

Current Monarchy

Romances

Princess Anne's second husband is Commander Timothy Lawrence, the Queen's former equerry. She left her previous husband, Captain Phillips, because she felt that she could not continue a *phoney* marriage.

Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon separated in an unhappy divorce in March 1976. The relationship had been under strain for some time and hurtful remarks, by the News of the World, linking Princess Margaret and Roddy Llewellyn, a landscape gardener, made matters worse.

The second picture below shows Group Captain Peter Townsend. He was romantically linked with Princess Margaret from around 1953 to 1955. They had both wished to marry and she almost went through with it, even though it would have meant her losing her place in the royal family as third in line to the throne. When the Prime Minister informed her that she would have to live in exile for a number of years she very painfully broke up with the Captain rather than deserting everything.