



WINDSOR, ETON & DISTRICT ROYAL WARRANT HOLDER EVENTS

September to December, 2025

For bookings or further enquiries about these events please contact:

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PRESIDENT'S DINNER

Friday 26th September, 2025

The Royal Automobile Club

Woodcote Park, near Epsom

7pm

Black Tie with medals

Guest speaker: Air Commodore VC McPhaden CBE MA (Oxon) MCIPD R.A.F

Musical entertainment

VISIT to GP & J BAKER

with lunch

Thursday 23rd October, 2025

11am

The Design centre, Chelsea

By kind invitation of Ann Grafton, M.D, GP & J Baker

VISIT to GANDER & WHITE SHIPPING Ltd

Wednesday 5th November, 2025

High security storage unit with lunch

Earlsfield, London SW18

By kind invitation of Alexander Bradford, Global Business Development & Sustainability Manager

VISIT to RAF NORTHOLT

Thursday 27th November, 2025

By kind invitation of the RAF Benevolent Fund and the Station Commander RAF Northolt Further details to be announced.



I am delighted to be writing to you as your new Windsor Royal Warrant Holders Association President.

Some of you may be surprised to learn that I am your President as I am your President for the 3rd time!

The reason for this is that during my first 2 Presidency's we were living through the worst times of COVID and I was unable to carry out my duties as I would have liked to.

I am a Director and shareholder of my family business Gander & White, which was set up in 1933 by my father Frank White at the height of the depression. In 1940 he joined the RAF and spent 4 years in the Middle East wondering whether his company would survive. Today we are one of the world's leading art logistic companies with offices and storage facilities in London, Sussex, Paris, New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Miami and Palm Beach. We work for the Royal Collection.

I am also the author of "Andrees's war" a book about my mother's years in the French Resistance during WW2. To date I have raised over £350 000 for dementia research/support from book sales and the revenue from books sold to Warrant Holders goes to the RWHC.

My aim during my Presidency is to connect with as many of you as I am able to and to organise events which will enable you to connect with each other. Please could you send our secretary Judy secretaryrwha.windsor@gmail.com your direct email and mobile number to ensure you receive updates of our events,

Windsor is the oldest of the local associations having been created in the late 19th C so that trade suppliers to Windsor Castle could trade amongst themselves. One of our Council members Karen Darville's Great Grandfather was one of the suppliers to HM Queen Victoria.

I look forward to connecting / reconnecting with you at one of our events

Best wishes
Francelle

PHOTO GALLERY DERBYSHIRE



Martin Bradford and Anne Grafton enjoying a vintage train journey during President Ian Maclean's Derbyshire weekend.



The day following President of Sandringham Ian's weekend in Derbyshire.

PHOTO GALLERY BALLATER



Morning coffee in Ballater during Aberdeen President, Mike Ayres President's weekend with Alison Ayres, Mr and Mrs Steve Kennedy, Mike Wilson, Philip Coward and Christopher and Laura Hodgson.

Photographer Francelle Bradford White Windsor

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BIRKHALL



Ballater with the Aberdeen RWH

From left to right standing Mike Wilson, (Aberdeen secretary), Chris Hodgson (Edinburgh President), Philip Coward (National President), Steve Kennedy (Vice President Aberdeen), Mark Leishman (Director RWHA), sitting from left to right Alison Ayers, (wife of Mike Ayers, Aberdeen President), Francelle White (Windsor President), Laura Hodgson and Mrs Steve Kennedy

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Glass blowing at Wilkinson's Ltd



David Wilkinson of Wilkinson's Ltd with his new Royal Warrant in the name of HM The King.

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118TH ROYAL WINDSOR FLOWER SHOW



For the first time the Windsor, Eton and District Warrant Holders Association took a stand at the Royal Windsor Flower show on Saturday 7th June, 2025.

The RHWA Marquee was organised by Ian Barnes at the invitation of Alex Denman, RHS the shows organiser.

Ian Barnes of Temple Bookbinders organized a series of talks by:

Ian Barnes, Temple Bookbinders

Phillip Coward, The Hill Brush Company

Stephen Twinning, Twinning Tea

Royal Collection, Richard Thompson demonstrated by apprentice James

Richard Taylor of RT Machinery

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ROYAL WINDSOR FLOWER SHOW

Sparkling Afternoon tea boxes



Kindly donated by Bidfood, Temple Bookbinders, Tiptree & Twinings

Temple Bookbinders making hand-bound notebooks

Ian and Michael Barnes of Temple Bookbinders Ltd; arranged and demonstrated with members of the public, the skill and craft of hand bookbinding. Twelve visitors to the RWHA marquee made their own notebook, selecting the linen and marble papers to bind their own gardening notebook. Each then collecting them to take home at the end of the day. Everyone enjoyed the master class. Collecting £72.00 in donations.

