



LANCASTRIANS IN LONDON

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Events 2023 - 2024

Monday 15 January

AGM & Dinner at the Union Jack Club.

Wednesday 10 April

London Walk, Belgravia

Thursday 16 May

Visit to Royal British Legion poppy factory

How wonderful to be a Lancastrian in London during this festive time. Our carol service at the King's Chapel of The Savoy was a joy for all those who were able to attend. The female choristers, in particular, were superb.



Our past president Lord Hacking treated us to a few words after the carol service when he spoke at the Christmas dinner, held in the David Lloyd George room at the National Liberal Club.



The service was led by Rev. Canon Thomas MB Woodhouse MA and he was kind enough to say that the mid-week visit from the friendly Lancastrians was a welcome point during the Savoy Chapel's hectic week of Christmas celebrations.

For those of you with sharp eyes, I assure you that the clock in this picture, reading ten past two, had stopped.



HMS Lancaster. Affiliates Day. 3rd October

The Association of Lancastrians in London, as an affiliate of HMS Lancaster, was invited by the Royal Navy to visit the HMS Collingwood training base in Farnham and meet the starboard crew who had just returned from HMS Lancaster in the gulf. Chairman William Arnold and Jim Collier were joined by other affiliates, including serving members of the Duke of Lancaster's regiment, the Worshipful Company of Feltmakers and the Lancaster military heritage group.



HMS Lancaster has been conducting tasks, ranging from deterring attacks on merchant vessels in the straits of Hormuz, enabling the evacuation of UK and US nationals from Sudan and intercepting over 10 tons of narcotics in the gulf of Oman. The visiting affiliates were treated to a full day of information and live exercises in great detail. We spent time in a mocked up, but very convincing, ship's bridge simulator and we were shown gun turrets, submarine missile launch training and half an hour among an operations practice of a ship under attack, surrounded by screens and radar. We had to surrender our phones at the gate until leaving but were then provided with pictures of our activity in more detail than I would have dared asked for.



Lancastrians member Johnny Roberts cycled 325 miles, from London to Champagne with a team from Berry Bros & Rudd to raise money for people living with Motor Neurone Disease (MND). Johnny's colleague at Berry Brother's, Davy Zyw, was diagnosed with MND in 2018 but he has defied the odds by surviving far beyond the two-year life expectancy.

Committee members of the Lancastrians took the opportunity to donate to the My Name's Doddie Foundation, a charity that supports people living with MND and were rewarded with a tasting session at the splendid and ancient Berry Brother's and Rudd on St James's Street in London. It has only been there since 1698. The charity cycle ride had raised £384,131 at the time this newsletter went to print.

Annual Quiz 7th November



According to the 1991 census, which of Manchester, Liverpool or Blackpool had the greatest population? Just a sample of Peter Charlton's questions at the annual quiz which was won by our members the Smye-Rumsby family Cerys, Lawrence and their son Greg with lucky mascot Jim Collier. (And the answer was Blackpool.)

Blackburn Cathedral 23rd November



The Lancastrians in London once again took a table at the High Sheriff and the Dean's Banquet at Blackburn Cathedral. Again, the guest speaker was a member of the Lancastrians in London; this time Sir Lindsay Hoyle following Adrian Waddingham and Sir Andrew Parmley in recent years.

The event raises funds for the Blackburn Cathedral Trust which is currently planning the renovation of the Crypt into a multi-purpose venue for events. Guests were entertained by drummers from The Lancashire Regiment (above) an organ fanfare and a choir from University of Central Lancashire singing a medley of songs from that Lancashire pop group, The Beatles.

Also pictured above with Sir Lindsay is Lancastrians chairman William Arnold and Simon Moyle.



The National Liberal Club, left, has been a great location for The Lancastrians Christmas dinner after the last two carol services at the King's Chapel of the Savoy. However, although the dinner this year was of a superior quality to the year before, the committee believe that better value can be provided at The Athenaeum Club 107 Pall Mall (right). Wednesday 18th December 2024 is the date that both the Garden room at the Athenaeum and the Savoy chapel are available to us. Consequently, both have been secured for our Christmas gathering in 2024 and you may therefore make an early note of this occasion in your diaries.





