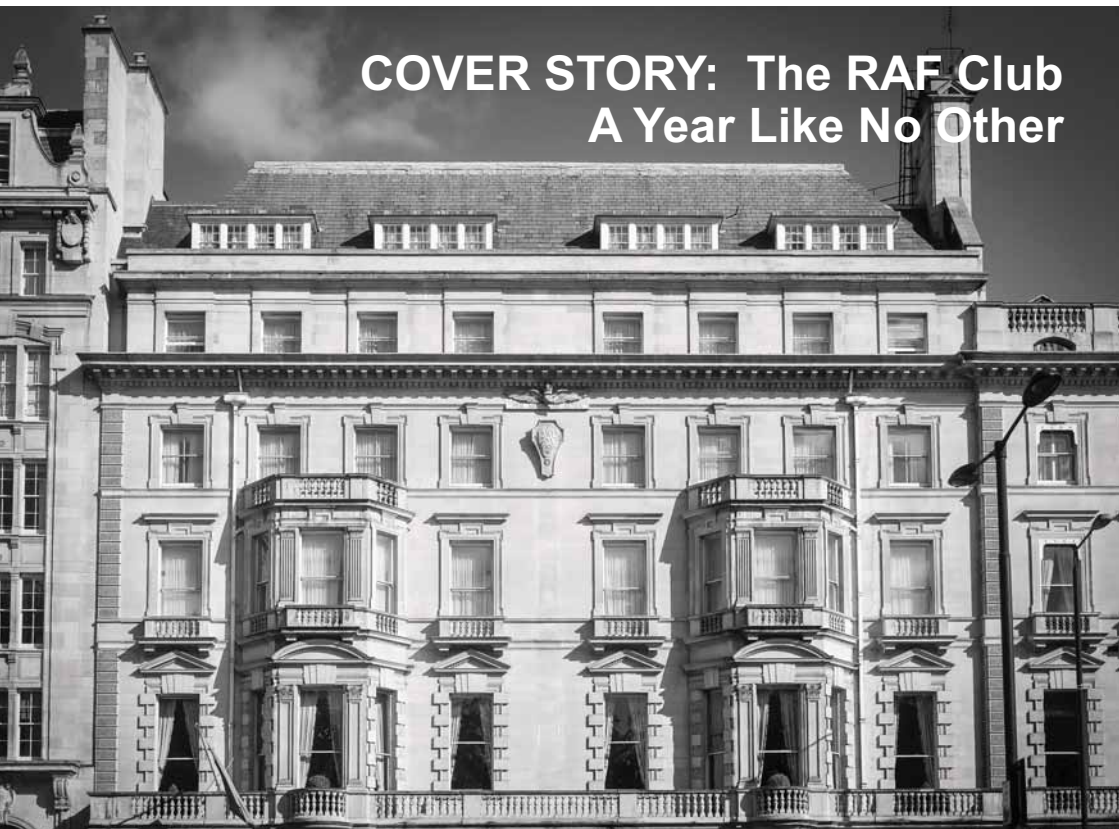


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A Year Like No Other**



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“Enabling the sacrifices of the past to support the challenges of the future.”

Editorial Note

Iza Seabrook



It is my pleasure to edit the current issue of Oranges & Lemons amongst juggling working from home, home-schooling and missing friends and family – I hope you are keeping safe.

We will hopefully be able to meet again soon. If you have articles or pictures you wish to see published, please email me: iza.seabrook@gmail.com



Trustees' Book

Located within the crypt at St Clement Danes is The Trustees' Book. The book contains the names of people who have died since leaving the Royal Air Force. Names can be included at the request of family members of the deceased, for which a fee of £40 is payable. To apply for an entry in The Trustees' Book please email: st.clementasst@btconnect.com and request an application form.

Chairman's Letter

Group Captain Mark D Heffron MA FCIS CMgr FCMI RAF



Welcome to the spring edition of Oranges & Lemons; let us hope that over the year things improve and that soon we will be able to once more enjoy our wonderful church, in person. Again, thank you to all those who have contributed and produced this edition, despite the hurdles. They have provided us with a super edition which I highly commend to you.

