



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"

*Hello Members and Friends
of the
Royal Society of St. George.*

You are invited to join us to celebrate

St. George's Day
on Thursday, April 25th

(Unfortunately we could not get
the actual St. George's day, April 23rd.)

At the James Bay Inn Pub,
270 Government St.
Time 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

For a good old dart match,
a pint or two and dinner of your choice.
Who will offer to take on the scoring for
the darts match?

We will not be able to have
"This Day in History"
but I will again send out to everyone
"The Legend of St. George"

Dragon Fire



May June, Van Isl. Edition

And if you have had it already last
year, please bear with me
so that the new people will have it.
Please let me know by April 22nd if
you will attend.

For England
and St. George.



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**Please join us for
Mid Island's
125th Anniversary Lunch.**

**Saturday, April 27, 2019
12:00 pm**

The Coach & Horses
321 Selby Street
Nanaimo, BC
Hosted by Julian Mattock
250-667-2540

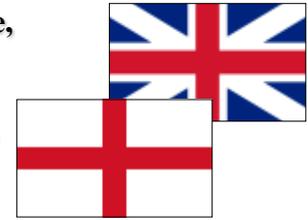
Please let me know by Thursday
(25th) if you will be coming or not
and It would also be helpful to
advise me If you are intending to
bring guests with you .

“Welcome to the British Isles”

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



Watch This Space For Date
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)



Hello Members and Friends
of the
Royal Society of St. George

Please join us for lunch on
Saturday, May 25th,
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
at a new venue for us.

The new White Spot
private dining room
941 Langford Parkway
Across Jacklin Road
from Westshore Mall

I have not tried this place yet but the
reviews on line are mainly good.

And we will have
“This Day in History”,
which I really enjoy
and hope you do also.

Since I am leaving for England on
April 27th, I ask you to please –
Reply to this email to book your seat
after May 16th, when I return.

Mark May 25th on your
calendar to save the date.

I will also send you a
reminder when I return.

I would need your
reply by May 22nd.

I apologize for all this but my trip is
important to me,
and I still want to make sure we get
together in May!

Thank you for your patience
and understanding.

Cheers, Betty.

Happy Birthday



The BEST WISHES of the Royal
Society of St. George Branch
go out to her Royal Majesty
Elizabeth II
On her 92th. Birthday

April 21st.

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/
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St-George-BC-Branch-124821680873964/](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/>



2019 Executive

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Records File Assistant
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Secretary
Denise Dewan - Communications
Asst.



Mid Island Luncheon

We had a great turnout on Saturday for our March lunch. It was held this month at The Shady Rest In Qualicum Beach. The weather was very kind giving us wonderful sea view from the restaurant. The next lunch will be in Nanaimo area on Saturday April 27th at a venue to be advised nearer the date. - Julian Mattock.



Membership Dues
for 2019 were 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

South Vancouver Island Luncheon Mar. 23rd.

The South Vancouver Island /
Victoria group at lunch on Mar 23, 2019, at
the Gorge Vale Golf Club. There were 19
of us. Margaret Spark read the "This Day
in History"
Cheers, Betty.



Pics from Feb. Luncheon





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.

Her Majesty the Queen



The Queen has ruled for longer than any other Monarch in British history, becoming a much loved and respected figure across the globe. Her extraordinary reign has seen her travel more widely than any other monarch, undertaking many historic overseas visits. Known for her sense of duty and her devotion to a life of service, she has been an important figurehead for the UK and the Commonwealth during times of enormous social change.

Her Majesty continues to carry out a full programme of engagements, from visits to charities and schools, to hosting visiting Heads of State, to leading the nation in Remembrance and celebratory events - all supported by other members of the Royal Family.

The Queen sees public and voluntary service as one of the most important elements of her work. The Queen has links - as Royal Patron or President - with over 600 charities, military associations, professional bodies and public service organisations. These vary from well-established international charities to smaller bodies working in a specialist area or on a local basis only.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

March 23, 1956

On March 23, 1956, her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, laid the cornerstone for the new Coventry Cathedral which was built alongside the original one.

The original was destroyed by bombs of the Luftwaffe on November 14, 1940.

The new building was consecrated on May 25, 1962 in the presence of the Queen.

The ruins remain hallowed ground and together, the two create one living Cathedral. It is interesting to note that labour assistance came from unsuspected origins as several German youth came to help with the construction of the new Cathedral. Margaret Spark read the

“This Day in History”

Hello Members
and Friends of the
Royal Society of St.
George

We now have confirmation for our
**Watershed Tour – date is
Friday, June 7th, 2019.**
And best of all – it is completely
free!

Tour starts at 9:30 am, we should be there by 9:15 am to check in, and finishes at 2:30 pm, so the tour is five hours long with 5 stops if I recall that correctly.

