



Kate has been "watching and learning" how to become a fully fledged royal during her eight-year relationship with Prince William.

PAUL BURRELL EXCLUSIVE

*William & Kate's*  
**WEDDING**  
**TELL-ALL**



**P**aul Burrell spent over two decades inside the royal household, serving Queen Elizabeth II and, most famously, as Princess Diana's personal butler, until her death in 1997. Today, Paul lives just a few miles from Prince William and Kate Middleton's home in North Wales. Now sharing his insider knowledge of Diana, William and royal-wedding protocol exclusively with OK!, Paul reveals why the wedding will be next year and all the "I do" details, plus Diana's message to William and Kate, both 28.

**You were there when there was so much going on behind the scenes with Charles and Diana that the public wasn't aware of. Do you think Kate and William are a genuine love match?**

I honestly think so. You know, it's not easy for a young girl to come into the most famous family in the world. It brings so many pressures with it, and they've stuck together. What we've all been watching on the sidelines is this slow, very carefully managed introduction into the royal family and the establishment; it's massive and very powerful.

**With that in mind, what advice do you think Diana would have given Kate?**

The words that echo in my ears, that I

**Princess Diana's butler, Paul Burrell, takes OK! behind the closed doors of the palace to share all the details of Prince William and Kate Middleton's wedding plans**



Diana referred to Paul Burrell as her "rock" during the decade he spent working in her royal household.

heard so many times: "If people come toward you with anger, don't fight them back with fire; kill them with kindness." And she'd say, "Giving is far more important and rewarding than receiving. There are no strings attached to giving, but there are to receiving." Those are words of wisdom from beyond the grave.

**SETTING THE DATE**

**When will William and Kate marry?**

You have to look at the royal diary; it's like a jigsaw puzzle. In 2012, it will be the London Olympics and the queen's Diamond Jubilee [her 60th anniversary as queen]. I don't think there's any room left

for a massive royal wedding. But in 2011, Prince Philip's 90th birthday in June is the only major function. August and September and October are a complete no-no because the queen is on holiday at Balmoral Castle [in Aberdeenshire, Scotland]. They could wait for November, but I think Kate's a summer bride, so I believe they will marry in July 2011.

**Everyone is waiting for the engagement. How soon do you think it will happen?**

It usually precursors the wedding by about four or five months. By the time the engagement comes, the wedding is already set in concrete. It's not like normal couples where they say, "We're getting engaged, and we're getting married in two years' time." They'll probably announce the date on the same day as the engagement.

**Will Kate get Diana's engagement ring?**

It's not William's to give. It's Harry's. When the princess died, William and Harry came to Kensington Palace to take some things that belonged to their mother. William chose the princess' watch. He said, "It's what my grandfather [Earl Spencer] gave her as a birthday present. I'll always remember the watch."

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