As I explained last year, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting on 22 April. The details of how you can join us virtually and view the associated papers are contained in this newsletter. Please do join us and enter into a discussion regarding our work. I am also pleased to announce that it is our intention to hold our Annual Concert this year, pending forthcoming government guidelines regarding COVID-19, with the date set for 25 November. Details will follow in due course.

May I draw your attention to the article concerning the refurbishment of the church tower and spire (page 19). The Friends fully support this endeavour. This work, followed by other large-scale repairs and improvements to the church building, will hopefully commence later this year. The Trustees of the Friends have given thought as to how we can support this work, and I ask you to consider the details as to how you can contribute. The Friends will also support your efforts, so that together we can make a difference and help the project along its way.

Finally, I wish to thank the Royal Air Force Club for providing an interesting article, highlighting its history and how they've continued to operate throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The effort has been tremendous and is a fine example to us all of determination, brilliant leadership and support and kindness that shines through.

The Club has supported St Clement Danes, and specifically the Friends, for many years. I am grateful for all they have done and continue to do for us, and we in turn support them whenever we can.



Pictured above: CEO Miles Pooley and Team during Lockdown.

From the Resident Chaplain

The Reverend David Osborn BD AKC PGCE RAF



Hello everyone, normally at this time of year I am in touch with you with cheerful news about Easter services and plans for the summer at St Clement Danes Church. However, looking ahead is quite tricky at the moment – I write during lockdown three when we took the decision, reluctantly, to close the church until the situation substantially improved.

Who knows where we will be when you receive this edition of O&L, but I do know that we are a positive church with an eye to the future and our firm faith in the Risen Christ.

I am remaining confident that the summer months will see an improved picture and our aim is to be running as normally as possible by Battle of Britain Sunday in mid-September.

What can you do to help us in these weird times? Well, please pray for the work of the church and for the welfare of its staff and congregation; please keep up-to-date with what is going on by logging on to our main website: www.stclementdanesraf.org and do join us for Sunday services when you can. Do keep a watch out for our plans for the Friends Concert at the end of November.

In the late spring we are hoping to install equipment to enable us to live stream services from the church. This will allow us to reach an even wider audience.

Once we have everything installed and working, alongside the church reopening from the current lockdown, please do visit our YouTube channel. Details of the YouTube channel, and some recent podcasts, can be found on the main website under the 'Sermons' page.

In the meantime, I wish you all well and thank you for all the kind words of support and encouragement we have already received.

May God bless you all.

Church Diary

For the time being, when we are open, we hold a service of Morning Prayer (Matins) which always includes music and singing by our professional choir. This takes place at 11am every Sunday.

In addition, we broadcast a podcast every week on our website, with daily readings and prayers, as well as 'Virtual Communion' twice a week. When we are open you can call us on 0207 242 8282 for more information.

As well as our website we also publish details of our services on the Church of England's website section called A Church Near You.

News from the Parish Registers

We will update you with all the details from our church records in the next edition of O&L.

COVER STORY: A Year Like No Other: A Club Like No Other

Charlotte Gray, Head of Marketing & Comms, RAF Club

Founded in 1918 and aligned with the formation of the RAF itself, the Royal Air Force Club is a historic private members' club in London's Mayfair, a 'home from home' for many generations of RAF Officers and their families. The past year has been challenging for so many, but the RAF Club has stayed true to its charitable purpose and is weathering the storm, with a little help from members far and wide.

2020 began like any other year for the RAF Club, with plans in place for members' activities, social events and celebrations, including the annual St Clement Danes Member Service and Carol Concert later in the year.

Lockdown was hastily announced in March and the Club moved into a new phase with staff working from home, members unable to visit due to restrictions and the Club remaining open for Key Workers only.

Many of these workers were military personnel, including RAF, who sprang into action supporting the initial efforts as the virus began to sweep the UK. Over the months that followed the Club opened its doors to members and non-members alike, government officials, the armed forces and those supporting the national effort, initially helping deliver the Nightingale facility in London's Excel and more latterly the infrastructure for the UK-wide Test Centres and Vaccination Hubs.



