

Wales is for Wales

FORMER TV showbiz reporter Nicola Sands thought she'd left the celebrity world behind when she started up a holiday rental business in North Wales.

She never expected her new venture would be boosted by the arrival of one of the world's most famous men, the future King of England, Prince William.

Nicola, who lives in Bowdon, started to market her holiday homes in Anglesey at the beginning of 2009, shortly before Buckingham Palace announced the Prince would begin his helicopter pilot training at RAF Valley, a stones throw from her rental properties.

Since then the search and rescue Sea King pilot's been spotted enjoying lunch at various locations around the island, including

a burger van called the Flaming Grill, and at a number of watering holes.

The ensuing publicity has raised the profile of the area and has boosted bookings, which Nicola couldn't be happier about.

"Anglesey has always been popular but the arrival of Prince William has really created a buzz," she said.

"I've no doubt the Prince and Kate (Middleton) will love staying on the island.

"It's very romantic with lots of hidden coves so I reckon it could be the place where he finally pops the question!"

Nicola spent 10 years working for ITV Yorkshire as entertainment correspondent and once interviewed William's aunt, the Duchess of York.

She said: "The Duchess was promoting her book of photography at the time but also spoke quite candidly about her relationship with Prince Andrew and her battle to lose weight.

"If she ever wants to come and visit her nephew in Anglesey, I'd be more than happy to rent her a nice property as long as she pays the bill of course."

Prince William was spotted on the island of Anglesey

