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Astrologer, Cindy Naunton, takes a modern look at the House of Windsor and reveals a royal family bound by cycles that are a challenge to one and all.

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THE WARS OF THE WINDSORS

BY CINDY NAUNTON Astrologers are aware that Saturn Pluto alignments are never kind. With this in mind, it has not been a surprise to see extreme global events unfold during the early weeks of 2020.

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The elite Royal Horse Guard of the British Royals

The headlines have been compelling, with topics ranging from droughts and Brexit through to impeachment proceedings against President Trump, Middle-East tensions, the coronavirus, climate change, and the extensive Australian bushfires and their aftermath. One would have thought this enough for the public to deal with, yet the focus of these topics was suddenly deflected, thanks to another House of Windsor crisis.

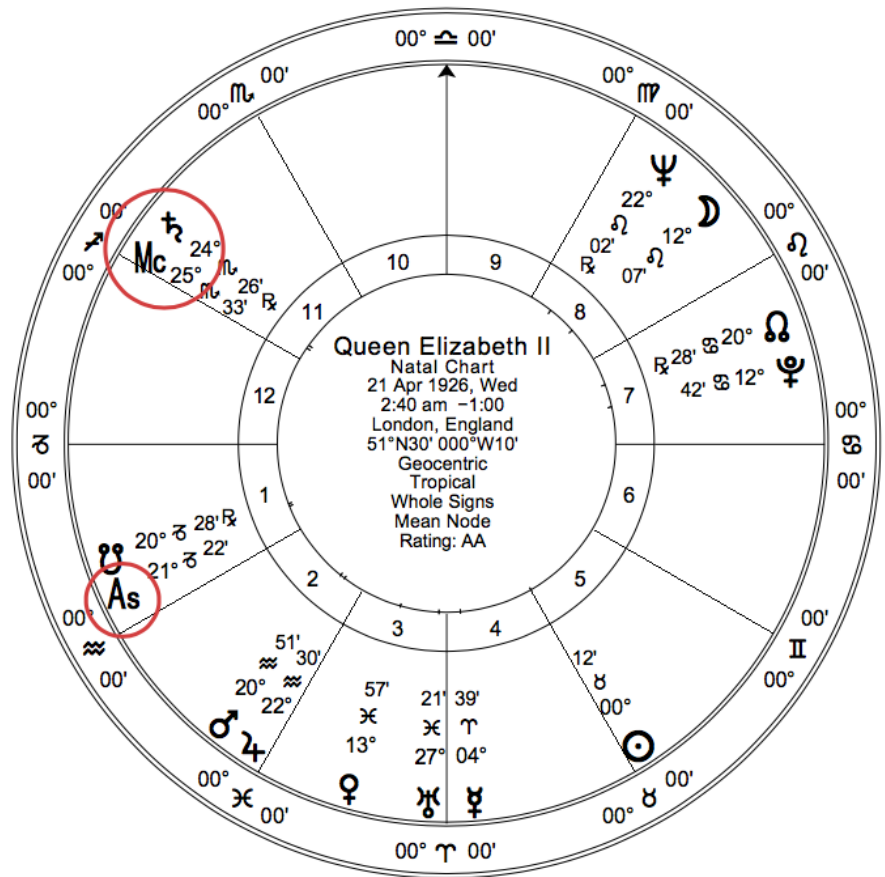
The Queen

The head of the House of Windsor, Queen Elizabeth II, had the recent Saturn Pluto conjunction fall on her Ascendant. Even a brief look at that alignment shouts 'major change' and crisis. Her natal Saturn is conjunct her MC and both are squared by Mars from her second house (using whole sign houses). This is war involving status and support. On November 20, 2019,



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The Natal Chart of Queen Elizabeth II



the day of the Queen’s wedding anniversary when Pluto was within minutes of her Ascendant, Prince Andrew, her favourite son, fell from grace and was suspended from further royal duties indefinitely. Then just before Christmas her husband Prince Philip was admitted to hospital. At 98 years of age this news cannot be considered lightly.

A further blow to the Monarch was announced on January 8 when Prince Harry revealed he was stepping down from royal duties to spend time with his family Meghan and Archie, in North America. Reports on this announcement and the resulting ‘Sandringham Summit’ have continued to flood our news feed for weeks. As Prince Harry married an American biracial divorcee less than two years ago, the blame for Harry’s decision seems to be laid at Meghan’s door. The Queen’s Saturn square Mars dealt swiftly with the accelerating situation. Astrological insight is a reliable and valuable measure of our reality, so let us consider some of the astrological highlights from their respective charts. Transits from the outer planets cannot be ignored.

What is driving Harry?

Harry’s Ascendant is Capricorn with Saturn conjunct his MC in Scorpio. This reflects the Queen’s chart

closely and reveals her strong bond with this particular grandson. Interestingly the Queen’s birth time is given as 2.40 a.m. and Harry’s birth time is 4.20 p.m! Saturn’s position indicates he can take life very seriously and take responsibility as demonstrated by his 10 years spent in military service and later his direct involvement with the Invictus Games for those injured during active service. His Saturn is disposed by Mars which is the exalted ruler of his Ascendant and placed in House 12 – the house of sorrow and suffering, as well as self-undoing. So there are two distinctly different agendas he is dealing with simultaneously - his personal needs and his public responsibility.