The feedback received during this time was heartening:

"I have had the pleasure of again staying at the RAF Club for two of the last three weeks, at a time when the UK is facing what could be the challenge of a generation. The welcome, attention to detail and hospitality shown by your staff have over the past weeks been second to none. I would like to thank you and all your staff for the hard work, friendliness and above all the professionalism that I saw every day and I look forward to staying with you again in the future."

"As I come to the end of my first three weeks in the RAF Club, I thought it timely to express my thanks to you and all your staff for the simply outstanding service you are providing in these very



unusual times. The helpful, cheerful and friendly approach of your staff to those of us who are effectively now treating the Club as our home during this virus is making a tremendous difference to our own wellbeing, no matter the hours we are doing."

The months that followed were a rollercoaster, with lockdown followed by a brief period over the summer when members were once again allowed back through the doors. Then came the introduction of tiers and the effective shutdown of hospitality in the lead up to Christmas 2020.

Long-awaited member celebrations such as the 75th Anniversary of VE Day & VJ Day, along with the Battle of Britain 80th Anniversary had to be revised. However, despite the Club playing host to only a handful of Key Workers, we ensured 'The Few' weren't forgotten and the efforts of those special men and women during the wartime years were fittingly commemorated. VE Day 75 even saw a specially recorded message for Club members by the wonderful D Day Darlings, which lifted all our spirits.



Reflecting on 2020: the challenges faced by the Club, its members and the country were immense. There are so many moments of positivity, unity and kindness as the team pulled together and members' loyalty and desire to support 'their Club' shone through.

Many members wrote to the Club to express their gratitude to the team for their efforts, and to support the Club's stance in deciding to remain open, when it may have been easier to close the doors. Other members expressed a desire to support the Club financially during these uncertain times.



It was in direct response to this, and in light of our status as a registered charity, that the Club launched an RAF Club 'Just Giving' charity donations page in spring 2020, to ensure that those members who wish to contribute to these efforts, could more easily do so. To date donations have topped an incredible £550,000.

Post-Covid, the Club may be a leaner organisation, but what has not diminished is the strong, loyal membership, demonstrated by the generosity seen by the membership through charitable giving in 2020 and into 2021.

Sadly, it is likely that the financial impact the Club is still experiencing is only the beginning of the story with the UK hospitality sector expected to be one of the last to resume trading, but there is precedent and experience to draw upon. The Club has stoically weathered other difficult periods in its 102-year history, from the nightly aerial bombardment of London some 80 years ago, to the dwindling membership of 1,700 and near closure in the mid-1960s.

This latter episode in the Club's history became known as 'The Colonels' Revolt' and led to the Club seeking donations and establishing a 'Survival Fund'; the only other instance, since its foundation in 1918, that the Club has had cause to seek members' financial support.



Today's situation is, of course, a very different kind of challenge, dramatically affecting both individuals and businesses short and long term.

A year on, and the Club is immensely proud to have remained open throughout the Covid crisis. Following the Government's Four Stage Recovery 'Roadmap' announced in late February, we are optimistic that the RAF Club will once again be welcoming members and guests for accommodation and dining from 17 May 2021.

The successful and swift vaccination programme, positive news around vaccination efficacy and a gradual drop in infection rates, has given us all a much-needed boost and has paved the way for the cautious reopening of hospitality in late spring.

As the Club has remained open for Key Workers throughout the pandemic we are ready, willing and, most importantly, safely able to welcome members back in line with Government guidance.

