



THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF SAINT GEORGE WATERLOO BRANCH Summer 2019 Newsletter

I am very pleased to tell you that our branch continues to flourish. We welcome several new members: - John and Nina Cavanagh, Janet Ranger and Johanna Hooley. Our paid up membership is now up to 93.

In my last newsletter I said that at our A.G.M., as a result of Joanna Cadman's (the RSSG Chairman) successful 100 mile walk to coincide with the 100 years since the ending of the Great War, thereby raising money for the Royal British Legion, that our Waterloo Branch agreed to donate £200 to this charity. We therefore made application to the RSSG Trust for match funding in order that we could donate £400 to the Royal British Legion and I am pleased to report that our application was successful.

Since our last Newsletter: -

On 27th April the RSSG Annual Cadet Parade & Wreath Laying at the Cenotaph successfully took place, with a short Service by the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey and a meal afterwards.

1st May - St. George Celebration & the 125th Anniversary of the Royal Society of St George. Venue: - Warrant Officers' and Non-commissioned Officers' Mess of the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment, Hyde Park Barracks. The date had to be changed from our preferred date as a result of army commitments. On arrival all took possession of our English rose to symbolise our pride in celebrating St. George during the 125th Anniversary of our Society. Some, including your Chairman and Kath, were able to have their photographs taken with the Troopers, with their splendid regalia, quite dwarfed, especially the Ladies!



The splendid lunch was thoroughly enjoyed and was served in the opulent dining room very professionally (as one would expect) by members of the Regiment, with the attention to detail second to none. A perfect day to celebrate the life of a very important person, who was brutally tortured to death in 303 AD for standing up to the Roman Army for his convictions and principles. May he be an example to us all. Our grateful thanks go to the Household Cavalry.

4th May - Army & Navy Rugby at Twickenham - All 20 tickets were taken.

10th May Armourers' Hall – 81 Coleman Street, Moorgate.



Tour and talk, which included the history of the Battle of Agincourt, by the Clerk, Peter Bateman. 17 Members thought this was an excellent presentation, which was followed by an optional lunch at the nearby Nicholson's Globe pub, a few yards from Moorgate Underground Station.

6th June Beating Retreat – one of the few events that did not receive as many Members as were tickets available, and the Committee will give this event a miss for next year, as many existing Members had already been in previous years.

25th June Guards Division – Big Band Concert. 21 Members supported and enjoyed a thoroughly professional and stimulating concert outdoors, the weather being excellent. All seats were taken. Afterwards we had a short walk to Davy's Wine pub for a very welcome luncheon.



28th July Sunday lunch jazz cruise on the Thames – 40 were on board Symphony in the Glass Room for this well organised and successful event.

FUTURE EVENTS

28th August Visiting 6 Historic pubs, starting at the Shepherds Tavern, 50 Hertford Street, Mayfair (closest underground station is Green Park) at 6 o'clock, and ending around 10 o'clock at the Red Lion, Crown Passage, St. James (closest underground station is Green Park!). Jez is a Conservation Accredited Engineer, and will give a short description at each pub, whilst we may either buy beer or wine and have nibbles along the way for those who haven't eaten beforehand. We walk approximately one mile. Cost £2 to be paid on the night. Maximum number is 14.

Contact Gordon Williams – gordon.g.v.williams@btinternet.com

13th September



RSSG Battle of Britain Luncheon – RAF Club 128 Piccadilly (Nearest Underground Station is Hyde Park Corner)

Contact: Bob Smith - bob.smith@rssg.org.uk

28th September Royal Society of St. George 125th Anniversary Dinner on HQS Wellington Contact: Bob Smith - bob.smith@rssg.org.uk



16th October Battle of Trafalgar Lunch – HMS Nelson Portsmouth Contact: Bob Smith - bob.smith@rssg.org.uk



24th October Murder at the Music Hall, Brick Lane. Matinee with afternoon tea – all tickets sold. You need to be quick or disappointed!!

10th November Remembrance Sunday – Guards' Chapel – Lunch at Westminster Abbey Contact: Bob Smith - bob.smith@rssg.org.uk

18th December Christmas Lunch – Union Jack Club Contact: Bob Smith - bob.smith@rssg.org.uk

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BATTLE OF WATERLOO – 18th June 1815



It has been suggested that Members may well wish to support a visit to commemorate this outstanding battle near the site itself, visiting Lion's Mound, commissioned as a memorial by the Netherlands King William 1. Visitors who wish may pay a fee to climb up the Mound's 225 steps, which lead to the statue and its surrounding overlook (where there are maps documenting the battle, along with observation telescopes); the same fee also grants admission to see the painting "Waterloo Panorama".

In addition we could also visit the evening 8 o'clock, very moving, ceremony at the Menin Gate, Ypres, and lay a wreath on behalf of the Royal Society of St. George. It is envisaged that we would spend two nights in Belgium, including Thursday 18th June.

We need to advise the travel company of approximate numbers.

Without commitment, would you kindly respond to me if you would be interested, and, if so, whether you wish any guests to accompany you.

Full details, including cost and dates, will be given once finalised.

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POOLE – Week-end 4/5/6 September 2020

Many of you may remember that several years ago the RSSG Yachting Association organised a weekend at the RNLI College in Poole, Dorset. This included overnight stays in their well appointed bedrooms, all with views of Holes Bay in Poole Harbour, on the Friday and Saturday. A Dinner and Dance including a live band was held on the Saturday night. During the day the College arranges tours of the RNLI College itself and now tours of the Boat Building Area are available.

The Yachting Association is thinking of holding this event again, but need 60 covers for the Dinner and Dance to avoid paying a room charge.

This will not be restricted to RSSG members so friends and family are all welcome; you could even make up a table of 8 or 10.

There is plenty of free car parking but travelling by train is really easy too. We will negotiate the best room rates we can but at this stage we just need people to register an interest so that prices for the Dinner and Dance can be calculated.

Contact: jane.dorrington@lycos.com as soon as possible please.

I think, and hope, that you will agree that we have put together a full and varied programme, and I thank your Committee for their assistance.

I also wish to thank you for your continued support.

**BOB SMITH
CHAIRMAN**