



The Royal Society of St George

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British Columbia Branch

Patron: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

"Representing the English Community
in British Columbia, Canada"

GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

The St. George's British Wine and Dine Meet-Up Club Group is growing daily. We have to date 105 members all interested in British Dining. Our first venture, the Pre-St. Patrick Pub Night at 7:00 p.m. on March 8th. has a dozen younger members planning to attend and we look forward to having you join us.



NO HOST - Pub Night. This meet-up group is new and this will be one of our first events. Until we know each other better we invite you to come out, grab a munchy and a brew, and enjoy the evening. We are planning a pub night every second Friday of the month and in various locations to accommodate our membership. If you are willing to be a host / hostess to welcome members it would be a great way to make new friends, please let me know.

**Carlos O'Bryan's Neighborhood Pub
1774 W 7th Ave, Vancouver**

Web page to join or for further information:

<https://www.meetup.com/St-Georges-British-Wine-and-Dine-Meet-up-Club-Group/>

Dragon Fire



March / April Edition

Future Planned Events

Dates and Locations to be announced on the St. George's British Wine & Dine Meet-Up page.

English Bangers & Mash:

What goes into the making the various locally made Bangers. How to prepare a proper Bangers & Mash meal. Presented by Oyama Sausage, price will include a meal and a opportunity to purchase British Bangers.

A Full English Breakfast:

Want to know more about British style Black and White Pudding? A demonstration concluding with a Full English Breakfast and a chance to take home Black & White Pudding and British Bangers sponsored by Oyama Sausage

British Style Pastys, Pies and Pastries:

British Cornish Pastys, Melton Mowbrays and Steak and Kidney pies are becoming popular in B.C. Learn more and enjoy a Steak & Potato lunch presented by Simon's Specialty Foods

Beer and Hot Dog Pub Night:

The Royal Canadian Legion on the Drive invites us to a Beer and Hot Dog pub night. Evening entertainment and great atmosphere. A chance to kick back and socialize with others from the U.K.

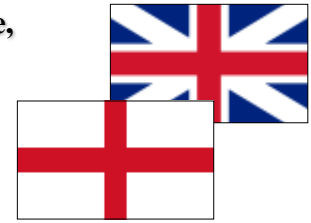
**Friday April 12th., 7:00 p.m.
Royal Canadian Legion #179
2205 Commercial Dr, Vancouver, BC**

“Welcome to the British Isles”

Sponsored by the Royal Society of St. George,
British Columbia Branch



Fall 2019 TBA
St. George's Celebration



125th Anniversary The Royal Society Of St. George



The English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh, Manx and Cornish
will be celebrating their History, Customs and Heritage
at the Roundhouse Community Centre



British foods, merchandise and entertainment
from England, North Ireland, Scotland, Wales,
Isle of Man, Cornwall
and the Republic of Ireland (Eire)



2019 Executive

President - Shawn Wade
Past President, Director – Steve
McVittie, “Dragon Fire” - Editor
Vice President – Roger Dawson
Treasurer, Director - Jimmy Yan
Director – Jayne Boyer
Director – Pat Morris
Recording Secretary - open

Appointments:

Pauline Bratton - RSSG BC Society
Records File Assistant
Maureen Templeton - Membership
Chairperson
Dan Brown - Communications
Secretary
Denise Dewan - Communications
Asst.

Membership Dues for 2019 are due on January 1st (\$30 per family)

Cheques should be made payable to RSSG-
BC and mailed with a completed form to:
RSSG-BC Membership, 5639 Dunbar St,
Vancouver, BC V6N 1W5



RSSG
Main Meet Up Page
<https://www.meetup.com/Royal-Society-of-St-George-meet-up/>

Posting and dedicated to English Cultural,
Historical, Heritage and Customs, through
events and occasions as they occur during the
year. To include local research and postings of
British History in B.C.

To announce and promote presentations
planned with travel agents, government
agencies on what's happening in
the British Isles.

Dragon Fire Statement

“England for St. George”—it is a great honour to write a small statement for this issue of the “Dragon Fire”. I have recently been elected President of the Branch. We have an amazing organization here.

This year is the 125th Anniversary of The Royal Society of St. George. We are planning something so watch this space!

We are planning a few events both through the Meet Ups and courtesy of Jayne Boyer and her Bodacious Brits in the Tri Cities. Jayne continues to do sterling work with her friends in the Sri-Cities. A big thank you to you Jayne!

We are hoping to do some other events, as well, so this could well be a big programming year.

Of all the events we did last year the most amazing was the British Invasion conceived of, created by, largely staffed by, birthed and delivered by Steve McVittie! Thank you so very much Steve! I hear a rumour that we could see something similar in the Fall, so keep your eyes peeled.

I want to also pay tribute to Steve McVittie our Past President. He has agreed to stay on as a Director and to work on organizing some events. This is wonderful! He also edits the Dragon Fire—a big thank you again to Steve for your fine efforts.

In closing, I wanted introduce myself, pay tribute to the many volunteers we have in this organization (including Dr. Daniel Brown, Maureen, Pauline, Roger and MO to name but a few), and outline a few things we might see happen in the next little while. I will also send out a longer letter introducing myself and giving you an idea of what I'd like to see us do, by separate cover.

For now, please enjoy your March issue of the “Dragon Fire”, and we will be welcoming St. David, St. Patrick and of course St. George all in due course. “England for St. George”!

