

THE SECRET WW2 LEARNING NETWORK

England & Wales · Charity number 1156796

Details

Other names	THE SECRET WAR MUSEUMS AND LEARNING NETWORK
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-04-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE NATURE, PERCEPTION, CONTEXT, HISTORY, IMPACT AND CONSEQUENCES OF COVERT AND ?SECRET WAR? ALLIED OPERATIONS DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR, WITH A FOCUS ON THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF RESISTANCE IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND ALSO THE ACTIONS OF THE RESISTERS THEMSELVES AND THE EXPERIENCES OF THEIR FELLOW CIVILIANS WHOSE COUNTRY HAD BEEN OCCUPIED.

Activities: Research and archiving of SOE ,BCRA, RAF Special Duties Squadrons and French Resistance Activities in WW2 in UK and FRANCE plus interviewing/filming of Veterans of above. Acting as an outreach vehicle for certain Educational and Museum Establishments eg University of Sussex Centre for Resistance Studies initiative for the above.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Armed Forces/emergency Service Efficiency
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Belgium
- France
- Netherlands

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£19,671	£18,924	-	-
2024-03-31	£12,661	£13,699	-	-
2023-03-31	£21,643	£14,522	-	-
2022-03-31	£10,493	£8,486	-	-
2021-03-31	£2,948	£492	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Louisa Russell	Chair	2017-04-30
Ashley Charles Barnett		2023-04-25
MARTYN JOHN BELL		2014-04-24
Nicholas Roy Howe Fox		2023-09-12
Paul Maxwell McCue		2016-03-13
Professor Hanna Elizabeth Diamond		2023-07-26
Professor Juliette Samantha Pattinson		2020-07-14

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Significant activities

Significant activities for this year are listed below under the relevant headings:

The following personnel from the Charity involved in the Programme are listed below:

Martyn Cox, MC	Co-Founder
Louisa Russell, LR	Chair, Trustee and Friend
Paul McCue, PM	Executive Trustee and Friend
Martyn Bell, MBe	Co-Founder and Trustee
Brian Spencer, BS	Trustee and Friend
Carol Browne, CB	Information Officer and Friend
Nick Fox, NF	Trustee and Friend
Peter Robinson, PR	Membership Officer and Friend
Edward Jones, EJ	Supporter and Volunteer
Juliette Pattinson, JP	Trustee
Ashley Barnett, AB	Trustee, Treasurer, Projects Officer and Friend
Steph Waters, SW	Media Officer and Supporter
Charles Ashton, CA	Research Coordinator and Friend
Jen Hilton, JH	Genealogy Officer, North Representative and Supporter
Meryl Jones, MJ	Hospitality and Marketing Officer and Friend
Jonathan Saunders, JS	Volunteer and Friend
Magda Thomas, MT	Volunteer and Friend
Ian Titman, IT	Volunteer and Friend
Alan Meeks, AM	Volunteer photographer and Supporter
Mike Hillman, MH	Volunteer photographer and Friend
Tony Page, TP	Volunteer photographer and Friend
Cathy Mitchell, CM	Volunteer and Friend

Trustees' Report: 1.4.24 to 31.3.25

The following events and presentations including research are itemised below.

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Events and presentation organised and/or attending including Networking:

13 April - Final day of the 'Secret Guildford' five-month exhibition. The last presentation associated with this exhibition included a showing of the film 'A Call to Spy' at the Guildhall, led by PM, CB and Cathy Mitchell.

23 April to 4th May – Two-week exhibition of information boards at Cranleigh Arts Centre about the ten 'secret war' locations within a 15-mile radius of the village.

25 April - AGM of The SECRET WW2 – conducted by Zoom.

5 to 7 May 2023 – Annual commemoration of SOE agents at Romorantin-Lanthenay and at Valencay, France. NF, David Harrison, and PM gave presentations and many visited the site of the Battle of Les Souches that involved F Section's WRESTLER circuit led by Pearl Witherington.

2 May – PM and Ambassador Gershon Gan attended an annual lunch with our Honorary Life Friend and Veteran, Jack Mann.

31 May - 'Occupied Europe, a fragmented Resistance - La Résistance au service de Sa Majesté' a film by Cécile Coolen, Supporter was held at the Institut Français, London to a large and appreciative audience.

