

The December meeting of the Heritage Circle took the form of a Christmas Social followed by a speaker. Members and friends enjoyed a delicious buffet accompanied by a glass of Bucks Fizz. This was followed by the speaker Mr. David Reeve who spoke about his life as a Royal Bodyguard.

Mr. Reeve told members what his job entailed, which included arranging the Queen's visits. This involved checking the security of the venue, the facilities, timing of arrival and departure, and even the direction the Royal car would face in order that the Queen alighted from the correct side to enter the venue. He also told members some amusing incidents which had happen during his career. One such occasion occurred when he was invited to lunch with the Royal Family and being very worried that he might not be able to eat the food on the menu, also realizing that he had taken very large portions compared with other members of the party, a fact that was commented upon by Prince Phillip at the next lunch. Mr.Reeve's talk was greatly enjoyed by members, and was thanked on their behalf by the Chairman.

The evening concluded with the raffle,with prizes of Christmas goodies.

The February meeting will be on 22nd. at 7.30p.m. at Rickinghall Village Hall, when the speaker will be John Stark talking about the Mid Suffolk Light Railway.

Regards,
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