Shawn M.



Wade, LL.M.,
President

Bard On The Beach 2019: The Taming of the Shrew

Inspired by the beloved 2007 'spaghetti western' production — one of Bard's greatest hits — The Taming of the Shrew returns to the BMO Mainstage. This hilarious Wild-West love story features two fierce kindred spirits who finally meet their match in each other. Petruchio, the sharpest-shooting cowboy in the West meets Kate, the prickliest gal in town, and their throw-down contest of wills and wits will leave you laughing out loud as they bicker and battle their way towards a splendid, healing love. Times: June 5, 2019 - September 21, 2019

Location: Bard on the Beach Festival
Address: Vanier Park Vancouver, BC
Contact Jayne Boyer for St. George's
Group rate
nottinghammaid@gmail.com



The Royal Canadian Legion, "The Drive" Grandview - Collingwood Branch#179

**2205 Commercial Drive.
Vancouver, BC V5N-4B6**

Monthly Events:

Grandview Legion holds regularly scheduled monthly events such as Thursday afternoon bingo, Friday and Saturday meat draws and 50/50 draws, monthly jam sessions and more. Come on in, join us at our monthly events and help support our veterans, their families and the community at large.

March

St. Patrick's Day – March 17th
Monthly Jam & Easter Dinner
(Ham & Scalloped Potatoes) – March 31st

April

Terry Fox Fundraiser
Join us in support of Cancer Research on
Saturday April 7th, 2018 from 3 pm to 8 pm
at Grandview~Collingwood Legion Branch
#179.

Grandview Legion puts on many special events during the year including dinners, BBQ's, Sporting events like Super Bowl and Grey Cup, Stanley Cup playoffs and more.
<http://relbranch179.ca/monthly-events/>



The Royal Society of St George

Founded in 1894 - For 125 years, the Royal Society of St George has been England's premier patriotic organization, promoting and celebrating the English way of life. With thousands of members, more than 60 branches in England and over 30 around the world, the Society organizes a wide variety of social and fund raising events, from marking

significant moments in our history to enjoying English food and drink.

Our Patron: HM The Queen
Queen Victoria was the Society's first Royal Patron and we have since enjoyed the Patronage of every reigning monarch.

In 1963 the Queen bestowed a notable honour by granting the Society its own Royal Charter.

Each year the RSSG send flowers to Her Majesty on her birthday on April 21st.



**St. George's British Wine and Dine
Meet up Club Group;**

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

There will be planned outings to British Restaurants and Fish & Chiperies. There will be promotions and announcements of British and English cooking sessions by qualified chefs.

There will be announcements of Tasting Adventures and tours of British products and manufacturers by various importers.

<https://www.meetup.com/St-Georges-British-Wine-and-Dine-Meet-up-Club-Group/>

The Royal Society of St. George, B.C.,
Web Page

<https://www.stgeorgebc.ca/>

The Royal Society of St. George, B.C.
Branch, Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-Organization/Royal-Society-of-St-George-BC-Branch-124821680873964/>

The Royal Society of St. George,
United Kingdom

<http://rssg.org.uk/>



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Who was St. George?

According to legend, St George was a Roman soldier born in what is now modern-day Turkey in around 280AD and died around 303.



THE
ROYAL CANADIAN
THEATRE COMPANY

Saturday March 16 330pm

“A Bedfull of Foreigners”

Royal Canadian Theatre Company
Written by Dave Freeman
Directed by Ellie King

Fawlty Towers meets Benny Hill in this hilarious, face-paced adult comedy, with a succession of enough disasters and misunderstandings, twists and turns to create the perfect comedy of chaos!

“A Bedfull of Foreigners” will romp onto the stage of the Anvil Centre in New Westminster, March 16th as The Royal Canadian Theatre Company wraps up their season with this classic British farce. Tried, true and tremendous fun, this comedy will have you falling out of your seat and bursting with laughter.

Mistresses, mistaken identities, misunderstandings and unexpected wives along with food poisoning outbreaks, monks, nuns and a Bulgarian lady cyclist all add to the mayhem during the
“Festival of St. Wolfgang.”

Contact: Jayne Boyer
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The 125th. Anniversary of The Royal Society of St. George

Please join us for a dinner of Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding
\$25.00 taxes and tip included

Sunday April 28th.
5:00 p.m.
The Cascade Room
2616 Main Street,
Vancouver, BC,



St. George's Day
Anniversary Pub Night
Tuesday April 23rd. 6:30 p.m.



Carlos O'Bryan's
Neighborhood Pub
1774 W 7th Ave, Vancouver



St. George's Soccer Fan Club Meetup Group

<https://www.meetup.com/St-Georges-Soccer-Fan-Club-Meetup-Group/>

Inviting High Schools and other British related groups to post up coming Soccer and other English sports events.

We hope to have a few group buys for future games.
Keep in touch with our Group meet-up page

St. George, Patron Saint

Saint George is the patron saint of England in a tradition established in the Tudor period, based in the saint's popularity during the times of the Crusades and the Hundred Years' War.

Veneration of the saint in folk religion declined in the 18th century, but attempts to revive celebration of Saint George's Day (23 April) as an expression of English culture and identity go back to the foundation Royal Society of St. George in 1894 and have more recently, since the beginning 2010s, resulted in Saint George's Day celebrations with aspects of a national holiday in England.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_George%27s_Day_in_England