



**THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF SAINT GEORGE
WATERLOO BRANCH
Autumn 2019 Newsletter**

No sooner do I send out our Summer Newsletter than we are putting together the next one! The older one gets the faster time seems to run. Best we make every moment count, and what better way than to enjoy the company of like-minded people by joining us at one of RSSG events.

We are delighted to welcome our newest Member, Major Hugh Montgomerie from Weybridge. We are now very close to reaching 100 members.

Also since our last Newsletter: -

Tuesday 27th August



On a warm evening a full complement of 12 visited 6 Historic pubs, starting at the Shepherds Tavern, 50 Hertford Street, Mayfair at 6 o'clock, and ending just before 10 o'clock at the Red Lion, Crown Passage, St. James. A most instructive, convivial and enjoyable 4 hours and our grateful thanks go to Jez, a Conservation Accredited Engineer, who gave a short description at each pub. His knowledge and gems kept us enthralled, and the mile we walked between the pubs was hardly noticeable – particularly towards the end!! All 12 of us expressed our gratitude, and Jez agreed to give a talk next year, this time visiting historic City of London pubs, starting with an optional meal beforehand, again limited to a maximum of 12.

Friday 13th September



RSSG Battle of Britain Luncheon – RAF Club 128 Piccadilly

This delightful occasion was supported by many from our branch, although organised by Head Office.

16th October Battle of Trafalgar Lunch – HMS Nelson, Portsmouth

Although this wonderful luncheon, superbly organised by Bob Smith and Jane Dorrington, was a RSSG Yachting event, 26 of our Waterloo branch Members took the opportunity of the invitation, and were rewarded with an historic luncheon in the magnificent H.M.S. Nelson's Officers' Wardroom.

Many came the night beforehand and quite a few extended the visit by staying afterwards.



For the future:

24th October Murder at the Music Hall, Brick Lane. Matinee (doors open 1.15 for performance starting 2 o'clock, 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

BATTLE OF WATERLOO VISIT 16th JUNE – 19th JUNE



Particularly as we are RSSG Waterloo branch 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 will 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.

We will leave the Duke of Wellington pub (opposite the Union Jack Club) Waterloo after an optional lunch by executive coach on Tuesday 16th June, for the late afternoon ferry to Calais for an overnight stop at the 3* Brit Hotel Calais.

On day 2 we make our way to the Memorial 1815 and Lion's Mound, before making our way to our 3* Novotel Ieper Flanders Fields Hotel in Ypres, where we will spend two nights.

The third day we have the day free to explore Ypres, where there are many Museums and the magnificent St. Martin's Cathedral. After an early dinner (cost not included) we walk the short distance to the Menin Gate for the Last Post ceremony.

On our last day we make our way by coach to Veurne, an old and elegant town, with a unique market square. In contrast to many other towns in the area Veurne was little damaged during the war and still possess a magnificent architectural heritage. We then return to Calais, finally arriving back at our starting point mid evening.

Subject to 30 people travelling Geoff has negotiated the total cost, including a buffet breakfast, of £369 per person sharing a twin or double room, with a £75 Single person supplement and Insurance (if required) of £37.

There is some urgency in booking this trip, in that the Hotels are holding rooms for our party only for a limited period, so please make contact soon, so that we can make a firm booking as soon as possible.

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POOLE – Week-end 4/5/6 September 2020

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 hoping to hold this successful 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. The best room rates have been negotiated and some Members have already booked. The room rates are: Double occupancy = £114.75 per room per night
Single occupancy = £106.25 per room per night
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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