



the idm group



**Patrick Jephson**

Patrick holds a Masters Degree in Political Science from Cambridge University. After ten years as an officer in the Royal Navy he was selected to join the Royal Household, serving for eight years as Equerry and as the first and only Private Secretary (Chief of Staff) to Diana, Princess of Wales. He was appointed Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order (LVO) for personal service to the Sovereign

His work for Princess Diana involved daily working contact with British and foreign officials at all levels up to and including head of state. He also managed the Princess's relations with a wide range of British institutions including Buckingham Palace, Downing Street, Parliament, the City, police and security services, the BBC, ITN, Fleet Street and the film and entertainment industries. In addition he controlled the Princess's links with the voluntary sector and wrote the majority of her speeches, messages, forewords and public correspondence.

He then spent eighteen months as a senior consultant at Lowe Bell Communications before leaving, on Princess Diana's death, to write his account of life in royal service. His first book *Shadows of a Princess* (a New York Times bestseller) was reviewed as "the most indelible and authentic portrait of the people's princess." As writer and presenter of TV documentaries, as contributor to current affairs programmes worldwide and as a discriminating writer on royal affairs, he has a unique ability to decode the messages hidden in the official communiqués, in the palace spin – and in the tabloid gossip.

Patrick Jephson's articles on a range of subjects have appeared in many British and European publications including *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Sunday Telegraph*, *The Observer*, *The Guardian*, *The Daily Mail*, *The Mail on Sunday*, *The Daily Express*, *The Sunday Express*, *The Sun*, *The Spectator*, *Hello!*, *Majesty*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, *Bild am Sonntag*, *Stern* and *France Soir*. His writing has also been syndicated in Poland, Hungary, Germany, the Czech Republic and the Netherlands.