



THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY Bath and District Branch

Dear Members and Friends,

It has been a difficult time for us all recently and I am sure you will agree with me that the passing of Her Majesty has deeply moved the nation. Her role within the Commonwealth has been immense and throughout her reign she has shone like a beacon of hope and support for all of us.

Due to her passing and certain procedures relating to the RCS in London we had to postpone our talk on September 22nd. However, we hope to let you have a new date very soon. Alan Howe our secretary will be in touch if a refund is due. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our event on October 27th at Bath Spa University (tickets still available from our secretary) and our forthcoming Xmas lunch (date to be confirmed) when our speaker will be from the Nelson Society.

The Britain-Australia Society is holding an event at Bathampton Church on Monday October 10th to remember Admiral Philip and further details of this can be found on our [website. www.rcsbath.org](http://www.rcsbath.org).

We will be joining Bath Abbey on November 11th for our service to Heroes of the Commonwealth which starts at 3pm. It will include contributions from the Military Wives' choir and 12 local schools who have been involved in the project. There will also be an exhibition of the children's artworks at the 44AD Artspace.

Our current president the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset Annie Maw finishes her tenure very shortly. However I have already been in touch with her replacement Mohammad Sadiq who will be joining us on November 11th in Bath Abbey so that members might be able to meet him.

We also have another talk on November 24th from Nav Sawhney, Founder & CEO of the Washing Machine Project which has proved very successful in refugee camps and with isolated communities all over the world. I have already heard him talk at the University of Bath and found him fascinating.

With the new annual student intake at the universities we hope to see more students join us in weeks to come. Membership fees are due in October so please do look out for a reminder email in the coming weeks

Finally, I am sure that you would like to join with me in wishing King Charles III a successful future as our new monarch as he also takes on his new role as Head of the Commonwealth.

Godfrey Hall. Chair