

## New bed is a dream come true for Kate: Duchess has luxury four-poster from Anglesey installed in Kensington Palace apartment

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Ever since leaving their idyllic Anglesey farmhouse for a lavish apartment at Kensington Palace, something has not been quite right for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

It was not the rural solitude, nor the walks along their private beach. What they really missed was the matrimonial bed.

Of course, sleepless nights are a familiar problem for every new family, and doubtless Prince George has contributed a fair few for Prince William and Kate.



**No more sleepless nights: The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have ordered a bed with 4,200 springs**

But now a solution is at hand. For I can reveal that the Duchess has just ordered a bed with 4,200

springs in it for their new home.

After telephoning their former landlord in North Wales, landowner Sir George Meyrick, from whom the couple rented their £750-a-week bolthole, she has tracked down the exact model she wanted — a copy of the handsome bed provided at the farmhouse.

Sir George's estate staff were able to tell her where the bed came from.

'We got a call out of the blue from one of the Duchess's staff asking if we could provide one like the model they slept in,' says Rotherham businessman David Smeaton, 51, a descendant of Arthur Smeaton, who founded the family bedmakers, now called Healthbeds, in 1893.



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**Comfort: The Royal couple had the Natural Choice 4500 from Healthbeds ordered to their new home**

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'I think it's the first time the royals have bought one of our beds. The Duchess loved the bed so much, apparently she looked under the mattress to find a label to discover where it was made. We are thrilled to have royalty buying one of our beds.'

The bed in question is called Natural Choice 4500 and boasts of 'sumptuous cashmere, silk, cotton and wool fillings'. The four-poster bed has just been installed.

Prince William and the Duchess enjoyed some of their happiest days during their three-year tenure at the remote five-bedroom cottage in Anglesey, while William was serving at a nearby RAF station as a search-and-rescue helicopter pilot.

But they finally had to return to London following the birth of Prince George in July. Ever since, they have been missing the familiar comforts of the bed.

'I couldn't possibly discuss the price, but it's taken a lot of complex measuring to get it right,' says Mr Seaton. 'The idea is to make a very comfortable bed that minimises allergy. It's an unusual order

because the bed is bespoke and had to be enshrined in a four-poster setting.'

**The fifth Lennoxlove Book Festival will be held at the East Lothian seat of the Duke of Hamilton next month.**

**Yet this year there might be an argument for renaming the relatively low-key literary event to incorporate the name of the BBC.**

**For no fewer than eight of the Corporation's best-known presenters — including Jeremy Paxman, Kirsty Wark, James Naughtie, Peter Snow and Mark Lawson — will be plugging their tomes and hosting discussions at the weekend-long affair. Rory Bremner, who presents Bremner's One Question Quiz on Radio 4, and BBC2 chefs Tony Singh and Cyrus Todiwala will also feature.**

## **Stacey seeks a supporting role**

He is the private equity genius who controversially recouped £54 million from the liquidation of electrical giant Comet, having bought the failing company for £2.

Now American-born Henry Jackson is backing a business much closer to home — a fitness bra designed by his wife Stacey.

The mother-of-four was discussing her plans at the Inspiration Awards For Women at Cadogan Hall in Chelsea.

