

**English at the Top in Monaco: AGAIN !**

Half a Century afterwards—almost to the day—and a tenth of that, almost to the day—after Accession to the Throne, the Prince of Monaco is to marry a **native speaker of English**. Again.

The Coincidences of two Princely generations are more than striking. For those who have eyes to see. *Le Prince Bâtitseur* followed by *Le Prince Explorateur*: for, indeed, he is a great explorer of the vast as yet uncharted territory of **Ecology**. A far more sophisticated terrain than that of his namesake predecessor! And far more perilous (politically?). *Le Père* was inward-looking, building and re-building around him; *le Fils* is outward-looking... searching with his mind's eye, far, far and away.

And what more **English-speaking** and **outward-looking**, after all, than **The Olympic Games** ? Britishers, do remember the London of Summer 2012, and Boris Johnson, and Hope! Monaco is sure to be a centrepiece there. (Voyage de noces ? I.O.C. Durban, South Africa)

Two Olympic Champions together at the very Top—the Head of State and his First Lady to be—is indeed well worth The Guinness Book of Records. The Irish Connection again. Another Coincidence?

James Joyce would rejoyce to see so many of his most beloved Coincidences romping merrily around in the Principality, a place of prime poetic pertinence in his *Ulysses* masterpiece (with the Story of the Bank and the Banker omnipresent). All the residents of Monaco—Royalists and Loyalists all—rejoyce with him.

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