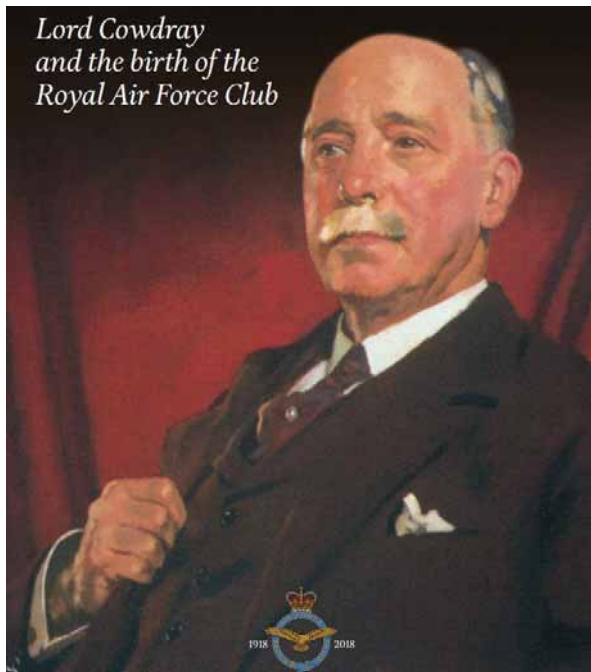
Until then, we continue to wish all our members, the RAF family, the best of health and we look forward to welcoming you all to 128 Piccadilly over the coming months.



Pictured above: Churchill Bar.

Lord Cowdray and the Birth of the Royal Air Force Club

In October 1918, the first Viscount Cowdray, President of the Air Board, sent a letter outlining his practical support for the establishment of an RAF Club to the then Chairman of the Royal Flying Corps Club, Sir Sefton Brancker. Enclosed was a cheque for £100,000 “...sufficient to ensure a permanent Club House worthy of the airmen and of their ‘brilliant and superlative heroic work.’”



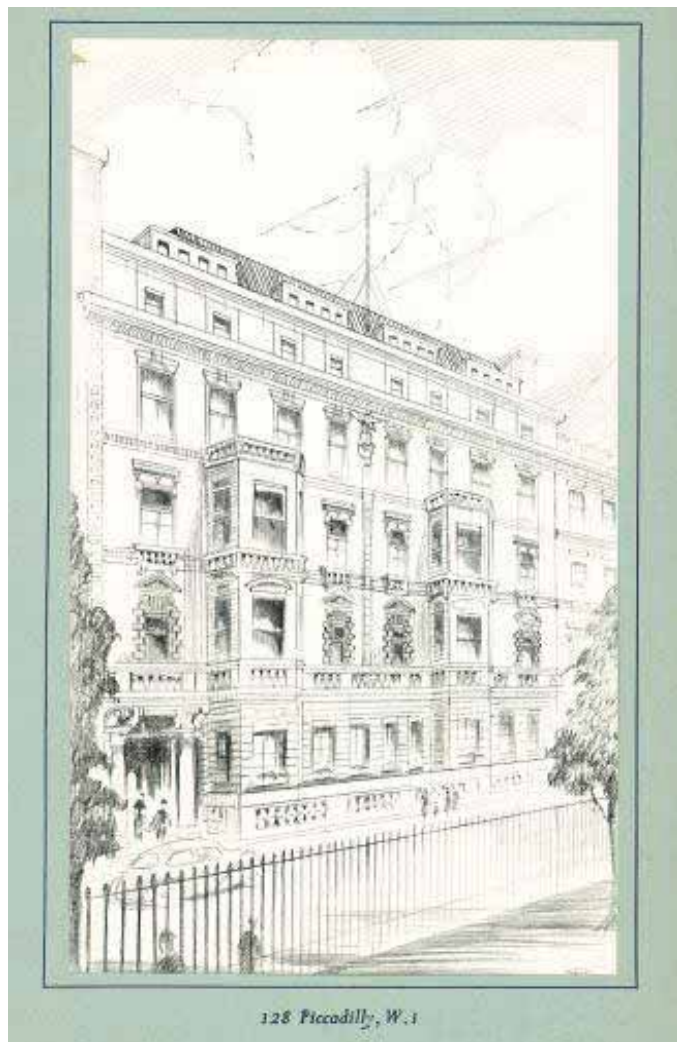
Lord Cowdray
and the birth of the
Royal Air Force Club

Brancker, unsurprisingly, immediately accepted Lord Cowdray's generous offer of help, his response concluding: “A more valuable form of assistance at this point in the history of the youngest of the Services could not have been conceived, and your name will go down to the coming generations of airmen, not only as their first Minister, but as their greatest personal benefactor.”

