



I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. I've really enjoyed our past year and I'm looking forward to sharing lots more happy times with you at the events we've planned for next year. Look out for our next update that'll outline some of the things we've got planned for 2024.

~Very best wishes and cheers!

*Jane Dorrington*  
Jane Dorrington Chairman



News from

# WINTERLOO

Winter 2023

*Keeping you up to date...*

Christmas Lunch  
Union Jack Club

14th December



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Eight members attended The Guards Chapel Remembrance Service on Birdcage Walk. They watched the Military assemble before they marched towards The Cenotaph. Mike Green attended the ceremony at The Cenotaph, whilst Tony and Audrey Alderman went to the service at Westminster Abbey, followed by another short service at The Tomb of The Unknown Warrior. All eleven gathered at the nearby Buckingham Arms for Sunday Lunch. The pub was very busy with an excellent atmosphere as The Highland Fusiliers (wearing kilts and forage caps) were also lunching there.



## BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL CHRISTMAS JINGLE BELLS SHOW



On Thursday 16th November, seventeen Members entered the spirit of Christmas with this magical show. They enjoyed a superb matinee performance of Jingle Bells Christmas including afternoon tea. Many thanks once again to Lesley Oakley for organising this fantastic event over the years. This was the final event organised by our hardworking Events Secretary before stepping down for a well earned rest. Our heartfelt and grateful thanks to Lesley for a doing a magnificent job over many years.

News from

**WATERLOO**

*keeping you up to date...*

# Paddle Steamer Waverley



Saturday 30th September was a long day for some, starting at 9.30 am at Tower Pier and disembarking at 9.20 pm. However, it was a most interesting one. Originally, twenty three Members booked in but there were four cancellations, due to the Rail Strike and illness. The Waverley is the World's last seagoing Paddle Steamer, and just watching her engines was hypnotic. The Steamer was quite crowded on the upper decks, so it was



a little while before the majority of us managed to commandeer a space on the lower deck, where we were able to have refreshments and a hot meal and several visits to the bar. Particularly interesting was the visit to the forts, positioned in the Thames estuary. Even on a cloudy night the German bombers were able to use the Thames to guide them to their London destination, and the guns positioned on these forts were ideally placed to try to stop them before they reached their targets. The evening return cruise taking in the spectacle of the lights of London was spell-binding, thus ending a trip well worth while.

# WELCOME!

We are delighted to welcome new members: Jane Simpson, Liz Bateson, Ben Sear, Susan and Roger Short and James Guess. This swells our membership to a healthy ninety eight.



At the annual Royal Society of St George Yachting Association Battle of Trafalgar Luncheon at H.M.S. Nelson in Portsmouth, Nick Dutt, Chairman of the Royal Society of St. George presented Bob Smith with a certificate awarding him Life Membership of the Society. This is in recognition of his dedicated service to the Society's Charitable Trust over many years. As most of you will be aware, until last year Bob was Chairman of our Branch, and gave dedicated service to both the branch and nationally. A well deserved award.

*And our special thanks go to...*



*Martin, for providing music for our Christmas Carols*



*Gordon, for providing the articles for our Newsletters*



*Clive, for making us jump up and down to help us digest our Christmas Lunch*



*Lesley, for years and years of organising brilliant events*



*David, for taking our event pictures, that is why he is the only person missing from our Christmas Lunch photos.*

*Not to forget all of you - our members, for supporting us throughout the year - Thank You!*