



## Inside story of how crisis has brought the King and Kate closer than ever before

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With Ascot and summer parties in Charles's sights, insiders say...

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**THE Royal Family will emerge stronger from the shock double cancer diagnosis of the King and the Princess of Wales, insiders insisted last night.**

Sources said 'things may look different for a while' but senior royals are rallying around to ensure the continued 'smooth sailing' of the monarchy while two of its biggest stars have treatment.

And while it is likely that the country may have to get used to a 'new normal' when it comes to the institution, the insiders say it will be no less effective.

It can today be revealed that Charles is 'so optimistic' about his treatment that he has already expressed a hope to attend Royal Ascot this summer, as well as some of the garden parties at Buckingham Palace that honour community and military heroes.

He also intends to lead a small family gathering to church at Windsor on Easter Sunday, although the princess and her family will miss out.

Sources say the King, 75, and his daughter-in-law, 42, have been brought

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