4 -6 June - 'The White Mouse', a play about Nancy Wake, SOE Agent, held in Barnes and partly sponsored by SECRET WW2. Attended by many Friends and Supporters.

5 June - Nikki Bennett, daughter of André Hue, SOE, attended a ceremony to honour the French SAS and Maquisards, who lost their lives during WWII, at Plumelec, Brittany.

5 June – Jonathan Saunders, Friend, attended the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings at Portsmouth on the same day!

11 June – quarterly Zoom presentation. '*Writing an SOE Novel*' by Louise Morrish. Louise talked about her inspiration and research for her award-winning book *Operation Moonlight*.

18 June – *L'appel*. An annual ceremony, organised by the Defence Office of the French Embassy in London, marks the BBC appeal of General de Gaulle to France on 18th June 1940, a day that came to mark the beginning of French resistance to occupation. PM laid a wreath on behalf of the SECRET WW2. Other 'Friends' also attended.

18 June - '*Maintenance on Peut Le Dire*'. This is the re-discovery and showing of the French language version (dubbed) of the iconic film, '*Not It Can Be Told*'. MC and CC attended two screenings of the films at a programme of events at Cahors, France.

22 June - Unveiling of SECRET WW2 information board about SOE's Special Training School (STS3) at *Stodham Park*, in Liss Hampshire. Initiated by AB and supported by PM.

3rd July (*Verrières*) and 7 July (*Rom*) - Two 80th anniversary commemorations in central France to mark the tragedy of behind-the-lines Operation Bulbasket. Six Friends of SECRET WW2 travelled with Jane Storey, the daughter of the operation's commander and her husband, Derek, to these and other locations connected to the operation. We previously visited in 2010 not long after PM had reproduced his book '*Operation Bulbasket*' about this largest loss of life by the SAS Regiment in Nazi-occupied France.

7 July – '*Belgium Remembers*'. The annual walk and talk on 'secret war' Belgians buried or commemorated in Brookwood Military Cemetery, which was led by NF on behalf of SECRETWW2 and helped by EJ and MH. NF talked about Lt Henri Gaillot, nicknamed 'Grandpère', who was caught and executed at Buchenwald concentration camp in 1944. Colonel Bruno Plaetsier, Defence Attaché from the Belgian Embassy in London, Rudy Peleman on behalf of the Fraternelle des Parachutistes, were also in attendance together with Peter Doneux, son of Capt Jacques Doneux of T Section.

7 July – Annual picnic and networking event at the *Violette Szabó GC Museum*, Womelow. CB and Sharon Spinós, Friend, staffed a stall.

13 July - PM laid a wreath at The Belgian Cenotaph Parade.

31 August - Joyce Wilding, a former FANY (SOE) driver who served at STS 51 Thame Park and Station XIV Briggens has agreed to become our third Veteran Honorary Life Friend.

1 September – Annual Commemorative Ceremony of Jewish 'secret war' casualties, at the Memorial to the Missing 1939 -1945, Brookwood Military Cemetery. Ensign Denise Bloch, a French Jewish agent of F Section SOE, was individually remembered. Two members of the Defence Attaché team from the Israeli embassy in London and several members of AJEX were in attendance. NF laid a wreath on behalf of SECRET WW2.

4 September - '*The Polish involvement in Countering V-weapons*'. MT supported by PM delivered a presentation at Ognisko Polskie, London.

7 and 8 September – Annual week-end event at Wanborough Manor, Surrey's School for Secret Agents. PM and AB presented '*The secret history of Wanborough Manor and its part in saving Nazi-looted art*' and MJ gave a presentation about Pearl Witherington, SOE's only woman circuit leader.

10 September – quarterly Zoom presentation. '*SOE's Operation POSTMASTER*'. Presented by Ashley Barnett, Trustee, Treasurer and Projects Officer of SECRET WW2.

14 September - Unveiling of SECRET WW2 plaque commemorating the HQ premises of F Section, pending installation on 83 Baker Street at a future date.

22 September - Another unveiling of our SECRET WW2 plaque at the site of Mauthausen concentration camp. PM and NF were instrumental in this project and relatives from the Sehmer and Wärndorfer families were present as well as representatives from relevant embassies and several Trustees and Friends of the Charity.

29 September - PM acted as historical guide with a 40-strong party from a British Army unit, conducting a Battlefield Tour of 'secret war' and behind-the-lines locations across central and northern France.

