



I hope you have all enjoyed your summer. I know we had plenty of rain too but Stuart and I have managed some days and even a week on The Thames with friends and family as well as meeting up with many of you at different events. I am looking forward to seeing many of you on The Waverley Steamer and in Portsmouth for The Battle of Trafalgar Lunch.

Jane Dorrington
Chairman

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Autumn 2023

Keeping you up to date...



A GUIDED WALK AROUND HISTORIC BELGRAVIA AND IT'S PUBS

15th July

The group outside The Star where we had lunch in the room where the Great Train Robbers planned their infamous heist. Excellent walk given by our guide Andrew Date from Walking London

14 members met our Guide Andrew and other participants at Victoria Station and walked to Belgravia. The construction of Belgravia was entrusted to the Norfolk builder Thomas Cubitt and his brother Lewis from around 1830 onwards. The Plumbers Arms on Lower Belgrave Street was closed and is a few doors along from the home of Lord and Lady Lucan and this is where Lady Lucan ran to, when she discovered her children's Nanny had been murdered. We walked around part of Eton Square and had our first drink at The Horse and Groom, a tiny pub in Groom Place. We also visited The Grenadier, The Nags Head and finally The Star Tavern, where we enjoyed a meal on the second floor where The Great Train Robbery heist was planned.



BATTLE OF CRÉCY 1346



Ken Baggott, our past President, has long been advocating the remembrance of some of the lesser known English victories.

Arranged at short notice, Ken and his wife Joan joined our Chairman Jane and five others at the Victory Services Club for luncheon on Saturday 26th August. Invitations were restricted to those members who came on the Historic Pub tour.

We recalled and celebrated the victory at Crécy when the English army, led by King Edward III, beat the French, enabling the King to lay siege to Calais. After a year Calais was taken and the King became King for part of France. The afternoon was very much enjoyed and it is hoped that the event will take place again next year, when the whole membership will be invited.

Forthcoming Events



Waverley Steamer - London and Thames Estuary sailing from London Tower Pier at 9.30 a.m. Saturday 30th September and ending at 9.30 p.m. **ONLY ONE TICKET LEFT!**
Please contact Lesley on her e-mail address for more information and booking: waterloo.events@rssg.org.uk.

THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER - Brick Lane Music Hall, Jinglebell Christmas - a show with afternoon tea which will get you in the Christmas spirit! Doors open at 1.15 and the show starts at 2 o'clock. **SOLD OUT**

A reminder that after booking a Waterloo branch event with Lesley payment in full is required to secure the place. Should you cancel then money will only be refunded if the ticket is resold.

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Guided tour of the Houses of Parliament



The original event was cancelled at short notice because Parliament had been recalled for a Saturday sitting. Our thanks to Lesley for reorganising this tour which took place on Saturday 19th of August.

15 members assembled in the oldest part of Westminster Hall and were split into two groups. Gordon led one group at 11.30 and Jane led the second party for a noon start. Each group had their own tour guide, each of whom were excellent. Both tours lasted $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour longer than the advertised $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours but were so interesting, the time seemed to fly by. Several visited the souvenir shop and most joined up at the Café at the end of the tour.

HISTORIC PUB TOUR



Jez very kindly agreed, for the fourth time, to give us the benefit of his considerable knowledge concerning historic pubs, for which we were very grateful.

Over-subscribed 16 met at the Anchor Bankside 1615 A.D. Greene King Pub, where we had a meal before Jez arrived at 6 o'clock.

We visited 6 pubs, ending before 10 o'clock at the George at Southwark. The weather was kind and we were able to have a final drink (or two!) outside at the old coaching Inn. Jez would not take a fee but £50 went to his favourite Charity, the Children of Fire, which the Committee unanimously agreed to double.

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HEAD OFFICE EVENT

FRIDAY 15th SEPTEMBER –

Battle of Britain lunch at the R.A.F. Club

Book with Liz at H. O. on 020 3255 5011



BATTLE OF BRITAIN LUNCHEON

Royal Society of St George Yachting Association

RSSG YACHTING ASSOCIATION
BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR 1805
LUNCHEON in H.M.S. Nelson,
Portsmouth. WEDNESDAY 25th
OCTOBER from noon in the
Wardroom. Book with Bob Smith –
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Trafalgar Day Luncheon
2023