The Air Council also paid tribute to Cowdray's generosity in their reply and as a *raison d'être* for the Club. Its terms are as valid today as they were then: “The Council feels strongly that the establishment of such a club as Your Lordship contemplates will not only be a boon to the officers individually but that, apart from social

amenities and intercourse it will offer, it will also contribute powerfully to securing full unity in spirit and in feeling in the now unified flying services of the Crown."

Work then commenced in finding and securing a suitable premises to house this new RAF Club. Cowdray discovered that the home of the London Lyceum Club, at No 128 Piccadilly, was on the market and "influenced by its proximity to No 6 Park Lane, hitherto used for



carriage stables, horse stables and livery yards... would provide the space needed to extend the main building, and Cowdray duly acquired the ground leases for both properties."

And so, thanks to the foresight, generosity and passion of one man, Lord Cowdray, the Royal Air Force Club was born.

A portrait of Lord Cowdray, along with the original letter of intent, dated 30 October

1918, can be viewed above the far fireplace in the Club's Cowdray Lounge named in his honour.

For a full account of the Club's early years we recommend reading '128' The Story of The Royal Air Force Club – by Air Commodore Henry Probert and Wing Commander Michael Gilbert
www.rafclub.org.uk/shop

INCEPTION

The Royal Flying Corps Club—fore-runner of the present Club—was founded by Lieut.-Colonel W. C. Bersey (now Chairman of the Club) and opened at 13 Bruton Street, Berkeley Square on January 1st, 1917. Their Majesties King George V and Queen Mary visited the Club shortly after its opening, and, in November, 1918, King George V became its Patron.

The Flying Services were unified as The Royal Air Force in April, 1918, and in January of the following year the Club became The Royal Air Force Club. It remained at Bruton Street until transferred in January, 1922, to the present premises at 128 Piccadilly—the munificent gift of the first Viscount and Viscountess Cowdray.

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Their Majesties King George V and Queen Mary, with Lord and Lady Cowdray at the Club, 1922

The RAF Club Today



As a registered charity, with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as Royal Patron, the Club's Charitable Aims and Mission are to provide "high quality and affordable facilities and services in central London for Club Members, in order to preserve,

promote and foster the traditions of the Royal Air Force."

The Club currently boasts circa 24,000 members, primarily consisting of Serving and Former Serving officers and their families and offers affordable membership rates, well-priced accommodation, food and beverage and events as part of membership.

Other benefits include subsidised stays in the capital for RAF personnel and their families on return from active tours of duty overseas and use of over 50 reciprocal clubs overseas. For further information on the Club, its facilities and membership eligibility, please visit www.rafclub.org.uk

To donate to the Club's ongoing Covid-19 Appeal:
www.justgiving.com/campaign/rafclubcovid-19

1941 Campaign, Phase 1

Repair of the St Clement Danes' Spire

The Reverend David Osborn BD AKC PGCE RAF

When St Clement Danes was rebuilt by Christopher Wren in 1682, it had a traditional square tower at the west end of the building. Within thirty years, the rector and congregation decided to add a 'wedding cake' top to the tower – possibly to emulate St Bride's church at the far end of Fleet Street.

The architect of this project was James Gibbs – think King's College Fellow's Hall and Senate House at Cambridge, the Radcliffe Camera in Oxford, St Mary le Strand and St Martin in the Fields.



The addition to the tower was completed in 1719 and the combination of the work of two of our greatest architects is one of the reasons that St Clement Danes Church has a Grade 1 listed status.

The design has stood the test of time – over three hundred years – but recently during a periodic inspection some disturbing discoveries were made.

The interior iron hoops holding the stonework in place have corroded,



meaning some stones were loose and others were showing signs of fracturing.

This corrosion is probably the result of many factors; including the effects of poor winter weather, a substantial amount of traffic emissions and possibly weakening from the fire of 1941 when the tower acted as a chimney during the blaze.

Immediate remedial work has been carried out to make the tower safe, and this work is checked on a regular basis by our abseiling specialists who photograph and measure the building.

As you've probably guessed, this is only a temporary fix and it is essential that we now have to do a permanent repair. At the time of writing, we are in discussion with various expert bodies about how this work should be carried out.



