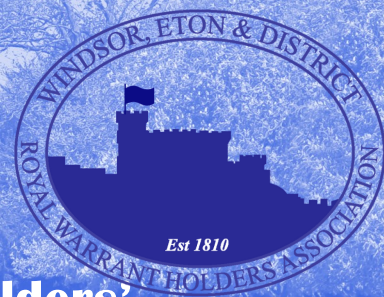


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**Greetings again, from Ian. In the Autumn Events Calendar, I have represented the Council at the following events / meetings.**

**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September. Aberdeen.**

Another visit to Scotland to the Braemar Gathering and Games. I was struck by the most beautiful scenery, winding roads and amazing events. Ballater is a beautiful town too. The Gathering and Games were startling, everything all happening at once, like school sports day but all running at the same time. Highland dancing, piper bands, long jump, high jump, hill running (with us all cheering on Mike Ayres Aberdeen's President), caber tossing, world record for throwing a 56lb weigh over a rugby H frame by Vlad Tulacek 39.5 metres !! Everyone was cheering on Vlad.

As this was one of the last Highland games of the Summer, held in fine conditions at Braemar today (September 7). HM King Charles and HM Queen Camilla were in attendance, continuing a royal tradition dating back to the time of Queen Victoria.

**17<sup>th</sup> September. London. Mosimann's**

A chance to network and meet up over drinks and canapes. Always trying to entice more RWHA companies and their guests to attend the Charity Auction at Bonhams the 21<sup>st</sup> October is only a month away at this point.

**18<sup>th</sup> September. Zoom Meetings**

*President's Meeting with RWHA Executive Committee – provided the opportunity for Presidents of local associations and RWHA to discuss their plans for their year as well as understand the budgeting post warrant issue. The meeting included Vice President Andy Tarrant, who also found the meeting useful stating that it was good to meet the RWHA Exec and align with their agenda. It was proposed that these meetings take place twice a year to share ideas and discuss challenges*

**8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> October Edinburgh President's Dinner. President Alec McQuin.**

Another visit to beautiful Scotland. For the President's Dinner in the Signet Library. The Signet Library, in the centre of Edinburgh's Old Town, is synonymous with prestige and Georgian elegance. Steeped in history, the building was completed in 1822 in time for the celebrated visit to Edinburgh of King George IV, who described the upper library as "the finest drawing room in Europe". Beautiful venue, a

## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE



**President Ian Barnes and his wife Pauline at the Bonhams Charity Auction**



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chance to network and celebrate being part of the RWHA.

Visiting the Kinloch Anderson, 4 Dock Street, Edinburgh, is a family run business that sells a wide range of highland dress for both men and women. Corporate wear in tweed and tartan is also available.

Hamilton & Inches made us really welcome again; we had visited last in August during the Edinburgh Fringe and Tattoo. They have a worldwide network of Official Rolex Retailers, with an Authorised Rolex Service Centre. Since 1866, Hamilton & Inches has been Edinburgh's premiere destination for fine jewellery, luxury watches and hand-crafted silver. We were shown around the Scottish Gold workshop too, amazing !! They have maintained their jewellery and silver workshops since inception and have held a Royal Warrant as silversmiths for more than 120 years.

Building up to the Blenheim Palace President's Event, getting anxious now.....

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. 12: 00 – 15: 00 Chance** to visit Temple Book binders, try out some hand book binding, share tea and scones and a few cakes made by Philippa!! For those who were able to visit the bindery, thank you. A chance to celebrate what we do.

## **Blenheim Palace The Orangery, Woodstock Oxford.**

Minibus service running guests in from Hensington Gate to the Flagstaff. Saved many dresses and high heels !! Sol Samba drum and dance; to start the evening off. 1900-0050 evening of formal toasts, dinner and entertainment, the singing waiter was a complete hit. Thank you to Bendicks for the table mints, fabulous after dinner treat. Raffle raised funds to QEST, thank you Kevin Giddings.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October** chance to revisit the grounds and gardens of Blenheim Palace and the weather just about held. Beautiful Autumnal vistas.

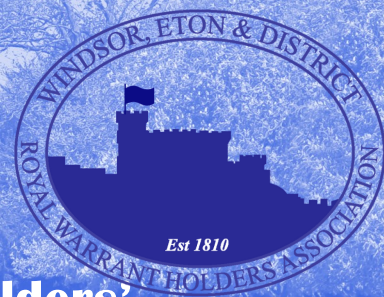
Evening 18 00 – 22 00, crepes and drinks at Paternoster Farm, Pauline and Ian's home. Thank you to all those who visited and shared this evening event. A chance to meet with friends and family.

