



ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE WATERLOO BRANCH  
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It was with great sadness and, to some extent, shock, that we learnt of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, so long a part of all our lives. It made me very proud to be British and that so many of the World's Leaders accepted the invitation to attend her Funeral in Westminster Abbey. And what a wonderful, majestic Service it was. No other Country in the world could have performed as our immaculate Servicemen and Women, as well as others, on that very sad, but special day. May Her Majesty rest in Peace. She did her duty honourably until the very end.



There is a time to mourn and a time to dance. It was with joy that I learnt that our President, Lieutenant Colonel Nana Kofi Twumasi-Ankrah MVO (TaTa), and his wife have had a healthy baby Daughter, Ava. Our congratulations go to the proud Mother and Father.

#### PAST RECENT EVENTS

1. As Waterloo branch we had twice tried to organise a visit to commemorate the Battle of Waterloo fought on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1815. This year it was "Third time lucky", although the original party of 16 in 2020 reduced to 5 owing to continuing worries about the increase in the number of cases of Covid. The weather throughout was fine, and the party were the first to climb the 226 steps to the top of Lion's Mound on Wednesday morning, with a wonderful view of the undulating battlefield, and now understand why the Duke of Wellington chose this site to place his troops. The party also visited the fortified Hougoumont Farm travelling by cart and 2 horses. This was pivotal to the outcome of the Battle. To end a memorable historic visit to the Waterloo Hotel, now a Museum, commemorating the Battle, which was the Duke's Headquarters. His original Victory table is still on show.

2. The Roast beef carvery luncheon took place at Butchers Hall, and was, as expected, greatly enjoyed.
3. A visit to the Royal Courts of Justice, with an informative guide, was followed by a walk, in fine weather, to the Old Bailey. Many decided to have lunch at the Viaduct Tavern which was opposite the Old Bailey.
4. A qualified conservationist, Jez, took 17 of us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Historic pub tour, starting from the Coal Hole, Strand at 6 o'clock. Visiting 6 very old pubs around Covent Garden, with information on each, proved to be another very enjoyable evening, lasting just under 4 hours.
5. The Middle Temple visit was guided by a very knowledgeable Lady, whose late Husband had been a Q.C. there. The magnificent Hall survived the Blitz and that was where we were served lunch. Afterwards several visited the Crusader Templar Church close by.



#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1. Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - The re-arranged visit to the Palace of Westminster including both Houses of Parliament. 2 places left. [lesmoakley@hotmail.com](mailto:lesmoakley@hotmail.com)
2. Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Trafalgar Lunch - HMS Nelson, Portsmouth. Contact Bob Smith - [bob.smith@rssg.org.uk](mailto:bob.smith@rssg.org.uk)
3. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Jinglebell Christmas - Brick Lane Music Hall, 28 have booked for this show, which is now fully booked. [lesmoakley@hotmail.com](mailto:lesmoakley@hotmail.com)
4. Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch - Union Jack Club, Waterloo. Contact Bob Smith [bob.smith@rssg.org.uk](mailto:bob.smith@rssg.org.uk)

At our recent Committee meeting we thanked our Events Organiser, Lesley for persevering with all the trouble caused by cancellations and postponements. We all very much appreciate her vital role.

We also agreed that future events must be paid before acceptance of a booking, since many events have to be paid by RSSG up-front. In the first instance please contact the Organiser to

ensure a place and then pay the money, preferably on line, and then on the same day email both the Organiser and our Treasurer Jane – [waterloo.treasurer@rssg.org.uk](mailto:waterloo.treasurer@rssg.org.uk)

Despite a couple of retirements I am pleased to report that our membership is holding up at 93, tantalising short of the 100! Thinking of a Christmas present for someone special? Contact our Membership Secretary Linda for an application form:

- [linda@bowles.ws](mailto:linda@bowles.ws)

I wish to thank all the Members of our branch for the magnificent support you have given over the last few years, including, of course, the hard-working Committee.

Finally, you may recall that we offered to return a year's subscription as no activities had taken place that year due to Covid. As an alternative, almost unanimously, you agreed to donate the money to a worthy cause and there are few worthier causes than GOSH – Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity for Children. The Hospital has chosen a piece of vital equipment. Our donation will help fund essential anaesthetic machines and monitors for the GOSH Neonatal and Paediatric Surgery Department. The specialist teams in this department provide pioneering surgical treatment for children facing some of the toughest conditions imaginable. The typical lifespan of each unit is seven to ten years, but at GOSH they have 24 machines which have been in service for over 24 years. With the machines being old and outdated, maintaining them is becoming increasingly difficult. It is vital that they replace these units and ensure the continuity of their services going forwards. In 19/20 GOSH were fortunate enough to replace five of these critical units, and with our generous support are one step closer to achieving their goal of replacing five more machines. They, and I, thank you for a donation of £1500 from our branch which will be doubled by the Royal Society of St. George Charitable Trust, making a total of £3000. The cheque will be presented shortly and a photograph will appear in our next Newsletter. Thank you again.

My best wishes,

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