



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"

WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?

As anyone that knows me knows, that if you want my opinion, I will give it to you. And even if you don't want my opinion, I will still give it to you. Also, anyone that knows me I am aggressive in all my undertakings.

Last year I undertook a project called "the British Invasion", and this year to be named "Welcome to the British Isles". The reasons for the projects were that I am proud of my British Heritage, Culture and Traditions. I also loved British food products so much that I opened several British stores twenty years ago.

My question is that I know the British are proud of their Heritage but appear unwilling to show it publicly. The Scottish Society have their Burn's Suppers and have a Scottish Cultural Center where several events take place. The Welsh Society have their St. David's celebrations and other events in the Welsh "Cambrian" Hall. The Irish of course celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Celtic Fest and a St. Patrick's Parade. The Greeks have Greek days, the Italians, a street festival, the Germans have October Beer Fest, so do many other countries celebrate their heritage with some kind of event or social occasion. The English hold no celebrations for St. George's Day or any other English or British occasion, WHY?

The British contribution to the Canadian way of life as well as to Provincial and City

"Dragon Fire"



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names and landmarks are over whelming. British Columbia, Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster, Stanley Park, just to name a few.

The purpose of this editorial is prompted by two items on the cover page of The Royal Society of Saint George, United Kingdom's web page.

Flying the flag

The St George's Cross flag has been the national flag of England since the 1300's and the Society campaigns for it to be flown prominently around the country.

In recent years it has been great to see the flag flying at major sporting events, but Society members want to see it more widely in everyday life – flying from public buildings, churches, educational establishments and even private residences. It happens in many countries around the world, so why not in England or Canada?

Celebrate St George's Day

England's neighbours celebrate their national days with fervour – at home, around the world, and among their communities living in England. So why is St George's Day – April 23rd – such a low-key event?

One of the Society's (The Royal Society of St. George) long-running campaigns is to have St. George's Day declared a public holiday and to encourage celebrations to be held in every village, town and city in the country.

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

Editorial comment by:
Steve McVittie
Past President
The Royal Society of St.
George.



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RSSG-BC Membership, 5639 Dunbar St,
Vancouver, BC V6N 1W5

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July 1st. Till dec 31st. 2019

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

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

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[https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/
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**The Royal Society of St. George,
United Kingdom**

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

British Isles

Meet and Greet Luncheon

Takes great pleasure in inviting you
to join with us



A Classic British Luncheon

11:00 a.m.

Saturday June 29th.

Hadi's Restaurant

7621 Vantage Way, Delta, BC V4G 1A6

“Welcome to the British Isles”

Our membership in the “Welcome
to the British Isles” meet up groups consist
of people from England, North Ireland,
Scotland, Wales, Isle of Man, Cornwall
and the Republic of Ireland (Eire) who are
proud of their relationship to the British
Isles. Here is your chance to meet others
and share your interests in the History,
Heritage, Traditions, Customs and the
foods of the British Isles.

Confirmation is required as space is
limited Contact Steve @
britishknight1942@gmail.com to
reserve your seat or reserve on line:

Welcome to the British Isles Wine and Dine Meet up Group;

[https://www.meetup.com/St-Georges-
British-Wine-and-Dine-Meet-up-Club-Group/](https://www.meetup.com/St-Georges-British-Wine-and-Dine-Meet-up-Club-Group/)

RSSG Vancouver Mid-Island's Monthly Lunch

Saturday, June 29, 2019
12:00 PM

The British Bobby
3-1209 East Highland Highway
Parksville, BC

Hosted by Julian Mattock
250-667-2540



“England for St. George 125 Years and Still Going Strong”

So it is that St. George’s Day has come and gone, but his year its has specializing meaning. For 125 years this organization has supported England and Englishness, and real all things British. Any organization which can claim William Shakespeare, Sir Winston Churchill, and the Duke of Wellington as its hero has got to have something going for it. In literature, characters such as Hamlet, Sherlock Holmes, Bertie Wooster and Mr. Darcie, to name but three come from the pet of people in our pantheon. Stamps, another great passion of mine, were first applied to envelopes in Great Britain in May of 1840. The Commonwealth, also something we hold near and dear to our hearts, is the successor to what was termed on the World’s first Christmas Stamp “...a vaster Empire than has ever been!”. From Afternoon Tea to Fish and Chips to Roast Beef and Trifle, British food (although not necessarily cuisine!) has been enjoyed the world over. All things British, even Morris Dancing, are part of our rich Island story, and all are things we study, revere, share and celebrate!