Thank you to our sponsors again, this really would not have been possible without your generosity, support and friendship. Edmundson Electrical. Halcyon Days. Dege & Skinner. Max Communication.



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## 21<sup>st</sup> October. RWHA Charity Fund Auction at Bonhams London.

Eighteen months in the planning !

Huge Thank you; to Matthew Haley of Bonhams. Claire Anderson Charity Fund and Plowden Manager. Professor Steve Macleod, Director, Metro Imaging Ltd; for logistics advice and support. Your commitment early on whilst organising this event was fantastic. Your belief that this would be a success kept me going. Claire has now confirmed that this event raised more than £110,000.00; with Gift Aid. With £10,000.00 for W,E & D Council's Charity donation this year to Alma Beacon. More details and photos to follow once the cheque is presented in late November.

## November 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet at The Dorchester Hotel London

Wonderful event although incredibly noisy, but that is because it was so well attended. Local Presidents and Honourable Secretaries, took up two tables alone, sat next to each other and made conversation easy. Wonderful to catch up with everyone we have met over the President's Year. Dance area and bars made a welcome break from the main dining area. Beautiful venue in a famous hotel. Ian was able to present the cheque to Anne Hollamby Charity Fund Trustee. Emotional time after all that work, time, effort and personal resources.





# PHOTO GALLERY: BRAEMAR GAMES





## PHOTO GALLERY: EDINBURGH PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND





## PHOTO GALLERY: WINDSOR PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND



*A visit to Temple Bookbinders, with an opportunity for creating a hand-bound notebook.*





## PHOTO GALLERY: WINDSOR PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND



*Beautiful  
Blenheim—  
the location  
of our  
Presidents  
Dinner*



*Our President Ian and his wife Pauline, opened up  
their home for crepes and drinks to close off a  
wonderful President's weekend.*



## PHOTO GALLERY: WINDSOR PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND





## PHOTO GALLERY: WINDSOR PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND



*A fantastic evening of music, laughter and dancing at Blenheim.*



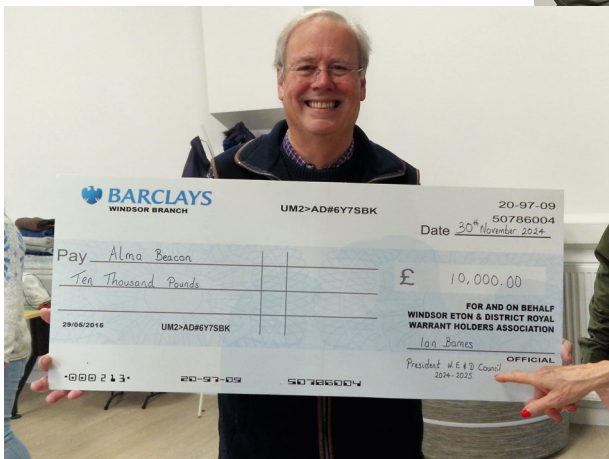
## PHOTO GALLERY: BONHAMS CHARITY AUCTION



**A hugely successful evening, raising over £110,000 including Gift Aid for the Royal Warrant Holders Charity Fund.**



## PHOTO GALLERY: ALMA BEACON CHEQUE PRESENTATION



W,E & D Council have made a huge unexpected difference to Alma Beacon this winter. During our first fact seeking visit over the summer, we were hoping to raise around £3,000.00.

But from the Blenheim Palace President's Reception surplus mainly from sponsorship, then the RVHA Charity Fund entrance fee going straight to W,E & D Council's charity fund for Alma Beacon; we were able to raise £10,000.00.

This has been an amazing result, the difference you have all made will make such a difference for Alma Beacon and the services they can now provide. Showing charity in action, with immediate impacts.





## MEMBER VISIT: GANDER & WHITE

Gander & white began life in 1933 as specialists in the handling of fine art and antiques for galleries, art dealers and private clients.

Gaining the Royal Warrant in the 85th Year!

Gander & White are now one of the World's foremost international fine art logistic businesses. Proudly representing Windsor, Eton & District Council, Francelle has previously been a Vice President & President.