Let us consider the sorrow aspect of his life: Harry was nearly 12 years old when

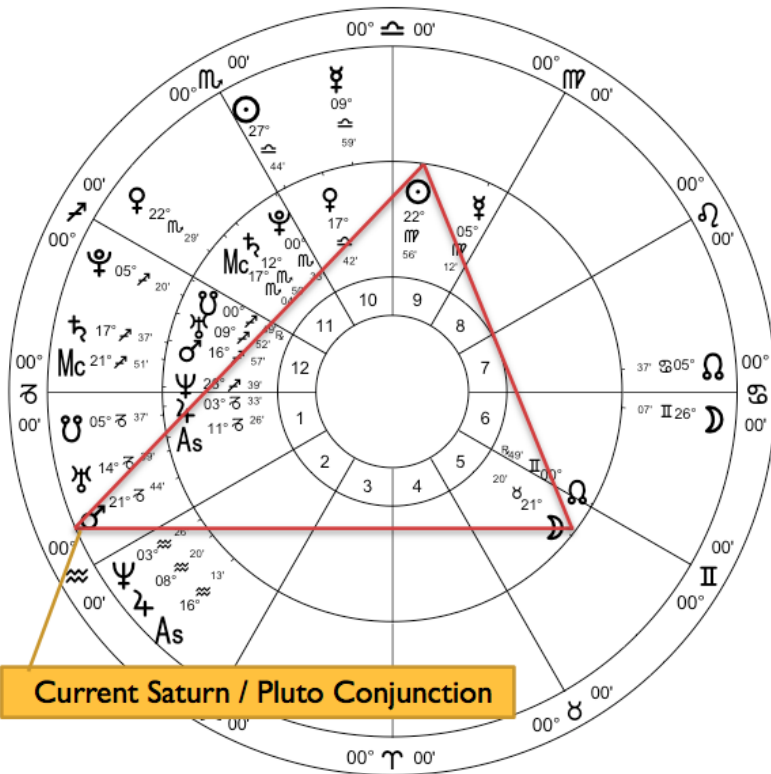
his parents divorced. Divorce is difficult enough for any young person to process and accept. It is even worse when the details are paraded by the media casting blame and making his parents personal details public.

Becoming a teenager is a rite of passage and just days before he reached age 13 Harry’s mother Princess Diana was tragically killed in a car accident in Paris – just one year after the very public divorce. Again the media coverage went on for weeks. Then, just one week after his mother’s death, with the world watching, he walked through the streets of London following his mother’s coffin on a gun carriage. He had more than his share of public and private suffering at a crucial developmental stage in his young life. Twelfth house planets yearn for

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privacy particularly when they rule House 1. When that planet is Mars, great frustration and anger are released when that need for privacy is not acknowledged.

Fast forward to January 2020. Harry's natal chart has his Sun at 22.56 Virgo in House 9 and his Moon at 21.20 Taurus in House 5. Therefore the Saturn Pluto conjunction on 12 January fell in his first house perfecting a grand trine to his Sun and Moon. Grand trines are known for sudden and often unexpected events. Add to this his Solar Arc Mars had by that date reached 21.44 Capricorn, close to the point of the present Saturn Pluto conjunction and forming a trine to both his natal Sun and Moon. So something was going to happen that was of his volition. As it involved houses 1,5, and 9 this would involve his child, distant places and a very personal decision. Further, that same Mars, both Nataly and by Solar Arc rule his House 4 so it would bring a focus to his home, family and personal foundations. And it would cause him further suffering and impact on his need for a private life. Because he is a senior royal his actions would affect a dynasty, a country and a family.



Pressure on Harry could intensify at the end of February through to August and then November 2020 when Saturn is square his progressed Sun at 27.41 Libra. Another time to watch is when Mars is conjunct Jupiter at 22.48 Capricorn around March 20 this year. This is the point of the January Saturn Pluto conjunction which occurred when Harry made his sudden announcement. Expect another twist to the story at this time.

Chart of Harry - Inner circle. Outer circle Solar Arc planets 12 Jan 2020

Meghan

So what part did Meghan play in his decision? As his wife she would have influence: the question is how much?

Meghan's chart tells an interesting story. She is a Leo sun which trines her MC. So she basks in attention. However her Cancer Ascendant with her Moon in Libra in House 4, tells a different story. She is sensitive and seeks privacy in her personal life. As an actress she could more easily achieve both. As a Royal this was difficult. She was personally scrutinized. As an actress she was not the character she portrayed, so scrutiny was more remote – a huge difference. She also has Mars in House 1 square her MC, so she is a very determined woman.



Members of the British Royal Family on the balcony at Buckingham Palace, London
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Mars in Cancer is not well placed so she can act impulsively and against her own interests and these actions are observed publicly.

At present and for some time to come, her chart is highly activated. Meghan has just completed her Pluto square Pluto between House 4 and House 7. This puts Harry strongly in the picture.

