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K ate Middleton displayed all the poise of a princess when she attended her second royal wedding of the year on a blustery summer's day last week.

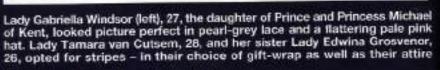
Proving that she has learned a trick or two about staying stylishly serene in the spotlight, whatever the weather, she remained perfectly at ease despite a stiff wind that played havoc with other guests' attire at the marriage of Lady Rose Windsor, 28, to George Gilman, 26, in London.

While other ladies had to hang on to their broad-brimmed hats. Kate looked effortlessly chic wearing a black fascinator in her long, dark hair. And when her floaty, patterned skirt, was whipped up by the strong breeze, her modesty was protected by a simple slip.

Such basic tips have kept royal ladies looking calm and collected for decades, and it seems Kate, 26, has learned a lot from them in the five and a half years since she began dating Prince William.

And receiving her second invitation to a royal wedding within three months shows how much acceptance she has gained inside the Queen's family.

Despite acting just like one of the family, however, Prince











ove: Mother of the bride the Duchess of Gloucester with the groom's father, property eloper Peter Gilman. Right: Patty Palmer-Tomkinson has long been a close friend of the ince of Wales. Far right: Newlyweds George and Rose leave the Queen's Chapel in London.
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Their guests waved the happy couple off in a shower of rose-petal confetti as they left by car for the reception at **Kensington Palace**

William's 26-year-old girlfriend was not invited to sit in the "royal pews" close to the altar of the Queen's Chapel, next to St James's Palace.

It seems Kare only gets special treatment when she represents William at a family event and on this occasion, she was merely an ordinary member of the 300 guests.

HOME ALONE
As the Prince, who ends his service with the Royal Navy this week, was still aboard HMS Iron Duke on patrol in the Caribbean, Kate turned up alone and was ushered into a seat further towards the back





After the ceremony, guests filed on to double-decker buses to take them to the reception at Kensington Palace. From left to right the Countess and Earl of Wessex; Vice-Admiral Tim Laurence and the Princess Royal, followed by her son and daughter-in-law Peter and Autumn Phillips; Princess Margaret's daughter Lady Sarah Chatto; Lady Gabriella and her brother Lord Frederick Windsor. Kate took her seat among the guests on the top deck (right)

Prince Harry's girlfriend Chelsy Days, who accompanied the stunning brunette to the wedding of Peter Phillips and Autumn Kelly last May, couldn't attend as she is on holiday in South Africa, so Kate teamed up with other young friends of the happy couple.

Her smiling appearance showed how at ease she has become under the scrumy of the media and a crowd of well-wishers who gathered to see the guests arrive.

Peter and Autumn, the last members of the royal family to walk down the aisle, were among a heavy contingent of royals who joined the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester to celebrate the marriage of their youngest child.

Like Kate, Autumn chose a black

fascinator to secure her blonde hair and also wore a boldly patterned dress with a fixed bolero jacket.

LOW-KEY ROYAL

Lady Rose is the great-granddaughter of King George V and 23rd in line to the throne. She lives in London with George, son of property developer Peter Gilman, a former director of Losds United. The couple announced their engagement last November.

Although Rose is a first cousin once removed of the Queen and grew up in royal circles, she has chosen to play down her family connections in her work as an art assistant in the film industry. Last year, she asked for her credit on the film Harry Potter and the Order of the





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Phoenix to appear simply as "Rose

On her wedding day, the bride wore a dress by Franka Couture and, in keeping with bridal tradition, her something borrowed" was a tiara that once belonged to Queen Mary.

Her matron of honour was her sister Lady Davina, who matried New Zealander Gary Lewis in July 2004.

Rose also had three small attendants: the groom's nieces, Lily, three, and Alice, nine, as well as five-year-old Josse Grylls, the son of TV adventurer Bear Grylls.