The visi illustrated how Gander & White act as the custodians of their client's irreplaceable possessions, they are truly dedicated to the seamless execution of each request and project. Security is so strict I was not able to take photos during our visit, quite rightly so too. What a beautiful setting. Philip Coward—National VP, Andrew Tarrant—W,E & D VP and myself had an amazing visit. We realise that Gander & White, under Francelle's guidance, has continued to grow and evolve, with their skills and services providing everything for fine art, logistics solutions globally. Now with offices in London, Paris, Miami, Palm Beach, San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles.





# MEMBER FOCUS: TWININGS TEA

## About Twinings

Thomas Twining started his business in 1706 in an existing London coffee house, just off the London Strand. As there were thousands of coffee house in the city, he wanted his to have a point of difference, so introduced fine quality teas to his offering. Tea was increasingly fashionable to drink and before long Thomas was selling more dry tea than wet. Social norms of the time meant it was socially taboo for ladies to enter coffee houses, but they were keen to serve this new beverage in their drawing rooms, so they would wait outside Tom's Coffee House in their carriages while their footman went in to buy the tea.

Thomas' ambition was to generate a reputation for doing one thing really well, namely buying and blending fine quality tea, which became the company philosophy which we still adhere to today. As a consequence his business thrived, and after eleven years he was able to buy two neighbouring properties, which he converted into the world's first dry tea and coffee shop, which still proudly serves our customers at 216 Strand London.

At the heart of our business and our quality philosophy, are our Master Blenders. It takes 9-12 years to train to be a Master Blender and their skill and dedication to the art of blending fine quality tea and herbal infusions ensures every cup of Twinings brings the same satisfaction and taste every time. Each carefully curated blend is tested and crafted by this expert, tasting each blend from bush to shelf at least six times to help guarantee consistent taste and quality – to help ensure drinkers feel “Alive In Every Drop”.

This philosophy has stood us in good stead, as we have been honoured to be granted a Royal Warrant by every successive Monarch since Queen Victoria first granted Twinings her Royal Warrant in 1837.

Twinings has a long and celebrated history of innovation. From Thomas Twining bucking the coffee house trend in London in 1706 by selling dry tea, to Sam Twining introducing herbal infusions in the UK in 1972, innovation is in our DNA.

This year is no different, as we recently launched Twinings Sparkling Tea, our ready-to-drink product, which is in response to consumer demand for a soft drink that is good for you and tastes delicious.



## MEMBER FOCUS: TWININGS TEA

### Ready-to-drink Sparkling Tea

*Twinnings has launched a new Sparkling Tea, a range of ready-to-drink soft beverages in the UK – available in three refreshing fruit flavours*  
*Twinnings Sparkling Tea is fortified with a range of vitamins and minerals, with no artificial sweeteners, colours or added sugar at less than 50 kcals per can*  
*Harnessing 300 years of expertise in every drop, Twinnings Sparkling Tea is the perfect afternoon pick-me-up, aimed at combatting an afternoon slump that's good for you*

Fortified with multiple vitamins and minerals, including antioxidant Vitamin C\* to support general wellbeing, Twinnings Sparkling Tea responds to an evolving consumer demand for an afternoon treat that is good for you.

Developed by Twinnings Master Blenders and expert herbalists, Twinnings Sparkling Tea infuses tea and botanicals with sparkling water and fruit juice and it is fortified with vitamins and minerals to create the perfect, refreshing pick-me-up to help combat the mid-afternoon slump.

Twinnings new Sparkling Tea comes in three delicious fruit flavours:

**Defence:** Zesty Orange with Passionfruit, Elderberry and Chinese green tea infusion - fortified with Zinc and Vitamins C and D.

**Refresh:** Juicy Raspberry Lemonade, Hibiscus and Chinese white tea infusion - fortified with Magnesium, Niacin and Vitamin C.

**Boost:** Zingy Lemon with Ginger, Lemon Balm and Indian black tea infusion - fortified with Vitamins B6, B12 and C.

The Sparkling Teas are rich in antioxidant vitamin C\* and contain a range of vitamins and minerals. The range is also free from any artificial sweeteners or colours, created with no added sugar\* and less than 50 calories in each can.

Twinnings' latest innovation responds to consumer demand for a fresh, new way to enjoy tea. Consumer testing of the Sparkling Tea found that 9 out of 10 who sampled said they would recommend the product to a friend after trying, commenting that it far exceeded their expectations.

Harnessing 300 years of expertise, Sparkling Tea is the latest innovation at Twinnings, expanding its range of cold products following the launch of Coolers last month.

Twinnings Sparkling Tea will be available to purchase from **Twinnings.co.uk, 216 Strand, London, Amazon, Holland & Barrett, and select Waitrose and Sainsbury's stores.**