Meghan’s Ascendant is at 24.17 Cancer. It is her Descendant that is receiving the transits of both Saturn and Pluto. When an opposition is involved it is an outside influence or person that brings the event or change. The Ascendant, in this case Meghan, can only respond to external events. So while

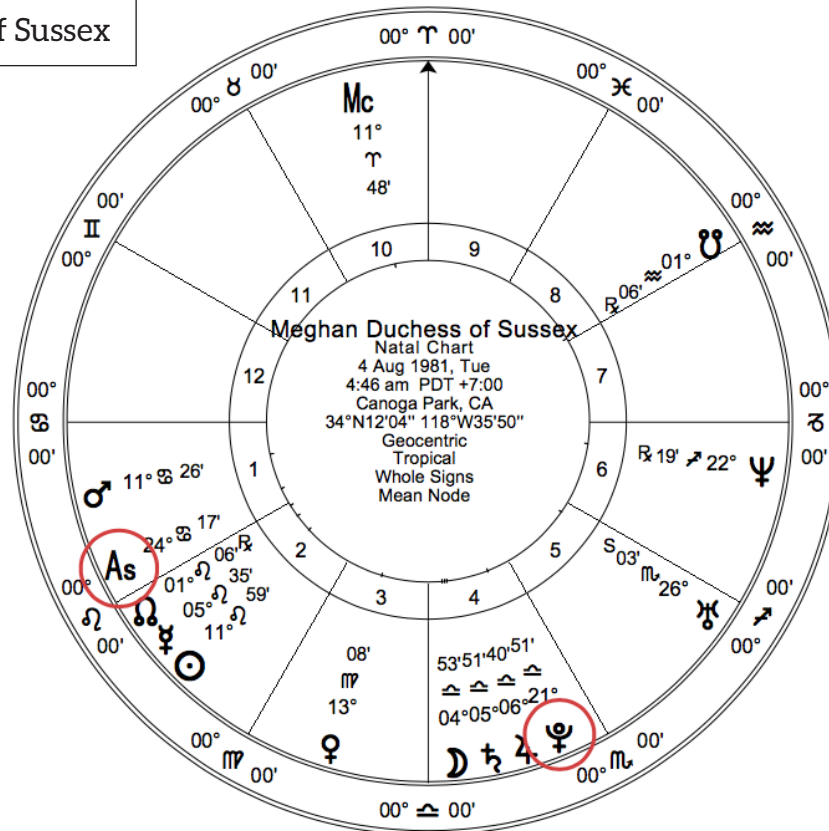
this decision may very well suit her, it would not appear to be her decision primarily. Saturn on the descendant was primed at the end of January 2020 and Pluto will reach this point for the first time at the end of February and early March 2020. Jupiter enters the picture this year too in March, June and November. Pluto will continue to activate her descendant for some time before an intense period in early October 2021 when it stations then finally moves on during the following month. So outside pressures will continue to be placed on Meghan for some time to come.

Added to this pressure Uranus the planet of disruption, has been making a square aspect to her natal Mercury

since late June 2019 until early April 2020. The June 2019 aspect possibly indicates her shock at the reality of motherhood as a Royal. During early October the aspect correlates with her ‘tell all’ interview while on tour in South Africa when she admitted she was not ‘alright’. Stand by for further developments when the final Uranus Mercury aspect takes place in early April 2020.

As Mercury occupies House 2 and rules House 12 and House 3 this brings a focus to her finances, personal support, the media and her need for privacy. Then consider the station and retrograde motion of Mercury in mid-February opposing her

Natal Chart of
Meghan Duchess of Sussex



natal Venus in House 3. Will there again be intense media scrutiny on her? A media which may not be kind to her - or maybe her sister another card to play? Before Saturn and Pluto finish transiting her descendant, Uranus will square her natal Sun indicating there are more surprises and challenges in store. It is an intense time in her life fueled by unrelenting media attention.

The Sussex Marriage

This tends to beg the question – what of the longevity of the marriage? Marriages do have challenges and can last despite these pressures. However in this case there is a long way to go. The transits for Meghan are only just beginning so her escape to another country is not the end of the story, whereas Harry’s decision has been made – in his mind at least. While Jupiter transits through his first house he will feel buoyed up by his decision. His Venus in rulership in House 10 speaks of his

favour in the eyes of the public. Pluto will aspect his Natal Sun (identity and status) again between August and November 2020 coinciding with Saturn’s transit to his Progressed Sun. At this time the royal decision to step down may be reviewed. His next Solar Return has Saturn on his IC retrograde square Mars also retrograde in the SR House 7. I believe he may come to regret or try to modify his decision within the next twelve months. Meanwhile, speculation continues.

In conclusion, it would seem that there is a lot of water to pass under the bridge before there will be smooth sailing for the Sussex family. We can only wish them well and trust they have the resources to

weather the storm. A storm that Harry in particular will not want - neither did his mother, Diana!

Chart Data:

Queen Elizabeth II, 21 April 1926,
2.40 am, London
Prince Harry, 15 Sep 1984,
4.20 pm, London
Meghan, 4 Aug 1981, 4.46 am,
Canoga Park, California

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