



Patron The Late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

The Royal Society of St George

Founded in 1894

For more than a century, the Royal Society of St George has been England's premier patriotic organisation, promoting and celebrating the English way of life. With thousands of members, more than 32 branches in England and over 29 around the world, the Society organises a wide variety of social and fundraising events, from marking significant moments in our history to enjoying English food and drink.

Queen Victoria was the Society's first Royal Patron and we have since enjoyed the Patronage of every reigning monarch.

In 1963 Queen Elizabeth II bestowed a notable honour by granting the Society its own Royal Charter.

Past Vice Presidents include Sir Winston Churchill, Viscount Montgomery, Lord Baden - Powell, Rudyard Kipling and Baroness Thatcher.

Our Mission Statement

"Promoting and celebrating Englishness and the English way of life"

We achieve this by:

- Supporting the Monarchy, our Charter, democracy, free speech and the rule of law.
- Being proud of English values, character and achievements.
- Protecting England's heritage, history, traditions and ideals.
- Embracing the diverse cultures within England, including local and regional identities.
- Encouraging the celebration of St George's Day.
- Supporting England's role in maintaining the unity of the United Kingdom and of the Commonwealth.
- Recognising that strength lies in shared values and ideals.

The City of Westminster Branch History

The City of Westminster Branch of The Royal Society of St. George was formed in 1988, by past Chairman, Robert Sewell and another nine people. The first President to be elected was Vice Admiral Sir James Weatherall KCVO, KBE. Sir James was the Queen's Marshall of the Diplomatic Corps. The Immediate Past President is Vice Admiral Sir Neville Purvis KCB, who served in the submarine service and was Fourth Sea Lord. The current President is Ian Adams, a former Lord Mayor of the City of Westminster.

Bob died in office in June 2014 having developed the branch to nearly 300 members. He had a gift for negotiating favourable terms for the many functions he arranged. He was succeeded by Stan Sadler, who had been the stalwart Secretary for many years. Stan died in March 2018 having stood down as chairman in November 2016 in favour of Alan Broomhead, who was Vice Chairman. Stan had acted as both chairman and secretary and handed over the latter role to Annabelle Emney.

During the past 35 Years the growth of the Branch has progressed steadily until today the membership stands at 225, resulting in good turnouts for its events.

A distinctive feature of the Branch has been its regular contributions to charities having given away thousands of pounds to a variety of organisations. Recent beneficiaries include the RNLi and Dame Vera Lynn's Children's Charity. The branch makes annual donations to its related organisations.

Related Organisations

Sea Cadets

The Branch has a long association with the Sea Cadets with units providing carpet guards at our dinners, particularly on Trafalgar Day. The Branch is formally affiliated with the Western District of the London Area Sea Cadets. Western District comprises 12 units and supports the Branch with a standard bearer to carry the branch standard at the Cenotaph and National Standards services. The standard bearer is selected annually at the London Area Drill Competition. Carpet guards are provided at all appropriate events. As Bob Sewell was a Sea Cadet, he is commemorated with an annual donation of £1000 to provide bursaries for Sea Cadets to sail on TS ROYALIST, the Sea Cadet flagship. In 2023 a donation of £500 was made to help repair the fire damaged Sunbury Unit. A donation of £500 helped Western District purchase a defibrillator. This was matched funded by the RSSG Charitable Trust.

Royal Hospital Chelsea

The Branch has been associated with the Royal Hospital since its earliest days. As a consequence, members have been privileged to attend the Governor's Review Parade in June. The Branch makes an annual donation of £500 to the Hospital thus making it a corporate sponsor entitling members to attend Friends lectures and events. In 2023 the RSSG Charitable Trust matched the donation thereby making it up £1000.

City of Westminster

The Branch has close links to the Mayoralty and holds its AGM in the Lord Mayor's Parlour. The Lord Mayor is the principal guest and is presented with the annual branch donation to their charity.

Events

Westminster Branch tries to run an event most months of the year and produces an annual calendar the preceding December so members can add them to their diaries well in advance. The current calendar shows how we try to combine regular events at desirable locations with other events to provide a mix of favourites and diversity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2024

| Month | Date | Event | Location | Cost |
|-----------|--------------------|---|--|-----------------|
| January | Thursday 25 | Special Lunch | Londoner Hotel | £25 |
| February | <i>Sunday 11</i> | <i>Sea Cadet Drill & Piping Competition</i> | <i>Kingston Unit</i> | <i>Free</i> |
| March | Thursday 14 | AGM & Lunch | City Hall | £45 |
| April | Saturday 20 | Annual Wreath Laying & lunch | Cenotaph/Cellarium | |
| | Tuesday 23 | St George's Day Dinner | Bakers Hall | £85 |
| May | <i>Sunday 5</i> | <i>Sea Cadet Adventure Training Finals</i> | | <i>Free</i> |
| | Thursday 16 | Visit to the Crick Institute Lunch at the Great Northern Hotel | Kings Cross | Free £25/30 |
| June | Tuesday 4 | Governors Review | Royal Hospital | Free |
| | Thursday 6 | D Day Anniversary | Branch fish & chip suppers | |
| | <i>Sunday 16</i> | <i>Rowing Regatta</i> | <i>Sunbury Unit</i> | <i>BBQ</i> |
| | Thursday 20 | Waterloo Lunch | HAC | £35 |
| July | Friday 12 | RSSG 130 Year's Anniversary Dinner | Stationers Hall | £150 tbc |
| | Thursday 18 | Visit and Cream Tea with champagne | Lambeth Palace Library | £50 |
| August | Tuesday 13 | Garden Party | Nomura | £65 |
| September | Friday 13 | Battle of Britain Lunch | RAF Club | |
| October | Thursday 17 | Trafalgar Day Dinner | Army & Navy Club | £85 |
| | | <i>Sea Cadet Mess Dinner</i> | | |
| | Sunday 27 | Standards Service followed by lunch | St George's Church Hanover Square | |
| December | <i>Sunday 8</i> | <i>Five a Side Football</i> | <i>RAF Northolt</i> | <i>Free</i> |
| | Thursday 12 | Christmas Lunch | HMS President | £80 |
| | Monday 30 | Xmas Week Lunch | Chesterfield | £55 |

Events in red are national events Those in italics are Western District Sea Cadet Events

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Trafalgar Day Dinner 19th October 2023

BRANCH EVENT BOOKING

All events are to be booked with the Branch Secretary,
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Cheques should be made payable to RSSG Westminster Branch
Electronic Transfers quote surname event reference. and tell Annabelle

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