6 October - Intelligence Corps ceremony at Brookwood Military Cemetery. Led by NF, supported by PM.

19 October – Friends' and Volunteers' Annual Conference/Luncheon held in Tothill Street next door but one to the former SIS/MI6 headquarters of 54 Broadway in central London. Talks were given by PM, Clare Mulley, Supporter and Carina Evans and Colin Cohen, both Friends of SECRET WW2. Eddie Jones ran the income-generating auction.

22 October - Launch of '*I am André*', a book written by Diana Mara Henry, Friend of SECRET WW2. PM and Sheryl Green were two of the three-person organising committee and Sheryl, a Friend of SECRET WW2, presented the book at a club in Knightsbridge. Members of André's family from both the USA and Europe attended and Diana Henry participating via a zoom link from the US.

27 October - 80th anniversary commemoration of British intelligence and special operations units in the Slovak National Uprising. Service held at the Memorial to the Missing 1939-1945 in Brookwood Military Cemetery. Special mention was given to Major John Sehmer of SOE, who died at Mauthausen concentration camp (plaque unveiled at Mauthausen on 22 September). The Sehmer family and the Slovak military forces were well represented and the group then continued on to the ceremony organised by the Memorial Association for Free Czechoslovak Veterans.

10 November - Remembrance Sunday ceremony at the monument to SOE agents, Lambeth Palace Rd, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 7LB. PM and LR, who laid a wreath, in attendance.

11 November - Armistice Day French ceremony at Brookwood Military Cemetery. After the French Embassy's ceremony at the Free French burial plot, representatives from the French Embassy and officials attended a SECRETWW2 ceremony and met families of the agents either named on the memorial or those who survived after serving in occupied France. Refreshments were provided afterwards by Volunteer Eddie Jones.

14 November - Audley End House garden seat unveiling at STS 43, SOE's training school for Polish agents. PM and MT were invited to attend.

14 November - Reception at the residence of the Belgian Ambassador attended by PM and NF.

19 November - LR and PM were guests of AJEX to their annual ceremony and parade to the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London. LR and PM were delighted and proud recipients of awards from AJEX and a further award was given to Charles Jenkins, a Friend of SECRET WW2.

2 February 2025 - A commemoration was held at the Memorial to the Missing at Brookwood by SECRET WW2. PM give a short address remembering the murders of Violette Szabó, Ensign Denise Bloch and Section Officer Lilian Rolfe who were murdered 80 years ago at Ravensbrück concentration camp.

Tuesday, 10th December 2024 8-9 pm (UK) – quarterly Zoom presentation.
'The Lesser-known ODETTE': SOE's Yvonne Baseden by Professor Juliette Pattinson, Trustee of SECRET WW2. Juliette highlighted this remarkable agent and survivor of Ravensbrück concentration camp and was joined by Simon Bailey, son of Yvonne Baseden and Friend of SECRET WW2.

26 January - Our Veteran Life Friend, Squadron Leader Stanley Booker died, aged 102. A courageous RAF navigator, he was shot down over France, tortured by the Gestapo, survived a death sentence at Buchenwald and worked for SIS/MI6 in Cold War Berlin.

LR, PM and CB were kindly invited to Stanley's funeral by Pat Vinycomb, his daughter, on 28 February where Paul highlighted in his address Stanley's mantra: *'It is the duty of the living to honour the dead'*.

11 March - *'Operation CADILLAC'*, a film created and presented by MC and including a short USAAF film purchased by SECRET WW2..

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS

PM continued to produce a series of quarterly newsletters, **'By the Light of the Moon'** for Friends, Supporters and those on the Charity's email. These have been exceedingly informative and well illustrated.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Steve Weiss Student Research Bursary (in memory of Dr Stephen Weiss, a WW2 veteran and UK-based academic and writer who died in 2020, aged 94). Two applications were received and approved this year.

Ursula Graham Bower Bursary. A 3 year scholarship, awarded in conjunction with the Kohima Education Trust (KET), continues to 2025.

Barnett's 'Out and About' Activities. AB, as Roving Reporter, has undertaken much (self-funded) travel, exploration and reconnaissance in the UK and written in length for the Newsletters. Other contributors have included NF and MT.

Plaques/information boards: we presently have projects under way or under consideration in Israel and here in the UK. Funding was obtained by AB for an information board re STS 3, Stodham Park, