



## **ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE WATERLOO BRANCH 2022 WINTER EDITION.**

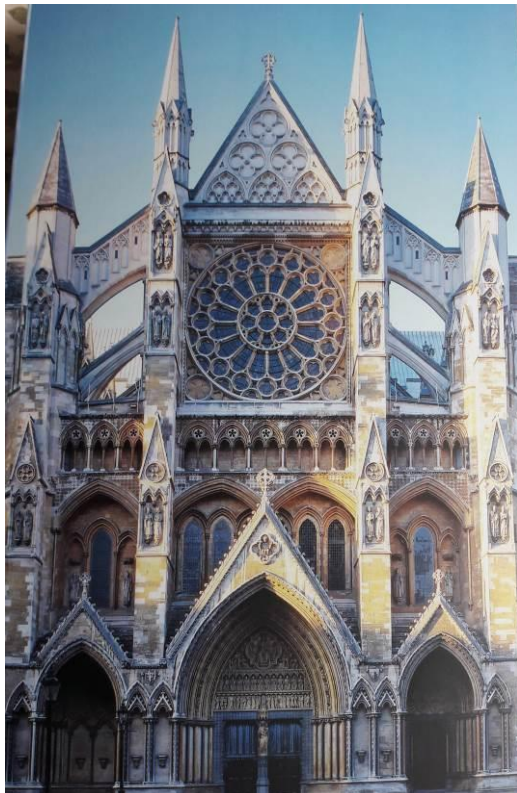
### PAST EVENTS

The Purcell Singers, all former Westminster Abbey choristers, were formed to perform on a monthly basis in the Abbey, after the public had left at the end of the day. Their performances are so popular that there is around a three year waiting list.

Our visit was postponed for a year due to Covid.

However we finally made our way one Saturday evening to the Abbey Cellarium for a meal beforehand. Once fortified, 38 Waterloo Members and Guests were fortunate enough to be wonderfully entertained with superb Church singing and after each piece we were moved to a different location in the Abbey, where one of the singers gave a short history relating to that particular point.

The whole experience was very moving, and we learnt a lot historically and our thanks go to Lesley, our Events Organiser.



Our visit to the Houses of Parliament had, at the very last moment, to be cancelled for “operational” reasons. This meant that, once again, Lesley was faced with notifying Members not to make the journey. Unfortunately for one it was too late, for he was already on his train from Somerset! Sorry Mike.

The good news is that Lesley will endeavour to re-book in the New Year.

One event that is always thoroughly enjoyable did, I am pleased to say, go ahead. Organised superbly by the RSSG Yachting Association (*Ed: Bob, Jane and Stuart*) our Members were invited and the luncheon took place in the land-based Officers’ Mess H.M.S. Nelson.

It is a magnificent venue and we are very fortunate to be able to hold the function there. Between courses Stuart gave an insight into the Battle of Trafalgar, which took place on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1805, at the end of which the Silent Toast (a naval tradition) was given for the life of Admiral Lord Nelson.



Many Members took the opportunity of extending the visit and enjoyed convivial company the day before, for some the day after as well, staying close to Portsmouth Harbour at the Royal Maritime Club.

Saturday 19th November - Jinglebell Christmas - Brick Lane Music Hall. 26, which included 2 new-ish Members, thoroughly enjoyed the show, which included an interval with tea, sandwiches and cakes. Excellent value.

Christmas came early for us.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A reminder that after booking an event and confirmed by the Organiser, payment in full is required to secure the place. Should it be necessary to cancel then money will only be refunded if the ticket is resold.

WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023 – Tour of Foundling Museum, Brunswick Square. There is an optional lunch at North Sea Fish Restaurant, a 6 minute walk away. Contact Lesley for more information and to book: - [lesmoakley@hotmail.com](mailto:lesmoakley@hotmail.com)

Due to a proposed train strike on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 our Christmas luncheon has had to be cancelled. However there will be opportunity of having lunch together after the A.G.M. on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February (see below).

Contact Bob Smith [bob.smith@rssg.org.uk](mailto:bob.smith@rssg.org.uk)

SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023 – English Civil War Society re-enact the procession from St. James's Palace to Horse Guards' parade ground, following the last footsteps of King Charles 1 on 30<sup>th</sup> January 1649. This is a free spectacle, starting at approximately 11.30 and ending, after a short Remembrance Service on Horse Guards, at around 1 o'clock.

Contact [gordon.g.v.williams@btinternet.com](mailto:gordon.g.v.williams@btinternet.com) for further information



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

This will be held at the Civil Service Club, 13-15 Great Scotland Yard, off Northumberland Avenue, London SW1A 2HJ starting at 11 o'clock.

Drinks may be purchased downstairs from 10.30 a.m.

Details will be circulated to Members well in advance of the A.G.M.

There will be an optional lunch from 12.30. Details will be promulgated nearer the time, so no need to apply now.

In the autumn newsletter we mentioned that a donation from our branch to Great Ormond Street Hospital, doubled by the Royal Society of St. George Charitable Trust, totalled £3000. This helped to fund essential anaesthetic machines and monitors for the GOSH Neonatal and Paediatric Surgery Department. The cheque has been presented and the Hospital is very grateful to our Members for the generous donation.

The forthcoming A.G.M. will be my last as your Chairman. I have met some wonderful people over the many years and we have been privileged to visit lots of places, some of which are only available to Societies such as ours. Our branch has gone from strength to strength and currently we have 95 Members, tantalisingly 5 short of 100!!!

I wish the Membership, our hard working Committee and your new Chairman every success for the future.

In sending you my best wishes, echoed by Members of the Committee, I couple that with the hope that you have a very Happy Christmas and a worthwhile 2023.

BOB SMITH

CHAIRMAN