

Dear Member

Obviously, the national lockdown means that we cannot proceed with our lunch at **Ironmonger's Hall** on **Monday 23rd of this month**. However, the response was most encouraging and the event overbooked, so I will arrange a Monday Lunch Club event there in the New Year. Annabelle will contact you about any cheques you have sent her and I will contact anyone who has paid by bank transfer.

In my last newsletter I said that I had made tentative bookings for

- the AGM on Tuesday 16th March in Westminster City Hall
- a St George's Day Dinner at the Wax Chandlers Hall on Wednesday 21st April

Apart from securing the venues, I have now arranged catering. Please note the dates.

Branch Events

DECEMBER Tuesday 29th - Post Xmas Lunch at the Chesterfield Hotel, 35 Charles Street, Mayfair W1J 5EB. Reception at 1230. Price £40 – reception drinks not included.

Given yesterday's announcements about Covid vaccines I hope restrictions in London will be sufficiently relaxed to enable this event to go ahead as planned.

Charity Donations

We did not hold our normal Council meeting in October, but did agree to make donations to the Royal Hospital Chelsea (£500), the Lord Mayor of Westminster's Charity (£500) and the Sea Cadets (£1000). I have paid the Royal Hospital and the donation was gratefully acknowledged as being particularly helpful in these Covid strained times. I propose to present the cheque for £500 to the Lord Mayor in person at the AGM. I spoke to Commander Nisbet yesterday to check on the Sea Cadet situation. He explained that it could be midsummer before regular voyages resumed on TS Royalist, consequently it would be prudent to delay payment until the programme was announced.

Valete

Susan Ruckes has told us of the demise of a longstanding former member Betty Griffith. This news prompted me to speak to Brenda Sadler who knew her well. Brenda still suffers with her legs but continues to drive, which is a great blessing.

Alan Broomhead

BRANCH EVENT BOOKING

**All events are to be booked with the Branch Secretary, Annabelle Emney
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Cheques should be made payable to RSSG Westminster Branch
Electronic Transfers quote surname and event reference and tell Annabelle**