

## WATERLOO BRANCH

We were proud to see our President on two occasions recently, as Equerry to the Queen. The first was when he stood near to our Monarch for the Trooping of the Colour ceremony, televised at the unusual venue of Windsor Castle quadrangle.

The second, pictured here at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior, in Westminster Abbey, commemorating the lives of those who fought and died for our Country, so that those who were left could live in Peace.



*The Patron of the Royal Society of St. George, Her Majesty the Queen together with the President of the Royal Society of St. George Waterloo Branch, Lieutenant Colonel Nana Kofi Twumasi-Ankrah RVO.*

And what do the letters after his name signify?

The Royal Victorian Order is awarded at the discretion of the Monarch of the United Kingdom and the Dominions (1896–1952), and Commonwealth realms since 1952 .  
It recognises distinguished personal service to the Monarch

Our Chairman, Bob Smith, wrote to TA TA (the name by which he is usually called) congratulating him on being awarded this great honour.

**At Christmas our President wrote “We are coming to the close of a challenging and eventful year, in which we have endured a pandemic and the economic and social fallout of its relentless restrictions. It’s unlike anything many of us have ever faced; however the great British public have stoically carried on despite the hardship, as we have in years gone by. This has shown Europe and the rest of the World how resilient and innovative Britain can be. Our Health Service and Care professionals; scientists; uniformed Services; armies of volunteers and kind hearted citizens have been in the frontline of this battle and performed with distinction.**

**We must remain safe and share these precious moments with those few loved ones we are able to see. In the absence of large gatherings, we should connect to all our people in whichever way possible as a gesture of community and friendship.**

**We look forward to a brighter New Year, with several new vaccination programmes combined with other initiatives that aid us on the long road to recovery, and we all hope for a brighter and more joyful 2021.”**

### **2020 BRANCH SUBSCRIPTIONS**

**As our Members were unable to enjoy any of the activities during 2020 the Committee unanimously decided to waive subscriptions for the year.**

**However the Membership were given the choice of voluntarily paying this year’s subscription, in which case the monies would be donated to “N.H.S. CHARITIES TOGETHER”, again chosen and agreed unanimously by the Committee.**

**The response has been staggering, around £1500, and should our total be matched by the Royal Society of St. George Charitable Trust, the contribution to this well-deserved charity will be no less than £3000.**

### **2021 EVENTS**

**Whilst a full programme of events is waiting to be put into effect, we just have to be patient and stay safe. Patience is a virtue!**