

KATE MIDDLETON TOPLESS PICTURES

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I do like Kate Middleton who married Prince William and is now known as the Duchess of Cambridge.

One of the features of Royalty is that the majority of people are fascinated by them and need regular, and, perhaps, daily news of them. Pictures are always welcome and sought after.

Before we had television, the radio news broadcast daily what the Queen was doing and where she was. We were even told what she was wearing and the colour of her outfit and what it was made of. As a boy, I did not consider this relevant or important. Nor did my family and neighbours.

But many did.

I have to say that I have very much respect for the Queen and I do admire her greatly.

The lifestyle of another Royal, Princess Margaret, was published and broadcast both on the radio and television and her divorce made very public and given scrutiny.

It is true that her divorce led people to say that as she was a divorced Royal then divorce was respectable and, as a consequence, the divorce rate in the UK increased. If a Royal could do it, so could the ordinary person.

Books about the Royals, even the Royals of the distant past, have been written and read avidly and sometimes have become best sellers.

People want to know about the Royals and have pictures of them. Some of them, like the late Princess Diana, were worshipped... many would think excessively.

Diana admitted that she usually liked the attention from journalists and photographers and revelled in being in the public eye... but as and when she wanted it. There were times when she was annoyed at the paparazzi but she had originally enjoyed the publicity and photographs of herself and the attention she received.

On the television, she was happy to appear in interviews at one of which she debased the Royal family including an attack on her husband, Prince Charles.

As he was having an affair with Camilla, one can understand her situation and have sympathy for her but to air it publicly was injudicious. She too was having affairs and some said that her conduct was acceptable since it was tit for tat and so, two wrongs make a right.

Diana was said to be a fashion icon leading the way for women to copy her style of dress. She was said to be beautiful as well. The same is said of Kate Middleton and the majority of people regard Kate as very attractive and very beautiful. Men adore her and probably fancy her and some women are mesmerised by her.

That Kate is very attractive is not her fault. As someone has said, she has been blessed with good looks.

In France, in September 2012, she was sun-bathing with her husband and she was topless and was photographed. These pictures appeared in a French-based magazine called Closer. The Royal couple took legal action against this magazine in a Paris Court and won their argument that the pictures should be withdrawn and costs paid. By now, other magazines in Denmark, Ireland and Italy published these pictures.

The Paris Court upheld that these pictures were an invasion of her privacy. If my sister sun-bathed topless and was photographed, could she sue the photographer and any magazine that printed her pictures? Would her case be heard at once?

And what about Daphne Longbottom of a Council Estate in Manchester, could she take successful action? Would her action be taken quickly as was Kate's?

It was reported that for a photographer to take these pictures of Kate with a powerful telephoto lens was outrageous.

One could, perhaps, readily agree with this as it was voyeurism as well as an invasion of privacy.

On the other hand, it can be argued that she was in the wrong as she should have realised that she could be both seen and photographed even from a distance with a powerful camera and that she was taking a risk in being topless.

The media have pictures of topless girls in newspapers, magazines, on the television and in the cinema. It is such a regular occurrence that the majority of people accept it as a normal and accepted thing. Many indiscreet pictures are published without regard for the woman concerned and we have nudist beaches and films and photographs made of such people.

Surely, Kate is aware that topless women appear as regular features in the media and it is not regarded as out of place.

It must be remembered that people always want pictures and news of Royalty. Some are obsessed with them and, as we have said, worship them as gods.

There is CCTV everywhere watching our movements and this is an invasion of our privacy but we cannot stop this camera and we cannot take action against them.

What is the difference between photographs of Kate Middleton being seen and we being watched on CCTV. Kate did not give permission for these photographs and we have not given permission to be filmed and watched on CCTV.

Many say that Royalty are ordinary people and no different from the rest of us. The original Royals cannot help being born in the Royal family although questions are always raised about those who marry into Royalty.

There are a growing amount of people who are really fed up to the back teeth with the attention that the Royals get and how, as ratepayers, we are subsidising them financially.

It cost the UK taxpayers £800,000 to train Prince William to be a pilot and yet there are single people existing on £7000 a year. If a taxpayer had to pay that amount to train to be a pilot it would take him about 114 years and he would be over 130 years old to begin flying.

In the last decade, the Duke of York has received £15 million in travel expenses and police protection that is £1.5 million a year.

Tony Blair is still paid by the UK taxpayers £400,000 for his 'job' as Security Envoy to the Middle East and for police protection. His pension is £70,000 a year that is about £1350 a week and he has amassed a personal fortune of about £45 million.

There are single people in the UK existing on £140 a week that is £7280 a year. Whereas an honest ordinary person gets £140 a week, Blair gets £7692 a week.

We have laws for the rich and famous which do not extend to the ordinary person. Privilege and favouritism rules.

In this case, Kate Middleton is in the wrong. She is aware of the fact that journalists and photographers are watching her and other Royals and celebrities all the time. She is aware that topless women are regular features in the media.

Will she learn for this not to be topless outside where she can and will be seen?

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