it's Princess Anne's day and to her and her mother go the good wishes of all.