



The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry
(Wentworth Regiment)
150th Anniversary Committee

BACKGROUND

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE EDWARD, EARL OF WESSEX, KG, GCVO



The youngest son of HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Edward was born on March 10, 1964. His Royal Highness graduated from Cambridge University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1986.

Prince Edward and Miss Sophie Rhys-Jones were married at Windsor Castle, on June 19, 1999. Their Royal Highnesses have a daughter, Lady Louise, and a son, Viscount Severn.

Prince Edward was bestowed the titles The Earl of Wessex and Viscount Severn on his marriage in 1999. At the same time it was announced that His Royal Highness will eventually succeed to the title Duke of Edinburgh, when the present title (now held by Prince Philip) reverts to the Crown.

The Earl of Wessex announced in 2002 that he and The Countess had decided to concentrate full-time on supporting The Queen during the Golden Jubilee and beyond.

The Earl's great interests are young people, the arts and sport. He is deeply committed to the work of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme. The Earl is also associated with a number of sporting bodies and is Vice Patron of the Commonwealth Games Federation.

His Royal Highness holds several Canadian and UK military appointments, including Royal Colonel, 2nd Battalion, the Rifles (UK); Colonel in Chief, Saskatchewan Dragoons; Colonel-in-Chief, Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment; Colonel-in-Chief, The Prince Edward Island Regiment; Commodore-in-Chief of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary; Honorary Air Commodore, RAF Waddington; and Honorary Deputy Commissioner, The Royal Canadian Mounted Police.