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ton's engagement finger — she has become one of the most photographed women in the world. Prince William are to marry.

received massive publicity princess Diana began driving an Audi A8 soon after her separation from Prince Charles in the early 1990s. Since then, Charles has had a fleet of Audis. Prince Harry drives a three-door Audi A3 turbo — similar to the £23,000 model Miss Middleton is set to receive — Prince William has a powerful 4.2 litre V8 saloon.

understood from friends of the couple that while Miss Middleton's car is a remarkable coup for Audi, it has been negotiated separately. Her's also differs from those of other celebrities, who are often expected to make personal appearances at social events in return for subsidised use of the vehicle.

remarkable coup for Audi, already sponsors some of Prince William's polo activities. Miss Middleton was recommended by a friend following rave reviews from

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fully incorrect. 'He was a brilliant organiser, a superb administrator and a stickler for correct procedure.' membership secretary Lady Brabazon tells me. 'He smoked cigarettes from a small holder, hated mobile phones and banned them from his house. He had a ferocious bark and was worse than his bite.'

to forbade women from the Run during the last day of the race, but Lady Brabazon insists: 'I was angry because he hated the idea of a being injured.'

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The Body beautiful: Elle Macpherson

Elle keeps her head with a bargain cut

WITH a personal fortune of £26 million to support her position as one of the world's most glamorous women, Elle Macpherson might be expected to use the best hairdresser money can buy. But rather than use a top stylist, the former supermodel prefers to have her honey-blond mane coiffured by her local hairdresser. Elle's refreshing choice of stylist — Tariq at the unprepossessing Blade Runners salon in Notting Hill, West London — is even more surprising given that she is now a high-flying executive running her successful lingerie business, Intimates. So while some models splash out £7,000 on hair extensions, mother-of-two Elle, 42, spent a modest £45 on a cut and blow-dry this week. Says one crimper: 'She never complains, is very patient and always makes time to talk to other customers if they recognise her.'

AS HONORARY president of the Lawn Tennis Association, she is called upon to criss-cross the country presiding over tournaments. She is also a rather nifty player. But when the LTA opens its new Roehampton academy next month, the Duchess of Gloucester will be a mere spectator. For the snooty tennis

blazers have invited the Queen — who last went to Wimbledon in 1977 and has as much interest in tennis as she does in cats — to perform the honours. 'It's a bit tough on Birgitte Gloucester because she flogs herself round the country on the LTA's behalf, plays four times a week and is a dedicated member,' says a locker-room source.

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