



The Royal Society of St George

# The Royal Society Of St. George

British Columbia Branch

Patron: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

"Representing the English Community  
in British Columbia, Canada"

## THANK YOU !!!

### Greetings:

We are now into the warm days of summer. We look forward to getting out of the house more often and enjoying the fellowship of others. The Royal Society of St. George like many other organizations are going through some challenges for new members. Age, health and death takes its toll. We are fortunate that we have a few members that are making major contributions above and beyond their regular membership who we rely heavily upon for programs and leadership.

They are featured in this special edition of the Vancouver Island groups. Vancouver Island members are turning out to lunches in good numbers and the Organizers are to be congratulated. Please make an effort to attend the RSSG events and take time to show your appreciation.

Editor  
Steve McVittie  
Past President  
The Royal Society of St.  
George.



# "Dragon Fire"



## Special Summer Feature 2019



Do you know these members?

## The South Vancouver Island Group of the Royal Society of St. George

will be meeting for lunch on

**Saturday, July 20th.**

in the lovely private dining room of the  
Gorge Vale Golf Club, corner of Tillicum  
and Craigflower Rd., from

**1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.**

The lunch is not fixed, we will be ordering off of the dining room menu and paying individually. 15% gratuity and approximately \$2.00 towards the room rental will be added to each person's bill. This is still less expensive for us than having a fixed menu. Please let Betty know that you are planning to attend by emailing: [Betty.Hubbard@outlook.com](mailto:Betty.Hubbard@outlook.com)

**Thursday, August 15th.**

Lunch in the Private Dining room at Berwick Royal Oak, 4680 Elk Lake Dr (next to Howard Johnson just past the Commonwealth Pool), noon – 2:00 pm. We are limited to 24 so it will be first come, first serve basis. Please let Betty know if you are planning to attend by email: [Betty.Hubbard@outlook.com](mailto:Betty.Hubbard@outlook.com) Please be aware that parking there is limited so it is a good idea to carpool.

## 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 -  
Maureen Templeton - Membership  
Chairperson  
Dan Brown - Communications  
Secretary  
Denise Dewan - Communications

### Membership Renewal Dues for 2019 are past due (\$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

### NEW MEMBER SPECIAL \$15.00

July 1st. Till dec 31st. 2019

## Meet-Up Pub Night

Friday July 12th.  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Your opportunity to meet and  
socialize with others from the  
British Isles

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



## RSSG Vancouver Mid-Island's Monthly Lunch

Saturday, July 27th,  
12:00 PM

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

## RSSG Vancouver Mid-Island's Monthly Lunch

AUGUST 31st.

For times and locations contact:  
Hosted by Julian Mattock  
250-667-2540



## English Pub Night

Friday August 9th.  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

# THE NEWS Victoria, South Vancouver Island

June 29, 2019, the South Vancouver Island group of the Royal Society of St. George met for Brunch at Four Mile Restaurant, 199 Island Highway, where we filled their private dining room to overflowing – three of our group settled on the patio just outside our dining room door. The ambience of this very old pub is just great with gorgeous gardens and lovely stained glass windows. There were thirty of us in attendance, five newcomers, eighteen members and seven friends. We had seven tables and everyone was chatting up a storm – it was quite wonderful to see (and hear). The very talented Wendy Halliday, composed and read a poem about the Burning of Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre in London on June 29, 1613, for our “This Day in History” presentation. It is attached and I am sure everyone will enjoy her rendition of this profound accident so many years ago.

Our next meeting is on **Saturday, July 20th**, at the Gorge Vale Golf Club. A naval friend of our group will be presenting the sinking of the Mary Rose for our “This Day in History”.

Our **August 15th**. meeting will be at Berwick Royal Oak, a lovely retirement residence at 4680 Elk Lake Road. This Day in History is still to be announced.

Our **September** plan is for a Darts/Pint/Dinner night at the James Bay Inn, 270 Government St.

We are enjoying each others company and truly look forward to these monthly meetings.

Cheers, Betty.

Betty Hubbard  
Director, South Vancouver Island  
The Royal Society of St. George

Note: this day in history will be published in the next issue.



