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4 Waltham Cross and Cheshunt Telegraph - Duke drops in on Waltham Abbey aboard helicopter.

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1 Duke's arrival and welcome by the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Sir Andrew Lewis

2 The Duke with the Director (Dr F H Panton and PS/WA (Mr G Adams)

3 The Duke with the Chairman of the EFDC Cllr B O'Malley and the High Sheriff of Essex, Mr R P Laurie







DUKE DROPS IN ON WALTHAM ABBEY ABOARD HELICOPTER



WITH out-stretched hand Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester, steps out of a Wessex helicopter of the Queen's Flight which touched down at the top-secret Ministry of Defence PERME grounds in Waltham Abbey last Thursday. He is greeted by the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Sir Andrew Lewis.



Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester, is greeted by director of PERME Dr. F. H. Panton and another member of the welcoming party.

Prince Richard, the chief ranger of Epping Forest, toured the town's Defence Ministry's Propellants, Explosives and Rocket Motor Establishments on a goodwill visit to help him become better acquainted with the Epping Forest area.

Landing at the Highbridge Street PERME site, he was introduced to the High Sheriff of Essex, Mr. R. P. Laurie, and the director of PERME, Dr. F. H. Panton, and the chairman of Epping Forest Council, Cr. Bob O'Malley.

During the tour Prince Richard unveiled a plaque commemorating his visit and listened to a brief history of the establishment given by PERME's library service head, Mr. M. McLaren.

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He also visited workshops, exhibition halls and met PERME's ambulance men and firemen. The duke was presented with a gun powder barge as a memento of his visit.

Before leaving by helicopter for the other PERME site at Westcott in Buckinghamshire, Prince Richard visited the nearby Quinton Hill establishment site in Sewardstone Road, Waltham Abbey.



Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester, shakes hands with the chairman of Epping Forest District Council, Cr. Bob O'Malley (left), at PERME, Waltham Abbey. Also delighted to meet the duke is the High Sheriff of Essex, Mr. R. P. Laurie.