



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

Summer Newsletter—July 2023

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter

Well, it's certainly been a busy few months since the last newsletter.

I had the honour of laying a wreath on behalf of the Society at the Cenotaph and at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey for the first time. The cadets' match past was excellent as usual and something I hope they all remember.

It was great to attend the St. George's Day celebrations held by a number of our branches.

Following the Coronation, we held our own commemoration, with a cruise along the Thames with over 100 members and guests.

A small selection of photos from both of these events can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

The Council continue to work hard on trying to develop the Society and wherever possible make a difference. We are always on the lookout for more people who can help on the Council. If you are able to help, please consider putting yourself forward. Check out the website for the nomination form.

Finally, look out for the new edition of our Journal which you should receive in the next couple of weeks.

Best wishes

Nick

Chairman



AGM

Our 2023 AGM will be held on 9th September at the Broad Plain & Riverside Youth Project in Bristol.



The draft agenda for this meeting can be found on the Web Site (www.rssg.org.uk).

If you are interested in helping with the running of the Society by joining the Council, please complete the Council Nominations form (also available in the web site) by no later than **9th August**.

Please contact the office if you would like a postal ballot and a copy of the 2022 year-end accounts. (NB We can only send out postal ballots after 9th August once the council nomination deadline has passed so people can vote.)

Register your attendance with Liz at the office by no later than midnight on Tuesday, 5th September.

Upcoming Society Events in 2023

- 9th Sept:** [AGM](#) (Bristol Branch)
- 15th Sept:** [Battle of Britain Lunch](#)
- 11th Oct:** Branch Chairmen's Zoom Call
- 22nd Oct:** [Standards Service](#) (Note: New Date)
- 17th Nov:** Branch Chairmen's Zoom Call



Branch Chairmen's Call

We recently held a branch chairmen's call, and it was great to have so many people attending from different branches around the country and around the world. I am most grateful for those who got up early in the morning or stayed up late at night to join us.

We updated those present with the latest activities at a National level and also discussed a number of ideas and suggestions.

This is a great way to understanding what the Council are working on and for us to hear what your challenges are - and areas that we might be able to help you at a local level.

The next call is planned for 11th October at 18:00.

New Branches

Following the call in the last edition of the Journal for members in Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland to think about starting up a branch, we are really pleased that a new branch is starting up in Northern Ireland.

In addition with the Editor of our Journal moving to Wales shortly, a new branch will hopefully be starting there are well.

If anyone is interested in setting up a new branch in their local area, please contact Liz in the office for details.

Battle of Britain Lunch—15th September

The Society will be holding its annual Battle of Britain Remembrance Lunch at the RAF Club on 15th September from 12:15.



We are very lucky to have Air Vice Marshal Chris Elliot, CB, CBE, DL, Controller of The RAF Benevolent Fund, joining us and she will give us some background to the activities of the Fund.

Tickets are available at £85pp and can be booked by following this [link](#), visiting the [website](#), or contacting the office.

Fenland & Bath Branches—Help Needed

Due to family health issues, Brian Kiernan has had to step down as Chairman of the **Fenland** branch. He has taken on the role of President to keep the branch going and support their council.

Whilst they are a thriving branch with over 70 members, no one is currently ready to take on the Chairman's role, even with Brian's continued support as President.

The **Bath** Branch is also struggling to find members to help run that branch.

If there is any Society member who lives close to these areas, and who might be interested in taking on a role and helping one of these branches, please let Liz know and she can put you in contact with the right person.

Web Site

We have added some new pages to the web site for events and a gallery.



Please take a look and let us have any of your updates, so we can add them to the pages. We do want to showcase activities from all around the Society to really give a flavour of all the things we do to encourage new members

We have also recently launched an automated event booking form for the Battle of Britain Lunch, which will hopefully make it easier for members to book events in the future.

Cadet & Youth Group Affiliations

We were really pleased to announce that we recently affiliated with the London Area Sea Cadets at a national level recently.

This is a great first step to strengthening our ties with these types of organisations and encouraging youth involvement with the Society.

We are now working with the other Cadet organisations to do the same and encourage this to happen at a branch level also.

More information can be obtained on this from the Office.



50-50 Club

The Society is always in need of additional funds to allow us to continue to promote itself and achieve its objectives, so we are promoting our own licenced Monthly Lottery - [The 50/50 Club](#).



To enter you can pledge to sponsor individual numbers between 1 to 400, for £5.00 each, per calendar month.

There is no limit to how many numbers one person can sponsor but numbers will be allocated on a strictly first come first served basis.

On the first Monday of each calendar month three numbers will be drawn from those numbers sponsored within the preceding month.

50% of monies collected from those sponsored numbers will be given as prize money, with the other 50% going to help The Society to achieve its four stated objectives.

The prize money will be split into three prizes as follows: 60%, 30%, and 10%. Prizes can be paid direct into your bank account or by cheque.

This is a great way, not only to support the Society, but also win cash prizes.

Annual Standards Service - Change of Date

As you might have seen in the upcoming events section, the date of the [Annual Standards Service](#) has been brought forward to 22nd Oct at St. George's Church, Hanover Sq.



England's 1,096th Birthday



On July 12th 927, King Athelstan was declared Rex Anglorum, King of the English after conquering the last Viking Kingdom.

We do have a team, headed up by Immediate Past Chairman, Joanna Cadman, who are planning a series of events to mark the 1,100th anniversary in 2027, which we hope our branches will support. For updates keep an eye on this website [page](#).

Vice Presidents

As you will have seen in the Journal, we were very pleased to welcome Mrs Peaches Golding OBE CSTJ, His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Bristol, as a Vice President of the Society. We are now equally pleased to welcome Sir Peter Field KCVO KStJ JP, past Lord-Lieutenant for East Sussex and a great supporter of the Seahaven Branch.



Mrs Peaches Golding



Sir Peter with Dame Vera Lynn

Affiliations

The Society is affiliated to a number of other organisations that align with our objectives and ideals, such as the Order of St. George.

At the recommendation of the Council, the Order of St. George recently awarded their Medal of Merit to WO James Bryan RNR, for all his work over the years organising events for the Sea Cadets, and not least helping the Society organising the annual Cenotaph Parade. Very well deserved.

In addition, we have just approved the Society's affiliation with the Knights of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

We will continue to look for like-minded groups and Societies that can help promote our aims and objectives.

Corporate Sponsorships

We are always looking at ways that we can do more without having to increase our membership costs.

One way to do this is to attract potential corporate sponsors to either place adverts in our Journal, other communications, or support us in other ways.

We are already lucky to have a company, Eventura Ltd., who support many of our technology costs.

So if you know of any English companies who might like to support the Society in any way, please let Liz or me know.

Recent Events

Here are a few photos of recent Society events.

Wreath Laying & Cadet Parade



Coronation Thames River Cruise



If you have any photos of your local events, please send them to the office and we can add them to the web site and/or include them in future editions of this newsletter.

Recent Events

A letter from HM The King relating to the Coronation Cruise.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Mr. Nick Dutt,
Chairman,
The Royal Society of St. George.

Please convey my thanks to the Chairman, Council and Members of the Royal Society of St. George, together with their guests, for their loyal greetings, sent on the occasion of their Coronation Evening Cruise which is being held tonight on the River Thames.

Your continued support and good wishes are much valued. In return, I send my warmest good wishes to all concerned for a most memorable and successful celebration.

CHARLES R.