

## Fergie to make TV comeback

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### Programme plans: Sarah Ferguson is considering a number of TV projects

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The critical drubbing the Duchess of York received for the documentary in which she gave dietary advice to a fat family in Hull would have been too much for some fledgling TV presenters.

But it secured a creditable five million viewers and has earned Fergie the chance to burnish her broadcasting credentials with another programme.

And this time, I can reveal, Princess Beatrice will be joining her on the project. I understand an ITV film crew will accompany Fergie to Romania, where she plans to investigate conditions in the country's notorious orphanages.

It coincides with the 15th anniversary of her charity, Children In Crisis, which has run projects in Romania.

The decision to include Beatrice is significant because it will serve as the 19-year-old princess's formal introduction to her mother's charity work.

It will also help to deflect criticism that her mind improving gap year has been a series of holidays.

Five years ago, Beatrice accompanied her mother to Russia where they toured HIV clinics in St Petersburg. But this time there will be a strong practical element.

'It will be sleeves rolled-up work, not just wandering around looking at things,' I am told. 'It will be Bea's charitable debut.'

Earlier this year, Prince Andrew took Beatrice to Egypt on her first official tour, giving her an insight into the world of royal duty that awaits her after she completes her full-time education at Goldsmith's College.

Both ITV and the Duchess's office were reluctant to discuss the show, due to be filmed in the autumn.

The spotlight fell on the almost inhuman conditions inside Romania's children's homes after the collapse of communism in 1989.

A spokeswoman for the Duchess tells me: 'A number of projects are in the pipeline, but nothing has been confirmed.'

### Chic Alex chooses lit



**Sticking to her studies: Alex Evans**

With a £100,000 Max Factor campaign behind her and a contract with prestigious agency Models 1, public schoolgirl Alex Evans could be forgiven for letting it all go to her head.

But surprisingly, the 18-year-old - who won the TV series Britain's Next Top Model - is determined to press on with her academic career and study English literature at university.

'I've got two offers of a place. I'm planning on going, but I'm taking a year out to concentrate on modelling,' says Alex, who studied for her A-levels while filming the show.

'I was tutoring myself, so I'd come home at midnight from a modelling shoot and start trying to translate Chaucer.'

Alex, who studied at Godalming College and was a pupil at Prior's Field, will be in elite company at Models 1 - the agency also represent Jemma Kidd and Twiggy.

## Rose-tinted spec?

Mischievous playboy diarist Taki Theodoracopulos set tongues wagging with the



**Wedding bells? Party girl Rose Hanbury**

altruistic suggestion in his Spectator column that beguiling party girl Rose Hanbury is 'soon to become a major marchioness'.

Rose, 23, is certainly dating David Rocksavage, the shy Marquess of Cholmondeley, who is 25 years her senior - but marriage?

Film producer Rocksavage, 48, has been linked with a string of beautiful women - Lisa Barbuscia and Sabrina Guinness to name two - but he has always been thought to be not the marrying kind.

Rose and her equally glamorous sister, Marina, have always had a penchant for older men - Marina once dated Joan Collins's ex, antiques dealer Robin Hurlestone.

But Taki tells me: 'Why shouldn't they marry? He's a nice guy and wants a wife. Plus, she likes him, and not just because he is a marquess.'

- It was billed as Westminster's first 'big fat gay wedding'. But when Tory MP Alan Duncan exchanges vows with James Dunseath later this month, there will not be quite as many Conservative grandees at the bash as was thought. I understand party leader David Cameron, who spoke of his 'delight' at the union, will not be among the 80 guests at Merchant Taylor's Hall on July 25 when the couple celebrate their civil partnership. Neither will Baroness Thatcher, who was widely expected to attend, nor Lord Tebbit. 'There was all this talk of 300 people and half the shadow cabinet on show, but it looks like it won't be nearly so big,' a Tory backbencher tells me. 'If Alan was hoping to extract political capital from it, he's not going to get very much.' Happily, William Hague, Duncan's former flatmate, and his wife, Ffion, will be there. Cameron's absence from what is a political first surprises allies. 'After all, if Alan survives future reshuffles he will be the first 'married' gay Cabinet minister in a Tory government,' says the MP.
- How hard have times become for Jodie Kidd? The 29-year-old, dropped by her model agency earlier this month, was spotted working as a groom for hunky Argentinian polo player Bautista Heguy at the Veuve Clicquot Gold Cup this week. 'You don't expect to see a supermodel washing down ponies,' said one astonished spectator, who saw Jodie grafting away in an old T-shirt and no make up.
- With five children under the age of six in tow, historian Amanda Foreman and her banker husband, Jonathan, were dreading their family flight from New York to London the other day. Worse was to come when they arrived at Heathrow: their beloved Filipina nanny, Lolly, found herself detained at immigration. 'It was my fault. Poor Lolly had a U.S. green card but no visa for Britain,' says U.S.-based Amanda whose biography of Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire is about to hit the big screen. 'When we explained we were here for a big family christening, the officials gave Lolly a week's stay. She's now back in New York sorting out her visa. I have to say, immigration couldn't have been nicer.'