**Brunch on June 29 at the Four Mile Restaurant in View Royal.**



## Betty Hubbard

Betty became the Director, recently changed to Organizer, of the South Vancouver Island group of the Royal Society of St. George. By default! About eight years ago, Dan Brown had approached my husband, Michael, to take on the role, and Michael agreed, but not until he retired. Shortly thereafter Michael was diagnosed with cancer and he passed away eighteen months later after which Dan lobbied me to take on the job. Three years later I accepted the challenge and I am happy to say that I enjoy every minute of it.

I am Canadian by birth but British to my bones, being ¼ English, ¼ Irish and ½ Scottish by heredity, of which I am immensely proud. Born in Manitoba, I moved to Vancouver in 1948, After completing high school, I went to work for the Vancouver Sun and stayed there for fifteen years. Each year the company staged a Christmas Party and it was there that I met Michael, less than one year after he left England from his home in Wiltshire. We married a year later in Toronto. His only condition that came with the proposal was “that he had left England to see the world and I would have to be OK with a lot of travelling”. And that was fine with me. Michael would find a job somewhere and off we would go. My career in Computer Science got waylaid forever. We lived in Newfoundland, four different areas of Ontario, two areas of Quebec, two areas of Alberta, three areas of BC; Cairo, Egypt; Holderbank, Switzerland; Sulawesi, Indonesia; Port of Spain, Trinidad, and two areas of Brunei (on the Island of Borneo in SE Asia). While at any of these locations we concentrated on taking our holidays from Michaels work to areas in close proximity to where we were living, consequently we saw a lot of the world.

We came to Victoria in 2000 and here we stayed with Michael working at CFB

Esquimalt for Defense Construction Canada and me mainly playing bridge and looking after the house. Michael retired in 2008 when we moved into a townhouse in Esquimalt and where I still reside.

Although I did not work in most of the overseas countries where we lived I did become very active with both the UK and Canadian Women’s clubs. I did however work in Brunei for a rental real estate company for awhile and lastly I was the Executive and Consular Assistant to Canada’s first High Commissioner to Brunei. Over the years I have had a variety of different jobs but none was more satisfying or more fun than the volunteer one I now have with the Royal Society of St. George.

## THANK YOU

It is with much gratitude to our long time member **Diana Broughton** of Mill Bay, for her kind generosity in donating many of her St. George flags, two framed pictures of Queen Elizabeth II, and even a slayed dragon, to the South Island group of the Royal Society of St. George. Two of our members gladly took charge of those pictures.

Diana started the British Canadian club in the Mill Bay area with a friend in March of 1988 and at one time had over seventy members. The years went by and things began to slide until eventually the club was shut down. But Diana assures us that they did have some great times over the years. Her declining health is the factor for her absence from our meetups each month. We do hope that Diana’s health improves and will be able to join us sometime in the future.

Thank you Diana for your kindness in donating all of those “treasures” to South Vancouver Island Royal Society of St. George. Most sincerely meant by all of us. Betty Hubbard.

## BRITISH ISLES FLAG CAMPAIGN



**Do you own a Flag of Britain,  
England, Scotland, Ireland,  
Wales or Republic of Ireland?  
Get your flags out and show  
your colors.**

## THANK YOU

We, the Vancouver Island Group of the Royal Society of St. George, wish to thank, **Mr. Ken Hanson**, for his generous gift of a 6'x3' flag of St. George on his stead, lance in hand flying the flag of St. George, and England proudly displayed across the bottom of the flag. Mr. Hanson is a recent attendee of our group, joining us for Brunch on June 29th. He will be composing and presenting "This Day in History" being the sinking of the Mary Rose, at our Lunch on July 20th at the Gorge Vale Golf Club. As a naval history buff, there could be no-one better to tell us of this tragedy. We are very grateful for Mr. Hanson's contribution to our group. Thank you Ken from Betty Hubbard and all of our group.

## Our History and Our Heritage

The British are very much a part of British Columbia. The Province, cities and towns all bear a British Isles connection.