Philippa and Pauline Barnes arranged the afternoon tea boxes. Philippa of Paternoster Bakery, freshly baked over 100 scones at 02:00 that morning!



Ian Barnes demonstrating bookbinding



Making notebooks in the Royal Warrant Holders Association Marquee

Hillbrush Company

Hillbrush, a major brush manufacturer, exhibited their 'Natural' range of brushes at the Show, all of which are manufactured at their factory in the UK using FSC timber and sustainable natural fibres. The natural fibres come from all over the world and are mainly palm fibres. The fibres are 'harvested' from the trees and plants making them very sustainable.

Hillbrush was able to offer personalised brushes at the Show using a small

laser engraver, which proved very popular. The centre piece of the Show stand was another Brush chandelier.

Hillbrush was very pleased with the sales at the Show and look forward to returning in 2026.



Philip Coward talking about their new range of Natural by Hillbrush collection

Twinings New sparkling tea's

Twinings had a hugely successful day sampling our new Sparkling teas, namely Refresh, a blend of Juicy Raspberry lemonade and Hibiscus, Boost, a Zingy Lemon with Ginger and Lemon Balm and Defence, Zesty Orange with Passion fruit & Elderberry. 1500 people tried and loved these new fortified drinks, and we ran out of samples by 3pm even though the weather was not as warm as it could have been! Many thanks to the team, namely my wife Litt and David Fielder, who kindly stepped in to help us cope with the demand.



Steven Twining and his wife Litt handing out New Twinings sparkling tea.



A history of tea and an introduction to a new botanical sparkling tea range.

Royal Household Apprentice

James, Gilding and Conservator Apprentice, from The Royal Household.

James gave his time, generously showing the skill in hand gilding and his experience working for The Royal Household.

Requiring exceptional hand eye coordination and skill. Holding his breath as he applies gold leaf.

Leaving enough time to answer questions to a well attended, RWHa marquee



Gold gilding demonstration to inspire a future generation of makers.

RT Machinery

Sustainability in Grounds and Gardens Machinery

It was a delight to have a stand at the Royal Windsor Flower Show, exhibiting a range of low and zero carbon machinery for looking after grounds and gardens. Visitors were able to get up close (and not personal) with everything from a compact tractor to a battery utility vehicle, hybrid and battery ride-on mowers, battery walk-behind mowers plus battery hand-held hedgecutters and more.

There was a lot of interest in the different machines, especially the robotic mowers we had on display and also a weed control product that uses nothing but hot water!

In the RWHa marquee our own Richard Taylor and Andrew Grout engaged visitors in a whistle-stop history lesson on the innovations in mowing tools and machinery from the very early and labour intensive scythes, through the Ransomes cylinder mowers in the 1800's, on to the rotary mowers from the 1950's and right up to today's robotic mowers.



Mowing in the 1890's to mowing and care in 2025. Methods, maintenance and sustainability.

Andrew and Richard took the opportunity to give some key maintenance advice to keep mowers in tip top condition, alternative fuels that can be used in place of petrol and diesel and finally introduced a bio strimmer cord that could be the solution to the mountains of plastic strimmer cord strewn and buried right across our land. A number of free samples of this bio cord were handed out for feedback and test trials - watch this space.

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INSIDE TATE AND LYLE FACTORY

The visit was organised for Windsor WH to visit Tate & Lyle's factory by kind invitation of Tate & Lyle's Managing Director Gerald Mason.



Gerald talking about the sugar loaves and how they were made. Sugar loaves were cones in shape, which were broken off using nippers and sold by their weight. They were made by compressing refined sugar. At the time things like chalk would be mixed in to the sugar to make it go further.



Tate and Lyle



Here you can see the brown sugar is raw cane sugar. The white sugar, which you can also see, has been processed in the factory called refining but, returned here to be processed again. One reason for this could be because the packaging tore, it also helps to reduce wastage.



Inside the Tate and Lyle museum.



Mr cube created in 1949 a cartoon character drawn by artist Bobby St John Cooper spearheaded the campaign.