The bride's brother Alexander, the Earl of Ulster, married his wife Dr Claire Booth at the same chapel in 2002. But this time they arrived with their toddler son Xan, the Duke and Duckess of Gloucester's first grandchild.

The bride's godparents - the Queen's niece, Lady Sarah Chatto, and the Earl of Wessex - both delivered readings at the ceremony.

The ever-elegant Lady Gabriella Windsor, wearing a grey lace dress and jacket topped off with a wide pink straw hat, was among the most fashionable on the guest list. She was accompanied by her brother Lord Frederick Windson.

Prince Edward's wife Sophie, still on maternity leave after the birth of her son Viscount Severn last December. proved she is back on top form wearing a powder-blue suit and matching picture hat.

WASTE NOT, WANT NOT

These days, recycling has become a virtue, but the Princess Royal surprised everyone by wearing an outfly she had first worn to the wedding of her brother Prince Charles and Lady

Diana Spencer 27 years ago.

Her yellow-and-white dress was topped off with the same matching hat that had also survived the intervening rears. Princess Anne is renowned for reusing outfits, but even more impressive than her thrifty fashion sense and the obvious care of her clothes was the fact that, almost 30 years after buying the Maureen Baker wrap dress, she could still fit into the size ten outfit.

Close family friends among the guests included Lady Tamara van Cutsem and her sister Lady Edwina Grosvenor, the daughters of the Duke of Westminster, and Pany and Charles Palmer-Tomkinson, lifelong friends of the Duke of Gloucester, through whom they met the Prince of Wales, introducing him to their favourite ski resort, Klosters in Switzerland.

The hour-long wedding service was conducted by the Rev. Prebendary William Scott, one of the Queen's domestic chaplains. Afterwards





After the hour-long wedding service the wedding party walked to neighbouring St James's Palace for official photographs while guests remain the chapel. Rose was attended by matron of honour Lady Davina, who married New Zealander Gary Lewis in July 2004. The bride's be Alexander, the Earl of Ulster, had married his wife Dr Claire Booth in the same chapel six years ago; they are pictured, left, with young son Xan, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester's first grandchild. This was the second set of royal nuptials in three months for (far left), who has been welcomed by the Queen's family as Prince William's girlfriend, although she has yet to gain admittance to the inner



Princess Anne drew admiring comments for recycling a yellow and white floral print Maureen Baker wrap iress she first wore to the wedding of her brother Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer 27 years ago. The frugal royal, who regularly reuses her outfits, paired it with the same matching hat, by John Boyd. Onlookers were delighted to see she still looked trim in the size ten outfit as she walked beside ser husband outside the chapel. Lord Frederick (in pensive mood, right) looked as dapper as ever

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After a short wait, their guests joine the newby-els for drinks before want them self in a shower of rose-pets confects as they left by car for th reception at Eensington Palace. The guests elembed aboard three redouble-decker Routemaster buses for the short mip past Hyde Park to the reception, where bride and groot waited to greet them.

Absent was the Queen, who only attends the marriage ceremonies of immediate members of her family and who on Saturday was sayin goodbye to the Duke of Edinburgh He flew out of Heathrow to Ghan where he attended the 30th Anniversary Conference of the Roya Commonwealth Ex-Services Leaguin Leaguin

Princess Seatrice and her sister





As Kate mingles happily with her boyfriend's family at the wedding, those watching could not help but speculate whether she could be the next to walk down the sisle and join the Windsor clan. Bookies have even stopped taking bets on whether it will happen...

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to join the celebrations as they had left London 48 hours earlier for a holiday in the South of France. While Prince William – like his brother Prince Harry, who is working for his charity Sentebale in Lesotho – missed the big family occasion, he can look forward to being reunited with Kate this week. They are thought to be planning to take off on holiday. As the wedding guests left the Queen's Chapel the

big question on every mind was: "Who next royal to marry?"

Judging by Kare Middleton's welcom heart of his family, the betting is William's could be the girl for whom the wedding next ring our