



The Prince reveals his secret love

PRINCE Charles yesterday revealed his favourite tippie — and how he failed as a piper at Gordonstoun school.

He chatted to a group of patients in a new geriatric wing in a hospital at Golspie, Sutherland, and told 79-year-old Joseph Macdonald his favourite dram is Laphroaig, the Islay malt whisky.

To former piping instructor Kenny Macrae of Dornoch, 69, he confessed that when he took up piping, his tutors gave him up as a failure. And to another patient he gave this racing tip: "Bet on the jockey — not the horse."

The 30 patients in the £750,000 wing at the Lawson Hospital were transferred from Cambusavie Hospital, near Dornoch, last week.

The prince, dressed in kilt and tweed jacket, had started his day in east Sutherland by reading the lesson in 13th-century Dornoch Cathedral.

He later unveiled a plaque following the dedication of a new stained-glass window at the cathedral.

● A police investigation was under way last night after personal papers addressed to Princess Diana were left lying in a field near her home at Highgrove House, Gloucestershire.

The papers — containing details of the Princess's public engagements — were in two plastic bags behind a hedge.