The consensus is clear – the top of the spire should be dismantled, the stonework renovated or replaced as necessary and then the whole structure rebuilt.

Once we have the necessary permissions, along with the substantial funding that the project requires, we estimate that the work will take about 15 months and the cost will run close to £2m. We have been working hard to prepare for this urgent task. The 10 May 2021 will mark the 80th anniversary of St Clement Danes receiving a direct hit from an incendiary bomb during the Blitz.

Whilst our fearless airmen were battling in the skies above London, fighting the enemy to save London and the nation from invasion, our church was all but destroyed.



We will launch the most significant fundraising campaign since the post war rebuilding campaign, to renovate and expand St Clement Danes Church for future generations and to preserve the church as a living memorial to all those who paid the supreme sacrifice for all our freedom.

The 1941 Campaign will seek funding firstly to rebuild the spire, then to investigate and if possible expand the crypt to create a community cafe, exhibition space, meeting areas, a small retail area and much needed new cloakroom facilities. Finally, the campaign will raise the funds to renovate and restore our beautiful Harrison & Harrison organ. The total funds we will need to complete the 1941 campaign will be close to £10m.



The interior of the church will not be affected by the works to the Spire, so we should be able to hold our services, concerts and other events without interruption. We hope to start work later this year or more likely, early in 2022.

When we officially launch the fundraising in May this year, you can follow the progress of this project through the church website, <https://stclementdanesraf.org/1941campaign>

The 1941 Campaign is our most ambitious and exciting project in over 80 years, all our donors and contributors to the campaign will be thanked and recognised in the church, so future generations can appreciate those who preserved St Clement Danes Church during these challenging times. We hope you will join us for this historic fundraising project.

The Friends of St Clement Danes support the project outlined above and appeal to its members to contribute to the restoration work of the spire. Donations can be made via the Friends, transferring money to the HSBC account, sort code 40-06-29, account number 21256394, stipulating the amount to be donated and your name. Cheques should be sent to the Friends at St Clement Danes Church, The Central Church of the RAF, Strand, London WC2R 1DH and made payable to The Friends of St Clement Danes.

The Friends will donate a further £50 with each donation made to the project, with a cap of £15,000. To ensure that we can claim back Gift Aid, please complete the Gift Aid form at the back of this issue of O&L and send it to the Church at the address above.

If you want further detail on the campaign and renovation plans, our Development Director Jules Sherwood would be delighted to answer any queries, his email address is: developmentdirector@stclementdanesraf.org

The Night of 10 & 11 May 1941

The Reverend David Osborn BD AKC PGCE RAF

The last night of the Blitz proved a fateful one for the church of St Clement Danes. Before then it had already earned the reputation as one of the most bombed churches in London. Near misses had blown-in many windows, including a memorial window to Samuel Johnson. Some of the damage from this raid can still be seen in the north east wall of the church, close to Johnson's statue.



More worryingly one, perhaps two, of the supporting beams had cracked in a later raid causing the roof to sag with rainwater pouring in as a result. Some mitigation was carried out by the Rector, The Rev'd William Pennington-Bickford, including the removal of the old pulpit to the crypt of St Paul's Cathedral for safe-keeping. Services had continued with a few members of the congregation attending in a church that was cold, damp and draughty – a far cry from the recent heyday when hundreds flocked to the big festivals in this famous building.

Then on the night of 10 and 11 May disaster struck. It was an awful night for London with a massive raid taking place over the capital. For some reason, perhaps a change in the prevailing wind, the bombers overflowed the docks in the east and bombed across the City instead. St Mary le Bow (of cockney Bow bells fame) was badly damaged, a bomb fell through the roof of the Temple Church in Fleet Street, the Law Courts were hit as were other buildings in the Strand. In all the hue and cry it took some time for people to notice that incendiary devices had fallen on to the roof of St Clement Danes Church.

By the time that the alarm was raised the building was well alight. The roof fell in and the fire spread to the organ, the gallery and then the downstairs pews, the fire gathering momentum as the lead in the remaining windows melted causing them to cascade in. Virtually nothing was salvaged that night; in the following week a few artefacts were rescued, most notably the Sanctus Bell. It was also known as the Armada Bell because it was cast in 1588, the same year as the Spanish Armada, although the two events are not connected.