Much has changed in the last 125 years. The Empire is the Commonwealth, and Britain transformed from the World’s greatest mercantile power to member of the EU and could well now transition into a new vista as part of CANZUK or some other post-EU structure (or not!). British identity has changed. The face of Britain has changed—quite literally! But this organization, its values the British values of fair play, democracy, respect, politeness, love of Queen, Commonwealth and country have not!

I invite you to celebrate our first 125 years and to look forward to our next 125—both in this city and throughout the world.

Please join with me in giving Three cheers for our Patron HM The Queen!

Please also stand up and take a bow, yourselves—for you as the RSSG have earned it for these past 125 years. I look forward to seeing you out at some of our events in this celebratory years.

England For St. George! Happy 125—and here’s to the next 125!

Shawn M. Wade, CD., LL.M
President

Take home a Souvenir of RSSG 125

We have produced a limited Edition RSSG 125 Cover to mark this special event. These hand produced covers, numbered in Gold ink, are available from our President Shawn Wade for \$5.00 per cover. The proceeds will go back to the branch to further its work. If you would like one please contact Shawn.



The Royal Society of St George – founded in 1894

For more than 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

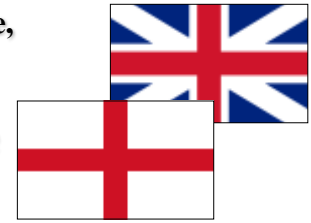
Queen Victoria was the Society’s first Royal Patron and we have since enjoyed the Patronage of every reigning monarch. In 1963 the Queen bestowed a notable honour by granting the Society its own Royal Charter.

“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 TBA



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





RSSG Vancouver Mid-Island's Monthly Lunch

**Saturday, July 27th, 2019
12:00 PM**

**Lantzville Pub
For further information contact:
Hosted by Julian Mattock
250-667-2540**

Our British Heritage, Culture and Traditions reflect and shape values, beliefs, and aspirations, thereby defining a nation and people's national identity.

It is important to preserve our heritage, culture and traditions because it keeps our integrity and pride as a people.

Fri. July 12th.

Grab a munchy and a pint and share your connection to the British Isles.



We look forward to seeing you at the pub.

5:00 p.m. Happy Hour

**CARLOS O'BRYAN'S
1774 West 7th,
Vancouver, B.C.**

The British Isles Wine and Dine Meet up Group;

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

The Royal Society of St. George Main Meet Up Page

www.meetup.com/Royal-Society-of-St-George-meet-up/

Do You Like To Dance?



Gleneagles Scottish Country (Social)
Dance classes begin Mon 9 Sept with a Welcome Night for beginner/intermediate levels; experienced dancers Wed. 11 Sept. See www.rscdsglneagles.org for details.

We invite you to the
**56th Annual Gleneagles Ball
Sunday December 8th, 2019**
at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver (tickets/details in Sept). To be contacted about classes or Ball, email Gillian, muirnet@shaw.ca.

125th.

Anniversary Celebrations

British Heritage, Traditions and Customs

“The Royal Society of St. George’s role is now primarily educational, promoting the common cultural heritage of British people throughout the world.

The Society now focuses its work on the younger generations of English and kindred people whose most valuable inheritance is our British Heritage, our Traditions, History, Customs and Culture.”

“A people without knowledge of their past, origin and culture is like a tree with no roots.”

“I am British not because I was born in Britain, but because my British Heritage was born in me.”





