

EXCLUSIVE BY SHARON FEINSTEIN

THE Duke and Duchess of Cambridge are invited to a second emotional visit in Princess Diana's footsteps, following their trip to Paris earlier this month.

Top Venetian restaurateur, Eligio Paties, is officially inviting the Royal couple to visit Venice and dine at the same table Charles and Diana shared 32 years ago.

An emotional Paties told how Diana charmed a young waiter by stealing a strawberry from his fruit bowl as he walked past.

Paties, who has hosted the Pope, Hollywood stars and the Duchess of Cornwall said: "This is a great honour for us, there is a tradition of British royals coming to Venice and eating at Do forni."

"I'm involved in an approach to the Palace inviting Prince William, Kate and their children to come to Venice and dine at Do Forni."

"I want to do this because William sat right here, aged three and Harry was a baby. William was well behaved, friendly, and confident as a young child, and obviously very close to his mother."

"Charles is very interested in helping Venice and Prince William is sure to continue his father's work."

"This is an important year because of Brexit, our Art Biennale, British artist Damien Hirst's exhibition opening here. I felt I had waited long enough and it was the right time to make the approach to William to come back and follow in his parents' footsteps 32 years on."

"We have an exquisite, very secure Palazzo in mind for them owned by a noble family."

"I would very much like William and Kate to sit at the same table where his mother and father sat."

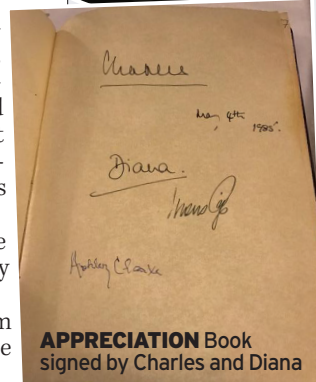
"We feel very emotional about the possibility of their visit, it would be an honour for us. To me it's a return to 32 years ago."

"We are waiting to hear what kind of food they prefer rather than just redoing the same menu his parents had, but it could be that. It demands a perfect organisation."

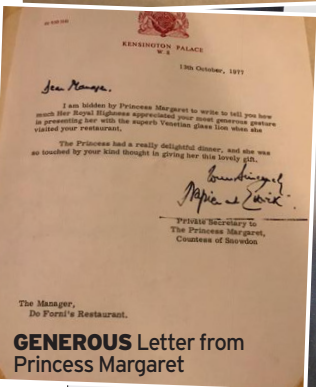
"We have the third most important wine cellar in Italy worth millions of pounds but at the same time we try to make people feel at home here."



EMOTIONAL
Eligio Paties with
Sharon Feinstein



APPRECIATION Book
signed by Charles and Diana



GENEROUS Letter from
Princess Margaret



HISTORIC
Charles and
Diana in Venice

Kate & Wills invited to Diana restaurant

Hope for Venice trip 32 years on

MOVING
Kate and
William in
Paris



Two dead as cyclone rain floods towns

TWO women have died and at least four people were missing yesterday as flood levels rose in Australia after Cyclone Debbie.

Tens of thousands of people were stranded by floodwater which has wrecked roads and bridges.

Six rivers have flooded as rain from last week's cyclone washes through.

The disaster zone stretched 600 miles from Queensland's Gold Coast tourist strip to the farmlands of New South Wales.

One of the women who died drowned after her car was swept away. The other was in a flooded home.

An official said: "We've four people about who we have serious concerns."

Brit arrested in Spain over child abuses

A BRITISH pensioner has been arrested in Spain accused of abusing a 13-year-old girl 40 years ago.

Alan Joseph Hollis, 69, was held at his home in the small town of Alhaurin el Grande, near Fuengirola on the Costa del Sol.

He faces seven charges of serious sexual assault which allegedly took place in 1977 and 1978.

A European extradition warrant was issued by a court in Liverpool.

The alleged victim first came forward in the mid-1990s but Hollis fled the UK after denying the claims in 1996. He allegedly fled a second time after being arrested at Gatwick airport in 2007.

Expert team to battle jail extremism

EXTREMISM in prisons will be tackled by a team of counter-terrorism experts from tomorrow.

The team of 100 staff will examine intelligence and advise and train prison warders about curbing the problem.

The unit was formed after a Government review said Islamist extremism was getting worse. It found evidence of offenders supporting Islamic State.

The move comes as Durham's Frankland jail creates a jihadi unit to isolate Islamic extremists.

Prisons minister Sam Gyimah said: "By countering poisonous activities we will help ensure the safe running of our prisons."

Girl's cancer 'wiped out' by trial therapy in US

BY CHRIS RICHES

A GIRL of six has been completely cured of her rare form of leukaemia after flying to America for pioneering gene therapy.

Erin Cross had the treatment in Seattle last July after parents Sarah and Antony raised £150,000 following an appearance on ITV's This

Morning. Yesterday the delighted family revealed it has "wiped out" the deadly cancer – and a successful stem cell transplant back in the UK means it can never return.

Erin was just two years old when she was first diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia.

She bravely fought it off but in

March last year the family was told it was back. Her desperate parents raised money for the trial therapy in the US, which paved the way for the stem cell transplant here.

In February she finally rang the "end of treatment" bell at Manchester Children's Hospital.

In the same month she met

Simon Cowell and Ant and Dec when she was invited behind the scenes at Britain's Got Talent.

Her mum Sarah said: "I am so glad I pushed for her to get on the trial at Seattle – if I hadn't, she would not be here today."

"I just want to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts."



ALL GONE Erin's cancer