### TRIVIA

these are the towns and cities in B.C. named after locations in the U.K.

Abbotsford  
Ashcroft  
Barnet  
Barnston  
Boston Bar  
Brentwood  
Colwood  
Crofton  
Cumberland  
Derby  
Enderby  
Fort Nelson  
Grantham  
Jesmond  
Kimberley  
Langdale  
Langford  
Langley  
Lytton

Nelson  
New Brighton  
New Denver  
New Westminster  
Rayleigh  
Revelstoke  
Revelstoke Lake  
Richmond  
Rosedale  
Royston  
Silverdale  
Surrey  
New Westminster  
Victoria

For the record these are only in B.C. Ontario and other Provinces have much more. Also this list does not include towns, cities, streets or avenues named after British people.

## Vancouver Morris Men



Fine purveyors of Traditional English Folk Dance, Theatre, & Song since 1982. The Morris is a form of English folk dance based on rhythmic stepping and the execution of choreographed figures by a group of dancers.

Unlike most folk dance, the Morris is not a social dance: it is not a form of social interaction between the genders for their personal pleasure. In this sense, the Morris is probably better described as a ceremonial, or ritual, dance.

The Vancouver Morris Men are very supportive of the English and Celtic organizations when we need entertainment.

They have invited us to attend some of their street performances. Check out their web page for dates and locations.

[www.vancouvermorrismen.org](http://www.vancouvermorrismen.org)

## The 2019 Deighton Cup



Grab your fascinator and silk bow tie because Vancouver's most stylish day of

horse racing is returning for its 11th year.

On July 20, Hastings Racecourse is hosting the Deighton Cup, for another rousing day of sharp fashion and derby fanfare.

The fan favourite event is so much more than racing. This day at the races for a younger generation is a mashup of cocktails, music art and style.

Prepare to be surrounded by the "city's finest for an afternoon of big hats, bow ties, bubbles, and adrenaline-pumping horse racing."

<http://deightoncup.com/>

Contact Shawn:  
[shawnwade@hotmail.com](mailto:shawnwade@hotmail.com)



## Julian Mattock

What can I say?  
I originally moved away from Taunton Somerset where I had lived most of my life

working for a variety of different insurance companies, starting off as an agent with the Pearl Assurance.

In 1997 the opportunity to work overseas came up. I thought “why not” so applied and was accepted, packed my suitcase and boarded a plane for Riyadh in Saudi Arabia. And wow! Did my life change, even more than I could imagine. I left there after 4 years, on a plane bound for London complete with an amazing new wife Lylia and we spent a couple of years living near Bath.

Society. Retirement came in 2008 with a move to the coast and away from Edmonton’s winters. I soon connected with the Royal Society of St George Vancouver group and a couple of started arranging monthly lunches in Nanaimo and Parksville.

These are still going strongly with a stalwart group of around 12 to 15 members meeting regularly on the last Saturday of each month.

**Our next lunch is arranged for 12.00 o'clock on the 27th July at the Lantzville Pub**

Do you like to eat? Do you like to drink?  
Would you like to socialize with others that have a connection to the British Isles?



**SIGN UP AND ATTEND**  
one of the pub nights or other events held by the  
**“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/>

What’s your favourite British meal?  
I love a FULL British Isles Breakfast.



- \* Black pudding
- \* White Pudding
- \* Fried eggs
- \* Fried toast
- \* Fried Mushrooms
- \* Baby tomatoes
- \* Sausages
- \* British beans (a must)
- \* Hash Browns

A full English breakfast or an Irish fry-up is common when you are back in the British Isles. It is time to bring back memories of home and treat yourself to a full English breakfast this Sunday.





## **Dan Brown, Past President**

Dan was born in wartime Canada in New Westminster to a lumberman and a former teacher. His Dad was an English expat from Stoke-on-Trent; his Mom was a fifth generation Canadian of English and Scottish descent. As a second generation fellow, he grew up when British Columbia was staunchly British. After moving to Victoria, where English accents were legion and all of his six close friends had English fathers, Dan then joined the navy which was a smaller version of the Royal Navy and had distinguished itself in the Battle of the Atlantic.

