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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, as we slowly try and get back to pre-Covid routines and adapt to the changing world. I hope you are all keeping safe.

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 2022 edition of Oranges & Lemons and what I hope will be a fruitful year as we move out of the grip of COVID19 and can really begin to meet once more. I am delighted to report that the Friends AGM and Concert were well attended last November and that we gained the support at the event from our Patron-in-Chief, HRH The Duke of Gloucester. It is a privilege to have such support and I have received word from Kensington Palace, that HRH very much enjoyed the evening and meeting members. On the night, we also hosted the Chairman of the St Clement Danes Trust and the Chaplain-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force, as well as over 200 members. Thank you all for your support during the evening and to the Central Band of the RAF as well as our own Director of Music and choir for all the work they put into making such a worthwhile event. I am also pleased to announce that our next Friends Concert will be on Thursday 24 November, details will follow in our autumn edition of Oranges & Lemons but do keep the date free!

Such events do not just happen and so I must thank the Board of Trustees for each taking on roles in support of the AGM and the Concert, including hosting duties. I personally could not attend as Covid19 prevented my travel from Germany. In particular, I wish to single out Wing Commander (Retired) Mick Meyer, who for the past 5 years has co-ordinated the Concert. Mick leaves us, having been on the Board of Trustees for many years, and having filled many roles. He leaves 'on a high', having brought so

much joy to so many through the first-rate concerts. Mick will be missed by his fellow Trustees and we wish him well.

I must also say goodbye, in this edition, to our resident chaplain, the Reverend (Wing Commander) David Osborn. He is the longest serving chaplain at St Clement Danes and is the first reservist chaplain to do so in RAF history. David has led the church through many trying periods, such as the complete rewiring of the building, the installation of new alarm and fire systems and of course the period of the pandemic. David has worked extremely closely with The Friends and I have always been able to make our work count, due to his enthusiasm and ability to bring people together for the good of our church, the congregation and the RAF as a whole. David, we wish you a long and happy retirement and thank you for the great co-operation.

Finally, as we enter a new year, I wish to thank all members for your continued support for the work we undertake. We made a real difference last year, despite the pandemic restrictions. We have supported the fabric of our church building by upgrading and changing some of the woodwork, purchasing essential items for use by the staff and clergy, and have given to the main church Spire Appeal. Thank you all!

From the Resident Chaplain

The Reverend David Osborn BD AKC PGCE RAF



Hello everyone.

This is my last contribution to Oranges & Lemons as Resident Chaplain, as I retire from the RAF.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to minister at St Clement Danes Church over the past eleven years – and it has also been an honour to be so closely linked to the work of the Friends during that time.

I am very grateful for all the efforts that have been made by all of you as the supporters of the church, from the annual concert, the Friends' Service, the fundraising and of course, O&L, which remains a unique publication.

It has always been wonderful to know that the ministry of SCD is so well supported by such a dedicated group of people.

I leave the church in good hands, with a bright future and with a continued ministry of worship and pastoral care for the RAF family.

My best wishes and thanks to you all.

Church Diary

Sunday worship takes place every week at 11am, unless stated otherwise.

03 Apr	Choral Eucharist
10 Apr	RAF Formation Service – Ticket only
10 Apr	Palm Sunday Eucharist in the Crypt (12:30pm)
15 Apr	Good Friday Service
17 Apr	Easter Day Service
24 Apr	Choral Eucharist – ANZAC Day
01 May	Choral Eucharist with Baptisms
08 May	Choral Matins
15 May	RAF Widows Association Service (followed by short Air Load Masters Assoc Service)
22 May	Choral Matins
29 May	Choral Eucharist
05 Jun	Choral Eucharist and Baptism
12 Jun	Choral Matins
19 Jun	Choral Eucharist
26 Jun	Cross of Nails Service
03 Jul	Choral Eucharist and Baptism
10 Jul	Choral Matins
17 Jul	Choral Eucharist
24 Jul	Choral Matins
31 Jul	Choral Eucharist
07 Aug	Choral Eucharist
14 Aug	Choral Matins
21 Aug	Choral Eucharist
28 Aug	Choral Matins

You need to be aware that the works outside the church – the pedestrianisation of the Strand / Aldwych junctions is continuing at speed. The main thing to remember is that the layout and traffic flow has been radically changed – please allow more time if using a taxi or Uber to come to the church.

News from the Parish Registers

We are delighted to share in families' excitement when they come to St Clement Danes for a Wedding or a Baptism.