The Rector, who had been in an air raid shelter in Lincoln's Inn Fields, emerged to find his church engulfed in flames – there was nothing he could do except watch the building burn.

The fire eventually burnt out after 14 days when all that was left were the walls, the shell of the tower and the crypt.

The church lay derelict for over a decade until the RAF decided that it needed a place to commemorate those who had lost their lives in service and they settled on St Clement Danes. An appeal was started, money poured in from all over the world which, along with war reparations, meant that the building could be restored. This was duly done with the church being rededicated in October 1958.

This year sees the 80th Anniversary of the 1941 raid that spelled the end of one chapter in the life of our remarkable building and the eventual start of a new one. As we move towards the season of Easter the story of our church is a reminder that even in the darkest of times there is always hope, and that hope springs eternal in our hearts and souls.



The Appeal

'So for the brave men . .
For whom no Spring can come in cuckoo time,
Let there be beauty spilt like Holy Seed.'

Annual General Meeting of the Friends of SCD

Thursday 22 April 2021 at 4pm

To Be Held On-line via Zoom

For Registration and the Sign-in link
please e-mail the Secretary: chris.priebe@btinternet.com

All members of the Friends are entitled to attend and vote. It is hoped that as many as possible will be able to attend.

Notice is issued by Christopher C K Priebe, Secretary

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Chairman's Opening Remarks
4. Election of Council Officers and members
5. Minutes of 2019 AGM
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Membership Secretary's Report
8. Any Other Business
9. Date of Next AGM

As in previous years, audited accounts will be available at the meeting and will be published with the minutes in the next Oranges & Lemons.

A copy of the Friend of St Clement Danes Constitution will also be available.



Remembrance Sunday, Sonnet, November 2020

Bomber Command Memorial

Peter Neville Lewis

From far and wide the grim-faced grievors come
Their silent sorrows buried in a distant grave.
They stand in gazing silence, as if dumb-
Struck by the sunlight shining on those brave
Colossi of the skies, stood in a god like group
Full facing death yet not afraid to die.
Remember Bill or Jack the wooden crosses plead,
Each popped wreath recalls the fallen few
And stone-gouged words proclaim the daring deeds
Of fifty thousand souls who paid their country's due.
So raise aloft your eyes and read the gilded text
Per Ardua Ad Astra, stark in cold white stone.
A message not for this world but the next
Where glory waits for fragile flesh and bone.



News from 296 (Stoke Newington) Squadron Air Training Corps

Warrant Officer Avtar Singh RAFAC Officer Commanding

The 296 Stoke Newington Squadron, akin to the rest of the world, is learning to deal with the new Covid-environment. The staff and cadets have risen to the challenge of moving face-to-face activities online.

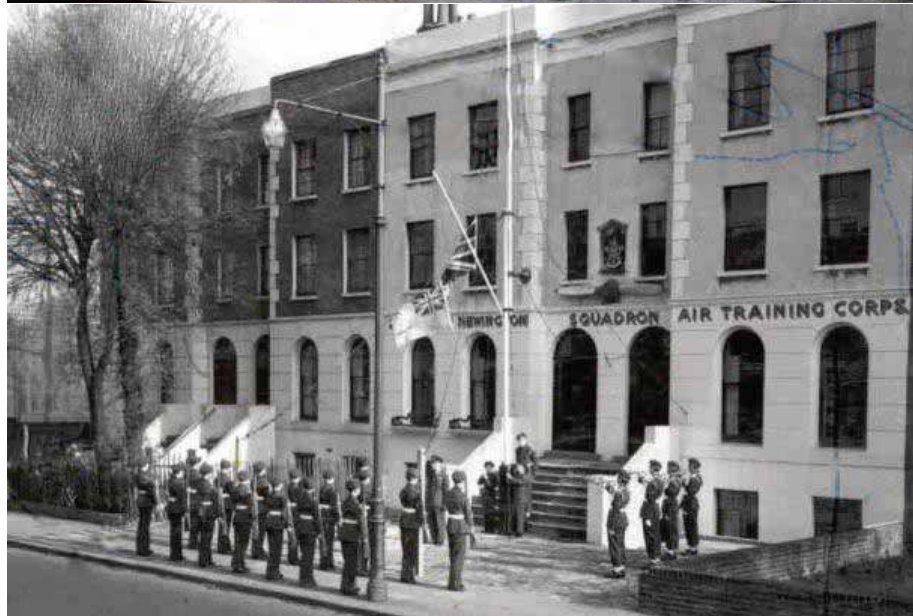
We have kept cadets engaged with a mixture of fun evenings involving quizzes (which the CO always tries to win) and lots of guest speakers and interactive STEM sessions.