Lyle's Golden syrup was a waste product from the sugar refining process, which was thrown away, until Abram Lyle turned into Lyle's golden syrup. It was marketed as a cheap spread, rather than butter for your bread which was expensive at the time.

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Henry Tate was a grocer who then became a sugar refiner. He specialised in the sugar cube and opened his factory Thames Refinery in 1878.



Abram Lyle specialised in golden syrup. He built his factory 1 mile up river in 1882.

In 1921 the grandchildren of Mr Tate and Mr Lyle decided to merge and that they should work together.



Here you can see the different types of bombs that were dropped at Tate and Lyle's factory during the war up to the 30th September 1940.

Heritage Centre John Lewis Partnership

John Lewis Heritage Centre is an archive which opened in 2013, it is open to Partners and the public on the first and third Saturday of every month from 10:00-16:00.



Odney House visit arranged by Chris Payne JLP



The John Lewis Heritage Centre curator Martin



Ian Barnes, Francelle White, Chris Payne and David Fielder

The Royal Automobile Club, Woodcote park near Epsom. WE&DRWH Annual dinner 26/09/2025

Dear Member

Francelle Bradford White and her husband Martin Bradford will be holding the Windsor President's Annual Dinner on Friday 26th September 2025 at the Royal Automobile Country Club, Woodcote near Epsom, Surrey. This stunning venue is set in 350 acres of Surrey countryside.

The evening will start at 7pm with a champagne reception, followed by a three course dinner with wine. There will be a paid bar for those who wish to purchase alternative drinks.

We are expecting a high volume of responses as several Windsor Royal Warrant Holder companies are sponsoring the event by taking a whole table. However, for those of you who are joining us as individuals we will be working hard to sit you near to like minded Royal Warrant Holder members.

Do please put the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you at the RAC in September.

To book your attendance at for this wonderful occasion at £135 per person, please fill in the form below with all names and dietary requirements.

Dress code is Black Tie



The Royal Automobile Club,
Woodcote park near Epsom





Full Names of all attending: _____

Number attending: _____ @ £135 per head Total £ _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Please indicate any dietary requirements with names.

Vegetarian/Vegan: _____

Any other dietary requirements: _____

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JCB today hailed a monumental Government decision to change the law to give hydrogen diggers the green light to be driven on UK roads.

Lilian Greenwood MP, Minister for the Future of Roads, has signed a statutory instrument allowing hydrogen fuelled construction and agricultural machinery to use the public highway from yesterday (April 29th).

Today JCB Chairman Anthony Bamford - who instigated a £100 million project to develop a hydrogen combustion engine to power JCB's machines - hailed the news as "historic". Lord Bamford's reaction came as a hydrogen powered JCB digger was driven around London's roads to mark the momentous announcement – calling in at the Department for Transport yesterday afternoon to meet the Minister who made the legislative change happen.

Future of Roads Minister Lilian Greenwood said: "Today shows once again we are on the side of British business, as we now allow hydrogen-powered diggers and tractors to be legally driven on UK roads for the first time. We're supporting the UK's Plan for Change by working closely with brilliant British companies like JCB to harness the opportunities of the net zero transition, driving innovation and creating jobs to put money in the pockets of hardworking people and secure our future."



Lord Bamford said: “The JCB team has done amazing work to develop a hydrogen combustion engine. It has already been given resounding backing from our customers who have been evaluating the technology; they say it is simple to use and performs as well as diesel counterparts. to drive on the road between sites and between farms.”

Lilian Greenwood signed the statutory instrument in early April to pave the way for an amendment to the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 to enable the road use of hydrogen-fuelled non-road mobile machinery. The change in legislation came into force yesterday. Other hydrogen powered vehicles, including cars, buses and trucks were already permitted by law to use UK roads, but hydrogen-fuelled construction and agricultural machinery could not – until yesterday.



JCB has invested more than £100 million to produce a range of super-efficient zero-emission hydrogen engines. This pioneering project at JCB’s engine plant in Derbyshire has been personally driven by JCB Chairman Anthony Bamford, who challenged the company’s engineers to make a major breakthrough in the use of hydrogen as a fuel in a combustion engine. JCB has been operating prototype hydrogen-powered Loadall telescopic handlers, backhoe loaders and generators on sites near Birmingham and is now testing a range of equipment in partnership with rental companies and leading contractors across the UK.