



The sun is shining and happily the horrible experience of the Pandemic seems a long way behind us. Following the disruptions, cancellations and postponements of various events caused by rail strikes and other unforseen circumstances, I'm delighted to report that our programme of branch activities is now back in full swing. This is entirely due to the tireless efforts of Lesley, our patient and long suffering Events Organiser. I'm looking forward to catching up with you at our events and meetings as we return to our regular programme of Waterloo Branch activities.

Jane Dorrington Chairman

**News from** 

## WATERLOO

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On 21st March 11 Members visited the Bank of England Museum in Bartholomew Lane which is home to a collection of diverse items relating to the history of the Bank from its foundation in 1694 to present day. It is open to the public and free of charge. Afterwards we had lunch at Mr Lasagna's Italian Restaurant, Royal Exchange Building where they served 21 different lasagnas! An enjoyable time was had by all.



The 25th May saw 10 Members take part in the Gunpowder Plot Immersive Experience in Tower Hill Vaults. Our friends travelled back in time to 1605 to infiltrate history's most daring conspiracy. Using a combination of live theatre and digital technology they were transported deep into the heart of a an amazing story of which they became protagonists (complete with hooded cloaks) and they witnessed history as never before! All agreed that it was a unique and unforgettable experience.

This year we celebrated St Georges Day at The Victory Services Club near Marble Arch. 39 of us enjoyed a buffet lunch in The Trafalgar Suite. Judy Karbritz gave a light hearted talk called The Full Monty, Warts and All - The Stories Behind Familiar Sayings. This was very enjoyable and amusing. Judy Karbritz is Harrow's



Community Poet and she has broadcast on LBC and local BBC radio. After lunch we retired to the bar to catch up with old friends and new.





30 Members dined at the National Liberal Club, 1, Whitehall Place on 15th June. We enjoyed an excellent 3 course lunch in a splendid building. The weather was good and we were able to have our pre-luncheon drinks on the terrace with views over leafy London. As the photograph shows, many took the opportunity of enjoying each other's company and drinks on the terrace after lunch. In fact, most were still there beyond 6 o'clock. Our sincere thanks go to David Dominey for making it possible for us to take advantage of this very special venue. We hope that we will be able to repeat this popular event in the not too distant future.



SATURDAY 15Tth JULY - A guided Historic Walk around Belgravia.

TUESDAY 1st AUGUOKE guided Historic Pubs tour, starting with a meal at the Anchor Pub London Bridge at 5 o'clock. FULLY

SATURDAY 19th AUGUST - The postponed tour of the Palace of Westminster which includes House of Commons and Lords.

Waverley Steamer - London and Thames Estuary sailing from London Tower Pier . We are still awaiting waiting their timetable but it will be one day between 22nd September - 8th October.

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.

Please contact Lesley for more information and booking: waterloo.events@rssg.org.uk.

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.