Being a numbers guy and a people guy, and also an only child who did a lot of thinking, a career as a research professor of education became Dan's chosen field, starting at the University of Chicago and ending at the University of British Columbia. His main research focus was on parental and student choice of schools, a subject which was contrary to prevailing theory and led to many academic battles which he enjoyed.

Before he retired, Dan's own heritage became ever more important to him. He discovered our RSSG where he found delightful English people and the opportunity to have fun socializing with them. That led to a presidency of ten years (gasp) and a series of ventures to attract members. Today, he is happy to stay in contact with the RSSG's flock by jamming their inboxes with announcements to provoke their interest in English gatherings. Dan has been married to Marnie (who liked his naval uniform) for 52 years and has two grown children, Trevor and Leanne, and two grandchildren, Sir Teigan and Lady Jane. For England and St. George

## **Bard on the Beach**



**Sunday August 18th  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

BMO Theatre Centre  
162 West 1st. Ave.  
Vancouver B.C.

**THE TAMING OF THE SHREW**  
The 2007 'spaghetti western' version of The Taming of the Shrew – one of Bard's most beloved productions – is the inspiration behind this hilarious Wild-West love story, where two fierce kindred spirits finally meet their match in each other. Petruchio, the sharpest-shooting cowboy in the West meets Kate, the prickliest gal in Padua, 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.

Bard on the beach and picnic 2019  
Taming of the Shrew Aug 18, 2019  
Matinee shows 2pm  
We need a minimum of 10 in our group to get reduced rate  
For further information contact Jayne Boyer [nottinghammaid@gmail.com](mailto:nottinghammaid@gmail.com);

Many European and Asian countries hold numerous festivals here in Canada to celebrate their heritage and culture. It is time that the countries that make up Great Britain have celebrations and events here in B.C. ANY IDEAS or SUGGESTIONS???

Email me at:  
[britishknight1942@gmail.com](mailto:britishknight1942@gmail.com)

# What is the difference between UK, Great Britain and the British Isles?

One of the most common mistakes people make when talking about geography in this country is to confuse the UK with Great Britain or the British Isles – a cardinal sin in the eyes of any true geographer! So let's clear this up once and for all...

## The United Kingdom

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (to give its full name) refers to the political union between England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The UK is a sovereign state, but the nations that make it up are also countries in their own right.

From 1801 to 1922 the UK also included all of Ireland.

The Channel Islands and Isle of Man are not part of the UK, but are Crown Dependencies.

## Great Britain

Great Britain is the official collective name of of England, Scotland and Wales and their associated islands. It does not include Northern Ireland and therefore should never be used interchangeably with 'UK' – something you see all too often.

Here at Ordnance Survey, we're responsible for mapping Great Britain,

## British Isles

This is purely a geographical term – it refers to the islands of Great Britain and Ireland – including the Republic of Ireland – and the 5000 or so smaller islands scattered around our coasts.

Remember this only refers to geography, not nationality, and while the Republic of Ireland is part of the British

Isles, its people are not British – a very important distinction.



[www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/blog/2011/08/whats-the-difference-between-uk-britain-and-british-isles/](http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/blog/2011/08/whats-the-difference-between-uk-britain-and-british-isles/)

## British

I like many that have a British Heritage but was not born in the U.K. use the word British to cover a lot of ground. Cambridge dictionary defines British to mean:

- 1.) belonging to the United Kingdom or Great Britain and Northern Ireland or its people or language.
- 2.) of the British Commonwealth or (formerly) the British Empire.
- 3.) The British people, heritage, culture and traditions from Great Britain.

For the record and not to offend anyone, those from Scotland like to be called Scottish, those from Ireland like to be called Irish, those from Wales like to be called Welsh, those from Cornwall like to be called Cornish. And even many from England would prefer to be called English.