We have also been adapting the training we offer our cadets by ensuring they can obtain their classifications in line with the RAFAC syllabus. Drill for the time being has been replaced by PowerPoint and Microsoft Teams. There has been a lot to learn for everyone involved, including how to unmute the microphone and selecting from a choice of virtual backgrounds.

We all enjoy the time we spend speaking to each other and seeing the once very smart, young people with short back and sides now sporting longer hair. This would normally make all drill NCOs say a few choice words along the lines of: 'get your hair cut'.

Of course, the shy ones do say '*the camera's not working, Sir*'.

The staff and cadets alike are very much looking forward to seeing each other in the hopefully not too distant future and I'm sure we will be spending many hours replacing uniforms that no longer fit.



Pictured above: The Squadron in the 1960s.

Who are the Friends?



The Friends were founded in 1976 by John Samuel Thomas then Resident Chaplain of St Clement Danes. John served in the RAF from 1941 to 1946 and then 1951 to 1976 achieving the rank of Group Captain and Assistant Chaplain in Chief, Air Ministry.

In 1996, under Air Commodore Felicity Peake's tenure of leading the Friends, the Friends achieved its charitable status.

We are a group of individuals who share a common goal in seeking to provide an important underpinning to the work and ministry of the Central Church of the Royal Air Force. We help to bring the church to life through our activities, including an annual concert featuring the choir of St Clement Danes and The Central Band of the RAF or The Band of the RAF Regiment. We have a Friends Service annually as well as the production of two editions of our magazine Oranges & Lemons.

Our mission is to encourage growth in the membership of the Friends of St Clement Danes through promotion of what St Clement Danes provides spiritually, socially and culturally.

We consider the ongoing work of St Clement Danes vital and the need to keep the church resplendent. We must build on the successes of the past, continue to support the church and the wider Friends organisation, ensuring that we remain relevant and a force for good through the 21st century.

We welcome new members from all walks of life.

Application to become a Friend of St Clement Danes

Please complete and return to: The Friends of St Clement Danes,
Strand, London WC2R 1DH

Current categories to join the Friends are:

Normal Membership by Direct Debit

Corporate Rates please contact the Membership Secretary at the church.

Serving RAF Personnel please contact your Station Representative

Membership renewals are made from 1 July each year. Part-year subscriptions may be made initially to cover an intermediate period.

Please tick the category that you are applying for:

- ☐ **I wish to join as a single member** and authorise a Direct Debit of £26pa**
- ☐ **We wish to join as joint members** and authorise a Direct Debit of £40pa**

*** From my account until further notice; I enclose a completed Direct Debit instruction (page 38)*

- ☐ I enclose a completed **Gift Aid Declaration** (turn page)

Name and Surname:

RAF Rank (if applicable):

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Signature:

Date:

GIFT AID DECLARATION

I would like The Friends of St Clement Danes to reclaim tax paid on all donations and subscriptions I have made to this charity since 6 April 2015 and any such future payments. I realise that I can only sign this Gift Aid certificate if I have paid enough in Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax to cover the amount that all charities that I donate to will reclaim for each tax year. Council Tax & VAT do not count and I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given. I am a UK tax payer and understand that if I pay less income tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

I know I can cancel this declaration at any time by advising The Friends of St Clement Danes.

Signature:

Date:



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St Clement Danes and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my
Bank/Building Society.

Signature(s)

Date

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