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AN UNFORGETTABLE WEEK OF TRIUMPH AND TEARS

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Their love for one another is plain to see as William and Kate make a toast in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee (above) during a rece Hall, the British High Commissioner's residence, joining guests from the world of politics, business, the arts and sports. While there performance by an artist from the Musicity programme and William met Team Singapore Paralympians, who'd just returned from Lon

King was happy to step into the background and let his wife steal the spotlight as she gave a faultless performance. Much as she had at her first public speech, which she made in March at a children's hospice in Ipswich, she admitted to nerves later, but none were evident

as she spoke.

"You could see William was nervous for her and very chuffed when she finished it perfectly," said an onlooker at last week's event at Hospis Malaysia. "He was glowing with husbandly pride. They are a very tactile couple. He has always got his arm around her, steering her in the right direction.'

All eyes were on Kate at the hospice, when she met 15-year-old Zakwan Anuar, who is terminally ill with acute leukaemia. The teenager was in a wheelchair, leaning against his mother with his eyes closed.

But when Kate entered the room he perked up immediately and they began chatting about his birthday two days earlier. Kate signed a card for him with the words: "Happy birthday, Zakwan - Catherine."

She also told him: "You're very, very brave." In return the teenager told her: "You're very pretty." She replied: "You're very handsome." She has a "very positive aura", Zakwan was later to remark, while his mother Norizan Sulong also could not praise the Duchess highly enough, saying: "Zakwan is normally very sleepy and in pain, crying, almost giving up hope but today, my God, it was as if the leukaemia had gone."

It was Kate's gentle touch with the teenager that reminded many of William's mother, who was famous for her compassion and concern for the suffering.

DIANA REMEMBERED

Throughout last week it was almost as if the late Diana, Princess of Wales's presence could be felt at places William and Kate visited.

Diana was directly remembered at the couple's first engagement, at the sun-baked National Orchid Garden in the Singapore Botanic Gardens. Here they were shown a magnificent white orchid that had bee Princess Diana in 199 planned to fly out to see just weeks before. The pl been named the Dendrobi Princess Diana.

As she gazed at it Ka Diana's sapphire and engagement ring on glinting in the sunshi visibly moved.

At her side, Willia equally serious and sa recalling that his mother flowers best, he said s beautiful, it's beautiful."

This was just one reminders of the late during the tour. The r