

Special Feature

Royal Invitation

A week before Christmas I received a Royal Invitation to meet the Princess Royal - HRH Princess Anne, at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall on February 13th. After the initial surprise, I became very excited and honoured to receive such an invitation. It all came about because of a fund-raising event which I had arranged, in conjunction with the residents of Bowerham, a 'Knit and Natter' to raise funds for **Home Farm Trust**, a charity which helps people with learning difficulties. Princess Anne is Patron of HFT

What Shall I Wear?

After Christmas, with the sales in full swing, I thought it would be a good idea to find something suitable to wear and off to Banbury I dashed, where after a while (hours!) I felt I had bought just the outfit.

The week before the royal event I received a letter from HFT informing me of the correct protocol and dress code - Gents to wear suits and Ladies, suits or day dress. So back to the shops to buy something more suitable than the skirt and top that I had already purchased.



Obviously, security was very important and we had to ensure that we were at the Army and Navy Club early to pass all the checks. We were told that no admittance would be allowed if we were even a minute late or forgot our proof of identity!

One's Grandmother

We were all really well looked after with tea, coffee, soft drinks, wines and canapés all provided. After the official speeches by Princess Anne and the officials of HFT, we all split into smaller groups to meet Her Royal Highness.

It was a great pleasure to meet her; she took the time to put us at our ease and helped us relax. She was pleasant and asked what we had each achieved, where we were from and even said that her Grandmother had been very keen on knitting and also did a fair amount of nattering!

I had a really enjoyable time, something I shall remember for a long while. We have just completed another 'Knit and Natter', again with Bowerham residents to raise more funds for HFT. I wonder if another invitation might be forthcoming?

Margaret Walton

A Patchwork Planet

Hello, I am new to the area. My husband and I moved in to Elm Grove, Milton in November. I wonder whether there are any patchwork and quilting groups in the immediate area. I have been quilting for twelve years and would be interested to meet like-minded ladies or those who would like to learn.

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