Baptisms

Briar Mary Bardell Roberts (5 Sept)
Caius Jorge Sittikarn-pennini (5 Sept)
Otis Gordon Hollingworth (3 Oct)
Matilda Lyllie Rose Norman (3 Oct)
Margot Josephine Jan MacEwen (7 Nov)
Jasper Michael Priest (7 Nov)
Theodore Kenneth Morrall (5 Dec)
Jasper George De Dibou Richardson (5 Dec)
Phoenix Maximus Mitchell (20 Feb)
Jessie Isabella Deborah Gould (6 March)

Weddings

Adam Isaaks & Charlotte Farrow (9 Oct)
Daniel Rouault & Verity Fowler (6 Nov)
Matthew Proctor & Rosanna Watts (20 Nov)

Requests for Baptisms, Weddings and Marriage Blessings should be made to the Resident Chaplain.



The Beginning of the St Clement Danes Lodge

Chris Hill

In 1871, a group of Freemasons who lived in the parish of St Clement Danes in the City of Westminster decided to form their own Lodge. They were also parishioners of the Church of St Clement Danes, and under the leadership of Brother William Bale, they met in January of that year and petitioned Grand Lodge for the necessary permission. The text of the petition is below:

To

Right Honourable Earl Grey of Ripon. PC.
Most Worshipful Grand Master of England

My Lord,

I have the honour to lay before your Lordship the accompanying petition for a Warrant of Consecration for a new Lodge, which it is proposed to denominate 'The St Clement Danes Lodge'. The desire of the petition is the establishment of a local Lodge – that is to say, a Lodge for the especial accommodation and convenience of many brethren residing in the parish of St Clement Danes. Your Lordship will observe that the petition is signed exclusively by brethren who are inhabitants of the parish, including the Rector (the Rev R J Simpson, PGC [Provincial Grand Chaplain]) and Churchwardens, many other brethren, also parishioners, have expressed a great desire to become joining members. All the Parochial officers are Masons, and several inhabitants, non-Masons, have repeatedly signified their wish to become members of the Craft, but in a Lodge locally situated. It is therefore, earnestly hoped that the above reasons, together with the strong recommendation of the Mount Moriah Lodge appended to this petition will be sufficient to justify Your Lordship in favourably receiving this, our second petition. Also to add that we now have the required accommodation within the parish to carry out the duties of Freemasonry.

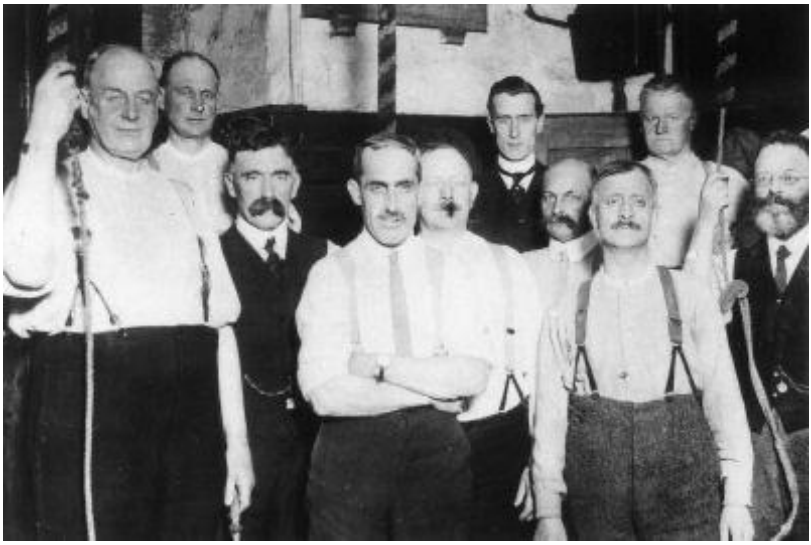
I have the honour to be, my Lord
Your Lordships very obedient Servant

Wm Hilton JD 780
Secretary Pro Tem

The first meeting of St Clement Danes Lodge was held at the King's Head, 265 Strand on 4 May 1871. This was the consecration meeting and was presided over by Officer from Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary, the Very Worshipful Brother John Harvey, was assisted by Worshipful brother Savage (Provincial Grand Deacon) and Worshipful Brother F Binkes (Provincial Grand Steward). There were 12 Founding Members.

The First Masonic Peel

The first peal ever rung by Freemasons was rung at St Clement Danes on 4 December 1919 – 48 years after the Lodge was formed.



5003 Grandsire Caters. Pictured above: Ringers left to right Canon G F Coleridge, Rev C W O Jenkyn, W H Hollier, J H B Hesse, E Bishop, A A Hughes, J H Shepherd, G R Fardon (cond), W H Judd, H Argyle.

FREEMASONS' PEAL.

HISTORIC FIRST PERFORMANCE.

An historic and interesting peal was rung at St. Clement Danes on Thursday afternoon, the 4th December, 1919, when, in celebration of Peace, the first Masonic peal was rung. Not only was the band composed entirely of Freemasons, but each one was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the oldest ringing society in the world. The method was Grandsire Caters, and was completed in three hours and 32 minutes. It was composed and conducted by Mr. G. R. Fardon, M.M., Warrant Officer's Lodge, No. 2346, a name familiar to all London ringers.

A peal by Freemasons was attempted a few years ago, but unfortunately failed after two hours ringing. The wish was then expressed that the next attempt should be made at St. Clement Danes, but owing to the weakness in the wooden frame, this was impossible at that time.

It is very fitting and most appropriate that the peal should have been arranged to take place in St. Clement Danes, since in October, 1917, a special Memorial Service for Freemasons who had fallen in the war was held there, when a large number of prominent and distinguished Freemasons attended, and the Rector (who has shown so much interest in ringing), is himself a Freemason—*Ringing World.*

COVER STORY: RAF Centre for Air and Space Power Studies (RAF CASPS)

Officer Commanding Group Captain Paul Sanger-Davies MVO MPHIL MA BA (Hons) MCIPD RAF



I'm delighted to be able to give readers an overview of how (and why) the Royal Air Force Centre for Air Power Studies (CAPS) was established, its evolution to cover Space, and its current and future focus.

As Director Defence Studies (RAF), I also hold one of the Directorships of RAF CASPS alongside Seb Cox, Head of the Air Historical Branch and Dr David Jordan, Head of Air Power Studies at Kings College London and the Freeman Air & Space Institute.

The RAF CAPS was established by Air Chief Marshal Sir Glenn Torpy, then Chief of the Air Staff, on 13 August 2007, to strengthen the relationship between academia and the RAF. The aim was to utilise this collaboration to develop and stimulate thinking about air power. It later developed into 'CASPS' to recognise our increased focus upon Space Power.

The aims were to:

- Act as the RAF's centre for strategic and conceptual thinking about air power
- Encourage and promote the study of air power

- Develop a reputation for academic excellence in air power studies
- Undertake directed campaign studies and disseminate the lessons resulting from those studies
- Act as a co-ordination and facilitation body for collaborative air power activities in the UK

Initial activities included rebranding the Air Power Review booklet as an RAF CASPS product, with its contents being agreed by the Directors at quarterly meetings.

The latest Autumn/Winter 2021 edition is available to read online here: https://www.raf.mod.uk/what-we-do/centre-for-air-and-space-power-studies/documents1/air-and-space-power-review-vol-23-no-11/



To recognise the uniqueness of the Platinum Jubilee, a special edition of the ASPR will be published early this summer. This will be followed by Spring/Summer and Autumn/Winter editions.

The Royal Air Force invests heavily in ensuring that the conceptual foundations from which all of its capabilities are ultimately generated are nurtured appropriately. To that end, the RAF Centre for Air and Space Power Studies maintains its focus on developing trends in technology, strategy and theory to inform the development of RAF and Joint doctrine and concepts, in co-operation with the MoD's Development, Concepts and Doctrine Centre (DCDC) and the RAF's Air and Space Warfare Centre.

It also plays a role in identifying areas of research that promise to advance the application of air and space power into the future.

Investing time and resources in the conceptual component helps to embed knowledge and understanding in the application of doctrine, thereby strengthening the moral and physical components of fighting power.



It is the fighting power of a military organisation that ultimately defines its utility, effectiveness and credibility. In British Defence Doctrine, fighting power is considered to comprise three components, the physical, the moral and the conceptual.

The first two components are reasonably well understood by anyone who has served in the Armed Forces or has an interest in the art of war.

The physical component comprises the means to fight, including manpower, equipment, the training that makes them effective

and the ability to sustain the forces and respond quickly to contingencies.

The moral component is more spiritual, but nevertheless easily recognisable as a vital component of military effectiveness, and includes attributes such as leadership, fighting spirit, morale and integrity.

If the physical component of fighting power can be considered the body, and the moral component the heart, then the conceptual component can be aptly considered as the brain. It provides a framework for thinking about all matters relating to fighting power and is the wellspring for creative and innovative thinking on which our concepts and doctrine are built.

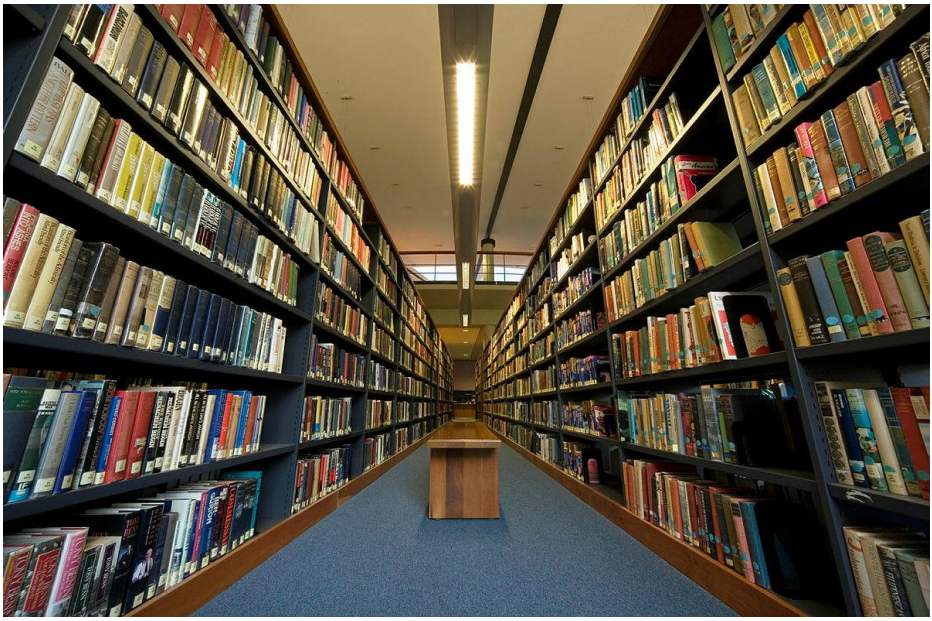


To that end it is not just a co-component of the physical and moral components of fighting power, yet by definition their parent too in that without the appropriate conceptual foundation, the moral and physical components can swiftly lose synchronisation, leading to ineffective doctrine, poor morale and ultimately defeat.

History is littered with heroic defeats and physical capabilities that were outmoded because the doctrines that underpinned them were ill-suited to the realities of combat in which they met

the ultimate test. Bomber Command's catastrophic daylight raids at the start of World War Two were an example of the former and France's Maginot Line is perhaps the example par excellence of the latter.

Adopting the right concepts and applying effective doctrine is just as important today as it has always been - perhaps even more so as the character of warfare is changing so rapidly, equipment lifespans are increasing, and budgets are under constant pressure.



A key mechanism to achieve this is via the Chief of the Air Staff's Fellowship Scheme, which gives opportunities for members of the Service at all ranks to compete for around 29 full and part-time post-graduate placements each year at universities and think-tanks. Each fellowship is heavily competed for, with candidates having to prove their academic ability and will to succeed, and to focus on a research area which is of direct importance to the Service and to Defence.

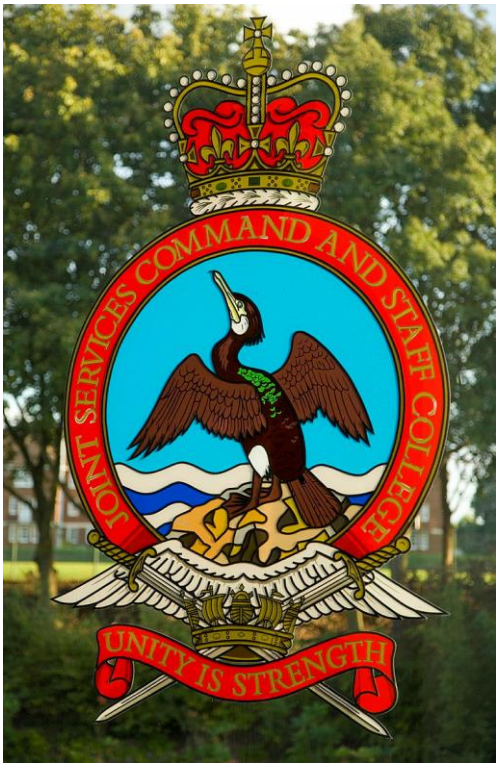
Through their studies at some of the UK's best universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, the Chief of the Air Staff's Fellows provide a rich source of innovative thinking and insight into subjects as seemingly diverse as the weaponization of cyberspace, development of UK sovereign space capabilities, and the effect of surveillance on behaviour and military innovation within the grey zone. All of these, and many more areas of research play an important role in informing our concepts and doctrine. They also ensure that we evolve our intellectual capacity at the speed of relevance alongside the physical and moral components of fighting power. This will mean that we can continue to meet a wide spectrum of foreseen threats, with the inherent flexibility to meet unanticipated future challenges. As an example of our evolution, we are refreshing a range of our fellowships to focus upon those concepts and technologies underpinning future capabilities, including data science and transformation, artificial intelligence, quantum computing, autonomy and robotics and sustainable development.

Engagement with the latest thinking in academia, coupled with the critical thinking skills that our Fellows develop during their academic immersion, provide a talented pool of strategic thinkers who go on to play influential roles in the RAF, Joint Forces Command, the MoD and other Government Departments. All this helps RAF servicemen and women to deliver the very best intellectual input into every aspect of our national fighting power. It ensures that air and space power is authoritatively articulated and that all three components of fighting power are balanced appropriately, and referenced to the present, as well as remaining fit to meet the future realities of conflict.

The Directorate of Defence Studies also produces publications, one of which is the **RAF Air & Space Power Journal.** A link to the 2021 publication is below:

https://issuu.com/globalmediapartners/docs/raf_air_and_space_power_2021?fr=sZDk4ZjQ1NTE0MTI

This edition looks at **Future Force 2040** and our pathway towards the Next Generation of the Royal Air Force, featuring forewords by the Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP and Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Sir Mike Wigston.



One of our more visible, large-scale events is CAS' annual Global Air Chiefs' Conference, with this year's conference planned for 13-14 July, leading up to the Royal International Air Tattoo. Air Force chiefs from around the globe are invited to attend and the theme this year is 'Maintaining Our Leading Edge'.

For updates on our current and future RAF CASPS activities, our website can be accessed via: www.raf.mod.uk/what-we-do/centre-for-air-and-space-power-studies

Minutes of the AGM of the Friends of St Clement Danes, held in the Crypt Chapel

Thursday 25 November 2021

Present

Wg Cdr Chris 'CJ' Hill – Trustee / Acting Chairman
Mr Artur Bildziuk
Wg Cdr Di Bentley – Co-opted Trustee
Mr Peter Holtby
Mrs Mary Holtby
Mr Daniel Kettle – O&L Manager
Mr Peter Kettle
Mrs Margaret Kettle
Wg Cdr Mick Meyer – Trustee
Mr Peter Neville-Lewis – Trustee
Rev David Osborn RAF – Resident Chaplain and Co-opted Trustee
Flt Lt Ian Perring RAFAC – Trustee
Mr C C K Priebe – Secretary
Sqn Ldr Em Rogers
Mr David Savage
Sqn Ldr Gavin Turnbull – Membership Secretary
Scott Williamson – Treasurer
Mr E Robin G Youle
Ms Susan Weaver

Apologies

Ven Canon Ray Pentland – President
Gp Capt Mark Heffron RAF – Chairman
Mr John Bayles
Gp Capt Peter Bedford
Mr Michael Collas – Trustee
Mrs Elspeth Kerr
Mr Hugh Kerr
Mr James McKinley
Mrs Gwynfa Podgorski
Mrs Jennifer M Youle

1. Prayer

The Resident Chaplain opened the AGM with prayers for: HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh; Coronavirus victims and Friends.

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted.

3. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed those present to the AGM.

The meeting was informed that Wg Cdr Mick Meyer would be retiring as Trustee and Concert Manager / Co-Ordinator. The Chairman thanks him on behalf of the Friends for his many years of service. A more formal farewell would be conducted on another occasion.

4. Election of Officers and Trustees

The Chairman thanked Trustees for their service over the past year. Sqn Ldr Rogers proposed and Mr Youle seconded the election of the following Trustees for the coming year:

The Ven Canon Ray Pentland – President
Gp Capt Mark Heffron RAF – Chairman
Wg Cdr CJ Hill
Mr Daniel Kettle – O&L Manager
Mr Peter Neville-Lewis
Flt Lt Ian Perring RAFAC
Mr Chris Priebe – Secretary
Sqn Ldr Gavin Turnbull – Membership Secretary
Mr Scott Williamson – Treasurer

Co-Opted
Wg Cdr Di Bentley
Revd David Osborn RAF – Resident Chaplain

The resolution was passed unanimously on a show of hands.

5. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last AGM had been made available via the Autumn 2021 edition of O&L magazine and the Chairman asked if there were any questions. There being none, the minutes were accepted unanimously on a show of hands, Peter Kettle proposing and David Osborn seconding.

6. Treasurer's Report

Copies of the Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 30 June 2021 had been distributed via e-mail prior to the AGM (see pages 26 & 27).

The Treasurer detailed the various sources of cash inflows and outflows. With £22,887 on the receipts side and £8,025 of expenditure, a surplus of £14,862 was reported for the year. As a result, a total cash balance of around £80,000 existed on the 30 June 2021.

The Treasurer explained that £11,777 of the receipts came from member donations to the Main Trust church tower repair appeal. The Friends had agreed to contribute £50 of its own funds for each member donation, so would be donating £1,750 itself. The acting Chairman would present a cheque for £13,527 to the Main Trust at the Concert this evening. The appeal remains open.

The Treasurer explained that as receipts for the year were less than £25,000, a formal audit of the accounts was not required under Charity Commission rules.

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Mick Meyer, seconded by Peter Kettle and passed unanimously on a show of hands.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

The Membership Secretary reported that membership numbers currently stand at 541, down from 606 at the last AGM. Current numbers include 4 members paying by direct debit whose O&L publications had been

“returned to sender”. Membership numbers consist of 346 life members, 3 honorary members, 5 corporate members and 187 annual members.

Three members had joined this year, including a corporate member.

Gift Aid is now being claimed on member subscriptions, boosting receipts. The Membership Secretary has also contacted members paying by standing order to ask them to switch to direct debit and / or update their payment amounts to the correct figure.

He also appealed to those present to be on the lookout for potential new members and ask them to join the Friends.

The Trustees recommended keeping subscription fees at their current level for the time being. This will be reviewed in advance of the next AGM.

8. Any Other Business

The Treasurer explained the Trustees had reviewed the methodology for calculating the cash reserve set aside to cover reimbursements in the event that the Friends should cease to operate. From 2013 to date, the calculation assumed an 80 year life span for members, with the reserve declining every year to zero at the point that milestone was achieved. Under that calculation methodology, around £40,000 would be held in reserve overall, roughly the equivalent of the balance held in the Friends’ Unity Bank account. However, given that the one-off up-front life membership subscription, when it was available, was roughly the equivalent of 18 regular annual subscriptions, and assuming Friends would feel they had received full value for their subscription after 18 years had passed and not expect a refund thereafter, if the reserve is calculated by amortising the life membership fee across 18 years for each individual life membership, the overall reserve for all life memberships would total £12,290. In other words, around £30,000 of reserves would be freed up. The reserve would also decline to zero in about ten years from now.

The Trustees recommended that this new calculation methodology be adopted.

Approval of the new reserve calculation methodology was proposed by the acting Chairman, seconded by the Treasurer and passed unanimously on a show of hands.

A question was asked on whether there were any new grants in the pipeline. It was explained that the Resident Chaplain makes new grant requests to the Trustees. Given the pandemic, the church's needs have not been as great recently as in past years.

9. Date of the Next Meeting

Friends AGM – Thursday 24 November 2022 at 4pm in the Crypt Chapel.
Friends Annual Concert – Thursday 24 November 2022 at 7pm.

C C K Priebe
Secretary

Group Captain M D Heffron
Chairman

Financial Report for the AGM
Accounting Year Ending 30 June 2021

Scott Williamson

The CC16A, which records the income and expenditure categories on which we report to the Charity Commission at the end of the year, is shown on the accompanying two pages. The figures are rounded up or down to the nearest whole pound in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines. Explanations of key areas are given in the paragraphs below.

All of what happened during the year was affected by the pandemic which impacted on just about everything and everyone during the accounting year. However, it is encouraging to see that things are improving.

Our total income was £22,887 (£10,018 last year). Of this £11,777 was raised through our Spire Appeal and was a very impressive result. The Trustees agreed that the Friends would contribute £50 in respect of every donation made. As we received 35 donations the Friends will add £1,750 to the amount received and we will therefore present a cheque for £13,527 to the church at this evening's concert.

The rest of our income was made up of subscriptions, donations, Gift Aid claims and bank interest. Subscriptions were £6,053 (£5,794 last year). I think our new membership Secretary's efforts are already starting to bear fruit!

Total donations for the year were donations of £2,136 (£135 last year). Gift Aid claims added £2,863 to our coffers and we anticipate more repayments in the current year. Bank interest was a mere £7 (£21 last year). Finally, due to the Covid-19 lockdowns no monies were received from sales. Hopefully we will see some sales money come in during the current year.

Expenditure for the year was £8,025 (£13,720 last year). Much of the reduction was due to our not having a concert last year.

Grants paid to the Church totalled £1,560 (£2,183 last year). Payment for the issues of the Oranges & Lemons, including printing costs, postage and editor fees were slightly up at £5,465 (£5,429 last year). The Concert was significantly lower than last year – more in line with the costs two years ago – at £2,475 (£4,967 last year). Bank charges for the running of the BACS system for membership direct debits were £709 (£655 last year). Expenditure is completed by Trustee expenses of nil compared to £834 last year. One small pandemic bonus!

At the end of the year we had a surplus amounting to £14,862 and we ended the year with our bank accounts holding £80,343 (£65,481 last year). Much of that surplus is, of course, from the Spire Appeal and will soon be paid over to the main Church Charity.

In accordance with Charity Commission Regulations, as our income is below £25,000, we do not require an audit or Independent Examination. Your Trustees are content that the information presented herein is a true and accurate statement of the financial affairs of the Friends of St Clement Danes.

Membership Report

Squadron Leader Gavin Turnbull

IMPORTANT: With this copy of Oranges and Lemons you will find a letter asking you to confirm your contact details and your preference as to how we contact you. In this age of GDPR, it is very important that our membership records are up to date. Please read the letter and follow the instructions for getting the information to me. I am sorry for any inconvenience. However, we must be able to show that our records are accurate and now seems a good time to carry out this exercise.

At the AGM in November, we had a total of 541 members, broken down as follows:

Honorary	3
Life	346
Annual Subscribers	187
Corporate	5

I had previously written to all those members, who had not paid for the last two years. Of these, four have now resumed with their membership. The other 23 that have not responded, or where we now know they have died, have been removed from the membership list. This accounts for the reduction in the overall figure since my last report. On a brighter note, since the AGM we have gained one Corporate member and three Annual Subscribers, two of whom are joint.

With the Covid restrictions easing and more events taking place, we are able to spread the word again about the good work done by the Friends. I would ask all of you to help in our campaign to boost our membership. If you know anyone that may be interested in joining, please do approach them. There is an application form at the back of Oranges and Lemons, but I can also provide an electronic copy or post an application leaflet if you need one. Just contact me, Gavin Turnbull, by email on membership@fscd.org.uk or by post via the Church.

Charity Name	No (if any)
Friends of St Clement Danes Church	1048757

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period From	Period start date 01-Jul-20	To	Period end date 30-Jun-21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	2,136	-	-	2,136	135
Donations for Spire Appeal	11,777	-	-	11,777	-
Christmas Card Sales	-	-	-	-	-
Ties and other Misc Sales	-	-	-	-	1,427
Concert Ticket Sales	-	-	-	-	2,477
Easter Service	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Income incl Gift Aid	2,863	-	-	2,863	-
Bank Interest	7	-	-	7	21
Guild Fees	-	-	-	-	165
Subscriptions	6,105	-	-	6,105	5,794
Sub total	22,887	-	-	22,887	10,018
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,887	-	-	22,887	10,018
A3 Payments					
Grants to Main Church	1,560	-	-	1,560	2,183
Guild Purchases	-	-	-	-	-
Friends Concert Payments	-	-	-	-	2,745
Easter Service	-	-	-	-	500
Sheet Music Purchases	233	-	-	233	472
Friends Service	-	-	-	-	-
Oranges & Lemons	5,465	-	-	5,465	5,429
General Charitable Expenditure	-	-	-	-	812
Support Costs - Trustee Expenses	-	-	-	-	834
Support Costs - Printing & Stationery	29	-	-	29	36
Bank Charges	737	-	-	737	709
Sub total	8,025	-	-	8,025	13,720
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,025	-	-	8,025	13,720
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,862	-	-	14,862	- 3,702
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	65,481	-	-	65,481	69,182
Cash funds this year end	80,343	-	-	80,343	65,481

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Deposit Account	14,061	-	-
	Unity Trust Account	44,688		-
	Current Account	21,594	-	-
	Total cash funds	80,343	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Nil	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Nil		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Nil		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Nil		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		M D Heffron	**25-Nov-21**
		C F S Williamson	**25-Nov-21**

1941 Appeal Update

Jules Sherwood

On behalf of the Trustees, Staff and recently departed Resident Chaplain may I take this opportunity to simply say, “Thank you” to all the Friends who have generously supported the St Clement Danes Church 1941 Appeal.

We were thrilled to receive the donation cheque of £13,527 in November at The Friends Annual Concert – thank you so much for your very generous support!



The Development Office at the Church has been working hard to prepare for the official launch on the 10 April 2022 at the RAF Formation Day Service, followed by a Reception at the Royal Courts of Justice.

The 1941 Appeal will consist of three strands:



“Pillar One” – to dismantle, restore and rebuild the 1719 James Gibbs Gothic Steeple, which is in a very perilous structural state. We are ready to start this work and as soon as we have the bulk of the £2,000,000 needed, work will commence and take about 72 weeks.

“Pillar Two” – the proposed opening of the Crypt under the whole length of the church to provide new facilities: including a small cafe open to the general public, which will also double as a training facility for ex-service personnel, NEETs (not in employment, education or training), new washroom facilities, space for music rehearsals and events. Most importantly it will serve as a drop-in wellbeing centre for RAF Charities and local community charities to offer advice and care for those in need.

Initial investigations are well advanced to determine if the Crypt runs the entire length under the church, to enable this “Pillar” to progress.



“Pillar Three” – will be to restore the beautiful Harrison & Harrison organ and to address the exterior of the church by lifting the paving slabs, levelling the ground and creating an alfresco area at the East End of the church where visitors can sit, enjoy coffee and perhaps, during the summer months, enjoy art exhibitions and flower displays.

The £10,000,000 1941 Appeal is visionary, yet it will prepare and secure financial sustainability of the church for the RAF and for generations to come.

