

Father's a Christmas treat...

IT WILL be another happy, though divided Christmas for PRINCESS MARGARET'S youngsters, 15-year-old VISCOUNT LINLEY and 13-year-old LADY SARAH ARMSTRONG-JONES.

The two kids, who have adapted well to the problems of split parents, will spend Christmas Day with their mother and the Royal Family at Windsor. Immediately afterwards they will be whisked down to their father's home at Handcross in Sussex.

While Lord Linley and Lady Sarah enjoy the regal lavishness of Windsor, it is said by friends that they are just as happy with the informal hospitality of their father.

Said one: "Tony is quite fantastic with the children. Their faces just light up when they see him and



Split Christmas... for Lord Linley and Lady Sarah

they adore staying with him. He doesn't treat them as kids, more like adults."

The children are also devoted to Lord Snowdon's 45-year-old secretary and personal assistant, DOROTHY EVERARD, who has been with him through good times and bad—for 22 years.

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WILLIAM THESE NAMES MAKE NEWS

Maya finds Guinness to her taste

THE odd thing about that prince among Irishmen, the very eligible Guinness heir Garech Browne, 37, is that he has never really fancied the colleens.

Even though most of them would tumble backwards over the Blarney Stone to win his favour

Thus, yet another exotic beauty enters the life of this pony-tailed executive.

First, you may remember, there was the fragile-boned Ling Fen Chin, a medic from Malaya, whom he met when she was studying at Dublin College of Surgeons. Then, the busy Jamaican-born actress and

calypso singer Tessa Welborn whom he nearly married.

Hard on her heels came the dusky and unforgettable Indian-born ex-model Janet, Countess (Tiger) Cowley, now the wife of former Tory M.P. Piers Dixon.

And now an Indian "royal" has appeared at his side. I refer to Heathfield-educated Princess Maya Morvi, 25, dark-haired divorcee daughter of the rupee-rich Maharani of Morvi.

The strikingly attractive Maya—she has a young son—has already been a summer guest at Garech's lakeside home at the foot of Eire's Wicklow Mountains.

Now he is her guest in India. A friend tells me: "I believe this relationship could last. They are both very rich and so there are no inhibitions."



Charlotte and baby... flourishing

Side Lines

☆ HERE is the first picture of actress Charlotte Rampling, 31, and her eight-month-old love child David. Both are flourishing. But clearly she has her hands full. From Paris, where she lives with the boy's French musician father Jean Michel Jarre, 29—they plan a white wedding in the New Year—she explains: "Apart from David, I am looking after Barnaby (her five-year-old son by ex-husband Brian Southcombe) and Jean Michel's daughter Emily. But fortunately I have a nanny to help me."

☆ THE scandal magazine Private Eye had its Christmas party yesterday. This lavish affair, so different from their usual seedy lunches in a Greek Street public house, was held at Langan's Brasserie in Piccadilly. Editor Richard Ingrams, however, was not greatly taken with the fine food and surroundings. "It's no good giving people decent food—they'll only enjoy themselves," he said, leaving early to stomp back to Greek Street while his tired band of mischief makers made merry with the wine and brandy.

☆ BUMPED into a Canadian friend who tells me of a bizarre shopping expedition with Prince Tomohita Misaka, nephew of Emperor Hirohito of Japan. My chum, a leading citizen of Vancouver, was asked by the prince to accompany him to a local store where he wished to purchase "a few undergarments." In the event, the fellow bought £1,000 of women's undies. He explained: "I have six girlfriends."

The New Avengers get their cash in a really roundabout way...

THE NEW AVENGERS could be in danger of losing their composure over the small matter of acting fees.

Patrick Macnee, Joanna Lumley and Gareth Hunt, who are employed for up to £4,000 an episode, have had to wait for as long as a month before receiving remuneration for their fanciful TV screen adventures.

Producer Brian Clemens tells me: "At one stage I had to pay Joanna £1,000 out of my own pocket, though she was hardly in poverty. She had very generous expenses and was in a five-star hotel."

The problem lies in international banking arrangements, which are evidently as complex as many an Avengers plot.

French millionaire Rudolph Roffi—it was he who insisted that Miss Lumley look more sexy in



The New Avengers... pay problems

the series — put up £4 million for the present show.

"But," says Mr Clemens, "money to pay the stars has to be moved around the world, from Guatemala and Switzerland and places."

"The longest anybody has had to wait to be paid is a

month, but when you want your payment weekly that is no argument, I suppose."

Spin off

RICHIE BENAUD, formerly one of Australia's most successful cricket captains, and now a suave commentator with the B.B.C. during the summer, has always cherished one invitation whenever he visits Adelaide—lunch with the great Sir Donald Bradman.

Unhappily when Richie visited there this week there was no such summons. Sir Donald, as a member of the Australian Cricket Board, is in total opposition to Benaud's job of cricket consultant to Kerry Packer's rebel circus.

Accustomed as I am

SIR HAROLD WILSON'S behaviour can be quite alarming. Yesterday at a Foyle's lunch at the Dorchester for Lord Home's bird-watching brother, Henry Douglas-Home, the ex-P.M. was due to speak last. Pressed to get away, he insisted on speaking first and almost instantly fell into largely incoherent political utterings. Finally he left so fast that a waiter had to rush Mrs Mary Wilson after him into the street.

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