## THE CELTIC NATIONS

are Brittany (Breizh), Cornwall (Kernow), Wales (Cymru), Scotland (Alba), Ireland (Éire) and the Isle of Man (Mannin or Ellan Vannin)  
Galicia: the unknown 7th Celtic nation

# “Welcome to the British Isles”



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British Columbia Branch



Watch This Space For  
Date and Location  
Spring 2020



## Featuring the British Isles



The English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh,  
Manx and Cornish  
will be celebrating their History,  
Customs and Heritage



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



### English Afternoon Tea (Need to choose a date and location)

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday September 7 or  
\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Sept 21....

and which is preferred location ....

- 1.) The Royal Crown Castle Restaurant in New Westminster (site of the old penitentiary) \$35.00 / person or
- 2.) Riversprings Rec Centre in Coquitlam ..\$25.00 / person

Email your preference to Jayne  
Deadline for feedback is August 3rd  
2019 ....entry by advance ticket  
purchase only.

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Web Page

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The Royal Society of St.  
George,  
United Kingdom  
<http://rssg.org.uk/>

## The British Connection

There are many Historic sites and landmarks, buildings, streets and other points of interest that have a connection to the British Isles that we forget that even though it is in Canada it is still part of our British Heritage.

The following are names that have a connection to England, Scotland, Ireland or Wales by an immigrant to Canada who was proud of their British Isles Heritage.

- 1.) British Columbia, (Colony of British Columbia founded by Richard Clement Moody, The province's name was chosen by Queen Victoria in 1858)
- 2.) City of Vancouver (The city takes its name from Captain George Vancouver, who explored the inner harbour of Burrard Inlet in 1792 and gave various places British names.)
- 3.) City of Victoria (named for Queen Victoria)
- 4.) New Westminster (original capital of British Columbia, founded by His Excellency, Major-General The Honourable Richard Clement Moody)
- 5.) City of Burnaby (Robert Burnaby was an English merchant, politician and civil servant in British Columbia, where he served as Private Secretary to Richard Clement Moody,
- 6.) Port Moody (Richard Clement Moody, British Royal Engineer)
- 7.) The Empress Hotel (designed by Sir Frances Rattenbury),
- 8.) The Lions' Gate Bridge, British Properties (the Guinness family. King George VI and Queen Elizabeth officiated the opening on May 29, 1939.)
- 9.) Craigdarroch Castle (Built by coal baron Robert Dunsmuir during the reign of Queen Victoria and now a National Historic Site)
- 10.) Surrey, B.C. (Englishman H.J. Brewer named for his native County of Surrey in England.)
- 11.) Stanley Park (Lord Frederick Arthur Stanley, 16th Earl of Derby)

12.) Gastown ("Gassy Jack", was a Canadian bar owner who was born in Hull, England.)

13.) Granville Street (Malcolm Alexander MacLean, Vancouver's first mayor spoke Gaelic like a Highlander. He was born in Tyree, Argyllshire on Scotland's west coast, in 1844

14.) Brockton Point and lighthouse (designed by Thomas Hayton Mawson, born in Nether Wyresdale, Lancashire)

15.) Lost Lagoon and Jubilee Fountain (Lagoon designed by Thomas Hayton Mawson.)

16.) Sir Cecil Green House at UBC, (Cecil Howard Green, Born in Whitefield, England)

17.) Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria (The Hudson's Bay Company hired Robert John Staines, graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge to teach the children and conduct services)

18.) Lord Stanley Statue – Sculpture of Lord Stanley by Sydney March was an English sculptor.)

19.) Robert Burns Memorial, Stanley Park an outdoor memorial and statue of Scottish poet Robert Burns.

20.) Queen Victoria Memorial Fountain Stanley Park, Commemorates Queen Victoria's death.

21.) Edward Stamp Memorial Plaque was an English mariner Born at Alnwick in Northumberland.

22.) King Edward VII – This monarch is commemorated by an oak and plaque.



23.) Queen Elizabeth II – Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is commemorated by a plaque and oak tree.

24.) English Bay, (The name 'English Bay' commemorates the meeting of the British Captain Vancouver and Spanish captains Valdes and Galiano, in 1792.)

25.) Burrard Inlet, (an inlet in Vancouver, named after Sir Harry Burrard-Neale, 2nd Baronet, of Walhampton (1765–1840)

..... With more to come