His Royal Highness Prince Charles Philip Arthur George, Prince of Wales, KG, KT, GCB, OM, AK, QSO, CC, PC, ADC, Earl of Chester, Duke of Cornwall, Duke of Rothesay, Earl of Carrick, Baron of Renfrew, Lord of the Isles and Prince and Great Steward of Scotland. The letters refer to orders of chivalry. KG: Knight of the Garter. KT: Knight of the Thistle. GCB: Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath. Prince Charles, Prince of Wales (Charles Philip Arthur George[fn 1] born 14 November 1948) is the heir apparent and eldest son of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip of the United Kingdom. Since 1958 his major title has been His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales. In Scotland he is additionally known as The Duke of Rothesay.[2] He is the longest-serving heir apparent in British history.[3] Until 22 April 2011, Prince Edward, Prince of Wales had been the longest serving heir apparent, for a period of 59 years and 74 days. However, Prince Edward became heir apparent on his birth, four years in Princes of Wales are not usually known for their knowledge of the principality, and historically the title is about deference to England rather than the power of Wales. Prince Charles at his 1969 investiture at Caernarfon Castle in Wales. Anwar Hussein Getty Images. A portrait of Edward, the Black Prince. Culture Club Getty Images. Giving the heir to the English throne the highest title Wales has to offer has understandably ruffled feathers in Wales, where, over the centuries, nationalism has frequently spilled over into a desire for self-determination and even independence from Westminster rule. Adding insult to injury was the blatant lack of interest that many English royals showed for the region. The Prince Charles, Prince of Wales (Charles Philip Arthur George Mountbatten-Windsor) (born 14 November 1948), is the eldest son of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. He is heir apparent to the thrones of the United Kingdom and 15 other Commonwealth Realms. He has held the title of Prince of Wales since 1958 and is styled HRH The Prince of Wales, and in Scotland, HRH The Prince Charles, Duke of Rothesay.Â The Prince is also well known for his high profile marriages to the late Diana, Princess of Wales and subsequently to Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall. He was created Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester in 1958, though his actual investiture did not take place until 1 July 1969.