

Dear Member

The gourmet lunch at the Catering College proved to be every bit as good as was promised and set us off in the right spirit for the new decade.

Numbers are disappointing for the lunch at St Peter's on 11<sup>th</sup> February, perhaps because I had not advertised a star attraction. However, I am pleased to say that the Orpheus Foundation have now agreed to attend and Angus Morton will sing for us. He is hugely talented and delight to hear, so please come and listen to him. Gaynor Thurbin, the Outreach Co-ordinator, will introduce him and tell us about the Foundation, to which we donated a £1000 in December.

Our President has introduced me to the Director of the London Handel Festival in order to foster a link with the RSSG and Handel. A list of current concerts is appended at the end of this newsletter. The concerts will be at St George's, Hanover Square, where Handel worshipped. Should you wish to book go to - <https://www.london-handel-festival.com/whats-on/2020-handel-and-the-hanoverians/>

Alan Broomhead

## **BRANCH EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Lunch in St Peter's Church at 119 Eaton Square London SW1W 9A. Cost £50.** St Peter's is a Church of England parish church at the east end of Eaton Square, Belgravia, London. It is a neoclassical building designed by the architect Henry Hakewill with a hexastyle portico with Ionic columns and a clock tower. On 19 October 1991 The Times newspaper wrote "St Peter's must now rank as one of the most beautiful churches in London". It is a Grade II\* listed building. We are trying a new caterer, recommended by Marilyn. Reception at 1230. Book by 7<sup>th</sup> February. Reference **STP**

**MARCH Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> –AGM at 12 noon followed by reception and Buffet Lunch in the Lord Mayor's Parlour at Westminster City Hall, Victoria Street.** Lunch is free but all drinks must be purchased at the cash bar. Book by 5<sup>th</sup> March. Reference **AGM**  
**We are invited to tea and tours at St Andrews Club at 3.30 following the AGM. Tell Annabelle if you wish to come so she can give St Andrews the numbers.**

**APRIL Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – St George's Day Dinner at the Wax Chandlers Hall, 6 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7AD Dinner at 7.30 pm preceded by a reception at 7 pm. The cost of the reception and dinner will be £70. This is a BLACK-TIE EVENT.** Book by 17<sup>th</sup> April March. Reference **WAX**

## **NATIONAL EVENT – \*\*\*CHANGE OF DATE\*\*\***

**APRIL Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> - Annual Wreath Laying at the Cenotaph followed by lunch. The start time for the ceremony is 10.15. Lunch is at 1 pm in the Cellarium in Westminster Abbey following the service at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior.** Book with Head Office.

### **BRANCH EVENT BOOKING**

**All events are to be booked with the Branch Secretary, Annabelle Emney  
12, Park House, Kingswood Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, KENT, TN2 4BP**

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**Cheques should be made payable to RSSG Westminster Branch**

**Electronic Transfers quote surname and event reference and tell Annabelle**

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## **LONDON HANDEL FESTIVAL PROGRAMME**

Friday 20 March - Mr Handel's Scholars, 7.30pm - showcase of past winners from international Handel Singing Competition, Handel favourites. Tickets from £10.

Thursday 2 April - Princely Patronage, 7.30pm (with guided walk before) - featuring Thomas Arne's opera *Alfred* including the famous 'Rule Britannia!'. Tickets from £10.

Friday 3 April - The Elements, 7.30pm - with Southbank Sinfonia, featuring Handel's famous Fireworks music alongside music by other baroque composers. All tickets are £10 unreserved.

Any of the chamber recitals (1pm or 5pm) - hour-long showcase of young talent. All tickets are £10