

Reminiscences of a Royal Holloway College student from the 1930s

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Transcript:

Dinner – a Royal Ritual

i) Dressing – A dressing bell at 7.00 meant a break from studies, a bath if time, and changing into dinner dress. In 1931 evening dresses were lengthening from the short, skimpy affairs of the 20's, and by 1935 this meant long evening dress – everyone had a velvet jacket to counteract the draughts of corridors and stairs. Only those returning from inter-collegiate lectures or matches, could get away with day dresses and skip in at the end.