We now have a strong group of 1941 Appeal Ambassadors in place, whose role is to help drive the Appeal forward and introduce us to those who will be able to help fund our vision.

Soon, we’ll announce the Patron for the Appeal, and it will be a great honour to have this person working alongside us.



Once we have “officially” launched the 1941 Appeal in April, we will have a document available which details our plans and vision, so please do contact Jules, our Development Director if you would like a copy. Alternatively, go to our website and sign up for our free newsletter which will give more details of the appeal.

If you would like to help with the 1941 Appeal or know of anyone who may be interested either in supporting and fundraising, then please do get in touch.

You can email Jules (pictured above) at: jules.sherwood@stclementdanesraf.org.

One final request from the Development Team – if you know anyone who may be able to help with our social media, please get in touch – we do need help to spread the news of this exciting Appeal.

296 Stoke Newington Squadron

Warrant Officer Avtar Singh



For 296 Sqn the year started pretty much the same as for the rest of the country, in a nationwide lockdown. All cadet face-to-face activity was suspended and like many other youth organisations we turned to the virtual classroom to continue twice weekly sessions.
This was no mean feat, trying to keep cadets engaged in a virtual world, however the staff and civilian committee went above and beyond: online quizzes, virtual bingo and presentation nights allowed cadets to give a talk on a subject of their choosing. This in turn ensured some senior cadets were put forward for their instructor cadet qualification. This ran alongside regular classification training and guest lectures from RAF personnel and other members of the aviation industry.

As the year went on and restrictions were relaxed, we were given the go ahead to gradually go back to face-to-face activities. May and June saw the squadron attending Field Craft courses, initial weapons training, shooting and a multi-activity week, during which our cadets gained the Bronze Leaderships badges.

The squadron officially reopened on the 4 July, and from then on we have gained momentum as staff went the extra mile to ensure that the building was Covid-ready and that all safety measures were in place.

The squadron attended the first annual camp of 2021, since restrictions began, at RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire – one of the RAF Quick Reaction Alert (QRA) Stations and home to two frontline, combat-ready squadrons. It is the training station for Typhoon pilots and the Cadets managed to get up close and chat to them and see the aircraft taking off and landing. They were also given a private tour of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

We saw every cadet come away with a trained shot marksmanship badge and a whole new group of friends from Essex wing cadets.

October saw 15 new recruits join. They were inducted to the squadron as Junior cadets at an awards night on the 8 November, where the New Deputy Lieutenant for Hackney, Stephen Howlett CDB DL, was the guest of honour. He presented certificates gained by the cadets during lockdown and two Deputy Lieutenant awards for 2020 and 2021.

November saw the squadron return to taking part in the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal as cadets and staff were all out and about in the local borough collecting on behalf of the charity.

The Squadron was also affiliated with The Worshipful Company of Glovers and asked to attend the Lord Mayors Show. It was lovely to hear and see the crowds cheering a big old route master bus that the cadets were leading, especially after being grounded for so long.



The Cadets were involved in a number of Remembrance parades from Bermondsey, Hackney and Stoke Newington. All involved felt very honoured to represent the RAFAC. Their final act was to march in silence along a local road in Stoke Newington in remembrance of the thirteen ex-cadets who joined up as young men during the war and did not return.

The year culminated in the Cadets providing the Carpet Guard for his Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester at the Friends of St Clement Danes Annual Concert.

All in all, 2021 saw the Squadron go from strength-to-strength and we’re hoping to be stronger still in 2022 with a new intake of recruits due to start early in the new year.

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 publication 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/our account until further notice; I enclose a completed Direct Debit instruction (page 38)*

☐ I enclose a completed **Gift Aid Declaration** (overleaf)

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 2016 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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DIRECT Debit

Originator's Identification Number | 9 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 7 |

Please fill in the whole form and send it to: Hon Treasurer, The Friends of St Clement Danes, Strand, London, WC2R 1DH

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To: The Manager

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2. Name(s) of Account Holder(s)

3. Branch Sort Code (from the top right hand corner of your cheque) — —

4. Bank/Building Society account number

5. Reference Number *(Hon Treasurer to complete)*

6. Instruction to your Bank or Building Society

Please pay The Friends of St Clement Danes direct debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this Instruction may remain with The Friends of St Clement Danes and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

Signature(s)

Date

Banks and Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions for some types of account

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2. We will only retain such information as we need to support the administration of the membership of the Friends and for no other purpose.
3. We may contact you by letter, email or phone including SMS unless you have told us otherwise.
4. You may change your preferences at any time by contacting the Membership Secretary by email at membership@fscd.org.uk or via the Church at: Membership Secretary, The Friends of St Clement Danes Church, St Clement Danes Church, Strand, London WC2R 1DH