



## The Royal Society of St. George

*The Premier Patriotic Society of England – founded in 1894*

*Incorporated by Royal Charter Patron: HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II*

*Chairman: Nick Dutt*

**Spring Newsletter—April 2023**

### Welcome to our Spring Newsletter

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year, although that seems a long time ago now - and are looking forward to warmer days, now that we have moved into British Summer Time and the longer evenings have arrived.

You will all by now hopefully have received the latest edition of our journal St. George for England. This is a great read and full on interesting articles, as well as details about upcoming events. Many thanks to the team for pulling this together. If you have any information and articles you wish to include in the next Journal, please ensure you get your submissions into the office before 30th June

With St. George's Day and the Coronation fast approaching, I'm certainly looking forward to a number of Society, Branch and other events to commemorate these days and I hope you are too.

As you can see from the upcoming events section, we have a number of things planned for the year at a Society level, in addition to the many events local branches and affiliated organisations organise.

I hope to get around to as many branch events and to meet as many members as I can during my tenure as Chairman. In addition I am always keen to understand what we can do better to help you. To that end we have two members of Council focused on being a link between us and the branches. David Burns is working with our



International Branches and Dennis Stinchcombe with our English Branches. Please contact them if you have anything you want to share.

At a Council level we have a number of initiatives in the works including a new membership committee to help grow our numbers, a small group to look at identifying an English Anthem/Song and a project to look at English traditions and Eccentricities. If you would like to get involved in these - or any other project and campaigns, please let us know.

It now just remains for me to wish you all a very happy Easter and St. George's Day.

Best wishes

*Nick*

Chairman

Happy  
St George's Day!!



### Upcoming Society Events in 2023



- 13th April:** Branch Chairman's Zoom Call
- 22nd April:** Wreath Laying & Cadet Parade, Cenotaph
- 23rd April:** St. George's Day
- 6th May:** Coronation of HM The King
- 10th May:** RSSG Coronation Boat Trip
- 13th Jul:** Branch Chairman's Zoom Call
- 8th Sept:** AGM (venue TBC)
- 15th Sept:** Battle of Britain Lunch
- 11th Oct:** Branch Chairman's Zoom Call
- 29th Oct:** Standards Service
- 17th Nov:** Branch Chairman's Zoom Call



### Branch Chairman's Call

Our next Branch Chairman's call is planned for 6:00pm on 13th April. If the Branch Chairman is not available, the another representative of the Branch would be most welcome.

One of the topics we are planning to cover is about Youth Membership with a particular focus on affiliations to Cadet organisations.

Please let us know if you have any other topics you wish to discuss.

I do hope that many of you will be able to join us.

*Nick*

### Northern Ireland Branch

Following the call in the latest edition of the Journal for members in Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Erie (page 5) to think about starting up a branch in their country or region, we have had an approach from a member in Northern Island who is interested in establishing a branch there so, if you live there and are interested in becoming a founding member of new Northern Ireland branch, please contact Liz at the office and she will put them in touch with that member.

### Cenotaph & Cadet Parade - April 22nd

Don't forget about our Wreath Laying and Cadet Parade at the Cenotaph and the visit to the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey. Please let Liz know if you would like to lay a wreath on behalf of your Branch as soon as possible.



More details about all the upcoming events are available in the Journal and on the Website.

### English Music Festival

The 2023 English Music Festival begins on Friday 26th May at historic Dorchester Abbey, Oxfordshire, with a world-premiere work by Vaughan Williams; and works by the young British composer, Walter Leigh, killed in action at Tobruk in 1942. We are proud to announce that The Society, through the Charitable Trust is a proud supporter of this event.

### Your chance to own 2 Bicentenary Gold Sovereigns

The late Bob Peedle, Past Vice-Chairman of the Society, Editor of St. George for England and Chairman of the Seahaven Branch, before he died, very kindly donated two Bicentenary Gold Sovereigns from 2017, to the Society.

We would like to offer these up for 'silent' auction to any member who might be interested. We currently have a bid of £1,000 for both.

If anyone is interested in acquiring these for the benefit of the Society, please can you send in your bid to Liz in the office by 5:00pm on 30th April 2023.



### Coronation Cruise

As you will have seen, we are organising a cruise along the River Thames on May 10th as part of our commemoration of King Charles' Coronation.



There are still places available at £65pp, for this special evening.

If you are interested, please contact Liz at the office before April 21st.

### Cadet & Youth Group Affiliations

While we will discuss this further on the Chairman's call on April 13th, we would encourage all branches that have not already done so, to reach out and establish links with local cadet and youth groups.

If the central office are always willing and able to point you in the right direction, if you need contacts or more information.

