



## MENU OF A MEAL SERVED ON THE ROYAL RACHY BRITANNIA, 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1958

REFERENCE: NRO 683/12/57 | SUGGESTED AGE GROUPS: KS1, KS2, KS3, KS4, LIFELONG LEARNERS | TOPIC AREAS: FOOD & COOKERY

### A ROYAL VISIT

On 29 June 1958, the Royal Yacht, Britannia was moored off Holy Island in North Northumberland. That morning Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh Prince Philip visited the Island. Many people came to see them.

They arrived at the Lifeboat Station at 10.30am, brought in on the Royal Barge and visited various places on the Island including the Church and the Castle. Prince Philip could not stay the whole time – instead, he had to rush off to play in a polo match at Windsor.

The visit finished at 12.30 pm after which the Queen was accompanied back to the royal yacht by 15 guests including Major Crossman and his wife, Lady Rose who were entertained to lunch.

### THE MENU

This menu is part of the Crossman family papers kept at the Berwick Record Office. Typed up in French, it tells us that the guests ate salmon mayonnaise, followed by Roast Beef fillet “a l’Anglaise” served with peas, butter beans, new potatoes and salad. Dessert was fruit salad, vanilla ice cream and “biscuit”.

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**TOPIC:** FOOD & COOKERY

**SUBJECT AREAS:** COOKERY, HISTORY, FRENCH



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