Wear appropriate clothing for the weather.

Bring bug spray and sunscreen with you – good idea.

Bring water, lunch, and a small snack with you.

There is an “outhouse” at each stop (I believe it is 5) but none on the bus. The longest drive is 45 minutes so hopefully we will all be OK.

The bus holds 42 so please get in touch with me early to assure your spot. There is another group coming with us so we have booked for 40.

We will meet at the CRD parking lot, 2955 Sooke Lake Rd, near Goldstream Park. There will be signs on the road and people to assist us at the meeting place. Our cars will be locked up so they will be safe while we are gone.

Please contact me prior to April 26th or after May 16th and before May 31st if you wish to be on the tour. I will be in England April 27 to May 16 so I will be unable to deal with recording people during that time.

I am the contact person so please do not contact CRD regarding this tour. It is up to me to supply them with all the rele-

vant information that they will require and this ensures our group’s integrity.

There are three attachments above with information and I encourage you to read them.

If you want any further information, more can be found on the website www.crd.bc.ca/service/public-tours/watershed-tours

And last of all, if you want to know anything else, just email me and I will do my best.

Many of us have been waiting for this tour for ages it seems, so I am glad that we at last have the information that we need. I have been told by others that have been on this tour that it is so interesting and they loved it so I am looking forward to it.

So – reminder, please contact me as soon as you can to register because there has been a lot of interest and I don’t want you to miss out. Once I have the 42 names that we are allowed, I will take a wait list and if there are any cancellations, the wait listed persons will be contacted.

Cheers, Betty.

For England and St. George

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Her patronages and charities cover a wide range of issues, from opportunities for young people, to the preservation of wildlife and the environment.

Having Her Majesty as Royal patron or president provides vital publicity for the work of these organisations, and allows their enormous achievements and contributions to society to be recognised.

Her Majesty supports and encourages achievement in all walks of life through the annual programme of Investitures (at which she presents members of the general public with their honours), Garden Parties, receptions and other awards given in her name, which allow her to say ‘thank you’ to all those who have contributed to the life of the nation and the Commonwealth.

<https://www.royal.uk/her-majesty-the-queen>
(Note: spelling differences are from the U.K. page)

Morris Dancers On Vancouver Island

Morris dance, that mildly mystical form of folk dance from old Blighty thrives on this edge of the continent. Not so inexplicably, as Victoria has been described by some as more English than England.

Victoria is home to three sides
Hollytree Morris, Canada's oldest side, is "mixed" (both genders) team dancing in the Cotswold style. They have an early history, the first decade 1974-1984, now posted on-line. Practice is weekly, 250.475.1706

Island Thyme Morris a women's side, dances primarily Garland and Northwest. "Pacific North West" we've been told They're not above attempting the dreaded Stick and Bucket Dance, and continue the "Mirkmuir Tradition" as well.

Quicksbottom Morris, once the Men's Side of ITM (has continued in the Welsh Border style of Morris and, after becoming a standalone side (2005) also became a mixed team (men & women.)

Drumbeggar Border Morris of Gabriola Island, another mixed Border side, first danced out in the spring of 2012. A few members are former stalwarts of the Morris & folk song scene in Vancouver and great friends of the other Island sides

Wassailing

Wassail - Waes Hael - "be of good health". Olde English tradition of wassailing, dating back to the 1500s, is -- a seasonal greeting; a ceremony in or at "big houses" (those of the well to do) involving visiting by Wassailers travelling door to door; a ceremony to wake fruit trees from their winter slumber and scare away evil spirits, ensuring a good harvest.

<http://vecds.bc.ca/island.dance/morris.html>

A DOCTORS ADVICE

My Doctor told me I should get out and walk more to loose some weight. When I told my son he sent me this email

The Importance of walking

Walking can add minutes to your life.
This enables you at 85 years old
To spend an additional 5 months in a nursing
Home at \$6,000 per month.

My grandpa started walking
Five miles a day when he was 60.
Now he's 97 years old
And we have no idea where the hell he is.

I like long walks,
Especially when they are taken
By people who annoy me.

The only reason I would take up walking
Is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I have to walk early in the morning,
Before my brain figures out what I'm doing...

Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise',
I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

I do have flabby thighs,
But fortunately my stomach covers them.

The advantage of exercising every day
Is so when you die, they'll say,
'Well, he looks good doesn't he.'

If you are going to try cross-country skiing,
Start with a small country.

I know I got a lot of exercise
The last few years,.....
Just getting over the hill.

We all get heavier as we get older,
Because there's a lot more information in our
heads.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Every time I start thinking too much
About how I look,
I just find a pub with a Happy Hour
And by the time I leave, I look just fine