If you have a Facebook profile, search for 'Lancastrians In London' to enjoy a collection of photographs from our events.



Former Lancastrians in London President (and former Lord Mayor of London) Sir Andrew Parmley, joined top chef Richard Corrigan in September when the three-time Great British Menu winner walked over Southwark Bridge with nine sheep as part of the London Sheep Drive fundraising event. The drive echoes an ancient right for freemen to herd livestock into London. Freemen of the City of London were historically allowed to bring livestock and tools into the capital without paying tax. On this occasion the sheep coming over the bridge had "not been very well behaved and should have been moving a bit faster" according to Mr Corrigan.

New Member

Welcome, Canon Jonathan Thomas Boardman.
Born in Wigan, raised in Standish and ordained in Liverpool

Frank McClinton

Thank you, Jo Pearson, for passing on the news from the McClinton family to inform the Association of the passing of Frank McClinton. Frank had been a member and strong supporter of the Association for many years. His funeral was held in Weymouth last October.

Other members remember Frank in the National Westminster Bank where he held senior positions including responsibility for the bank's bullion operations in Manchester. Back in his day Frank was also captain of the England lacrosse team.

Jake Davies

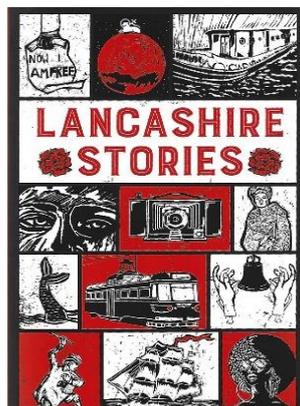
Member Philippa Davies advised us of the sad news that her husband, Jake, died on 20th September 2023. In Philippa's words; *'He just slipped away after what he had recently said was a good innings. The cause of death was really complications of Parkinsons. He and I were determined he would remain at home and he gamely ate every little meal I gave him and bumped along in his wheelchair with all my variety of outings I arranged. One of the last was to visit Bognor and go on a special speed boat round the Isle of Wight.'*

The committee offer sincere condolences to the families of both Frank and Jake.

**Visit to
The Poppy Factory**

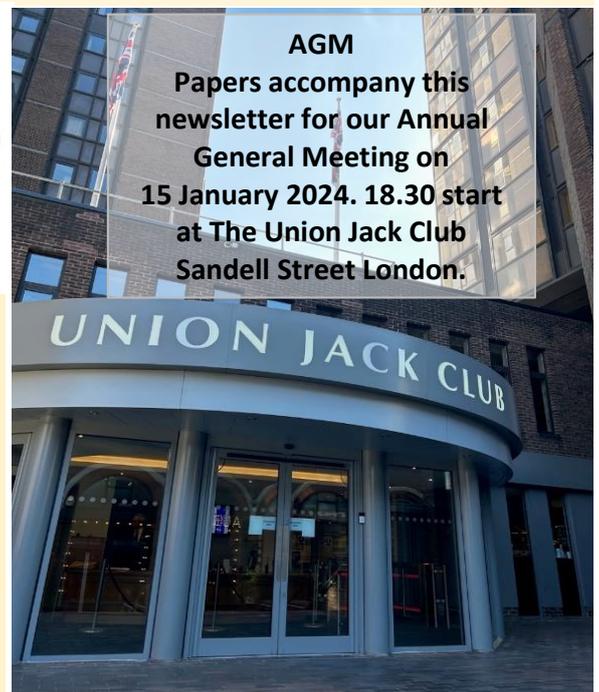


A date for your diary - Thursday 16th May 2024.
Joining details to follow in the next newsletter.



Pictured left is a book not available in bookshops. More about it in the next newsletter but if you have any information about it I would like to hear from you. Any contribution with a Lancashire interest would also be welcome. Please share by sending it to: j.collier@ntlworld.com

Jim Collier



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Papers accompany this newsletter for our Annual General Meeting on 15 January 2024. 18.30 start at The Union Jack Club Sandell Street London.