

Dear Member

At last, the green shoots seem to be with us so I look forward to seeing you all again at some or all the events set out below. In the hope that life may assume some normality in July I have rebooked the AGM for 16th July in Westminster City Hall as the first event of our 2021 programme. I have made a confirmed bid for HMS PRESIDENT and we have a confirmed booking at the Chesterfield. I am sure we will have a Trafalgar Day Dinner, but not sure where at the moment. Finally, I am contemplating an open-air function in August. Please put these dates in your diary.

Branch Events

JULY Friday 16th –AGM at 12 noon followed by reception and Lunch in the Lord Mayor’s Parlour at Westminster City Hall, Victoria Street. There will be a traditional three course lunch with wine included and also reception drinks. The Lord Mayor will be our guest. Book by 7th July. Cost £30 which is heavily subsidised to encourage attendance. Reference **AGM**

OCTOBER – 19th or 21st Trafalgar Day Dinner. Two dates are mentioned because the Naval Club has closed and we hope to hold the event at the new home of the old club. However, if this is not possible, we will hold the dinner at the Wax Chandlers Hall.

DECEMBER – Wednesday 8th Christmas Lunch at HMS President subject to availability

DECEMBER Wednesday 29th - Post Xmas Lunch at the Chesterfield Hotel, 35 Charles Street, Mayfair W1J 5EB. Reception at 1230. Price £42 – reception drinks not included. Reference **CHES**

National Events

The latest edition of the Journal indicates the following dates for national events

- Cenotaph Annual Service of Remembrance – Saturday 24th April
- Battle of Britain Lunch at the RAF Club – Friday 17th September

Membership

Subscriptions were due on 2nd January and I am glad to report that most members renewed, making our current tally 192 including 6 honorary members. In following up missing subscriptions two deaths came to light both of which are listed in *Valete*. I have not been able to contact June Cole, Gunter Biermann or Leigh Wakeford, so any news of them will be appreciated. We believe Audrey England has moved back to Paris, and we know that Commander Barrett moved to Australia last year, so it is not surprising that he has not renewed his subscription. Ray Kay and Linda Dwight have resigned, though Linda remains a member of Waterloo Branch.

Valete

Ernest Lea, formerly of the Red Lion, died on 22nd April 2020. Ron Ratcliffe died in April 2020. More recently Doug Suter died on 15th February; he was 96.

Alan Broomhead

BRANCH EVENT BOOKING

**All events are to be booked with the Branch Secretary, Annabelle Emney
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