125th Anniversary of the R.S.S.G. Church Parade

“For England and St. George—The RSSG 125th Anniversary (and Counting) Church Parade



On April 28th 2019, in celebration of our 125th anniversary, the Branch staged a Church Parade at All Saints Anglican Church in Burnaby. We were joined by members of the Order of St. George with their Medals, The Officers' of the Honourable Guard, resplendent in their full dress Scarlet Tunics (while many of us were also splendidly attired for the occasion), who carried the flags into and out of the Church and added a touch of ceremonial flourish. There were also members of the Royal Commonwealth Society, Mainland of British Columbia Branch, and The Monarchist League on hand as well.

The Service and Hymns had a St. Georgian aspect to them, and the Deacon of All Saints, Captain The Reverend Gordon Barrett M.Div., explained St. George's significance as. The Patron Saint of Soldiers to the congregation.

After the service the congregation and guests repaired to the church basement and I had the honour to thank our Vicar Justin Cheng and Captain the Reverend Barrett and the congregation for the use of their lovely church. I also gave some remarks on St. George, St. George's Day and our RSSG's 125th and its next 125 years in British Columbia. We sang God Save the Queen and than my Assistant handed me

his sword and I cut the special cake prepared for out 125th! It was a great day of fellowship, friendship, fraternity, theology and food!

We very much enjoyed our visit to All Saints Church and look forward to making the an annual event. England for St. George—Happy RSSG 125th!

By Shawn M. Wade

1894

March 1 – The Local Government Act (coming into effect December 1894–January 1895) reforms local government in Britain, creating a system of urban and rural districts with elected councils, with elected parish councils in rural areas, and gives women, irrespective of marital status, the right to vote and stand in local (but not national) elections.

April 16 – Manchester City Football Club is formed in England.

April 23 (St. George's Day) – Howard Ruff founds the Royal Society of St George, to foster the love of England and to strengthen England and the Commonwealth, by spreading the knowledge of English history, traditions and ideals.

May 14 Blackpool Tower is opened in Blackpool, England, as a visitor attraction.

May 21 – The Manchester Ship Canal and Docks are opened by Queen Victoria, linking the previously landlocked English industrial city of Manchester to the Irish Sea.

June 30 – The Tower Bridge in London opens for traffic.

July 16 – The United Kingdom and Japan sign the Anglo-Japanese Treaty, as the U.K. becomes the first of the Western nations to agree to give up its extraterritorial rights in Japan.

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WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE BRITISH DISH?

What follows is a partial list of Britain's favourite meals. In doing research, web sites vary as to what is the most popular and which should be included and which should be omitted. I put it to you, make your list and forward a copy to the editor c/o

RSSG-BC Editor,
5639 Dunbar St,

Vancouver, BC V6N 1W5.

I will do a break down of results and report the findings of our membership in the next "Dragon Fire"



**Roast Beef and
Yorkshire Pudding**

**British Fish and
Chips**



**A Full English
Breakfast**

**Traditional Cornish
Pasty**



Bacon Butty

Bangers & Mash



Beans on Toast



British Beef Stew



Steak & Kidney



Or any of these other favourites:

Cottage Pie or Shepherd's Pie

Sausage Rolls

Toad in a Hole

Ploughman's Lunch

Pork Pie

Afternoon Tea & Scones

Rhubarb Crumble

Bread and Butter Pudding

DID I MISS YOUR FAVOURITE?????

DO YOU STILL USE THE BRITISH WORDS?

AMERICANIZED

BRITISH

Apartment	Flat
Gas	Petrol
Trash Can	Dustbin
Rest room	Toilet / Loo
Check	Bill
Elevator	Lift
Soccer	Football
Glasses	Specs or Spectacles
Cookies	Biscuits
Store	Shop
Flashlight	Torch
Flat tire	Tire puncture
Truck	Lorry
Mailbox / Mail	Postbox / Post
Candy	Sweets
Chips	Crisps
Closet	Wardrobe
Drug Store	Chemist
Vest	Waist Coat
Hood	Bonnet
Trunk	Boot
Highway	Motorway
What others do you still use?????	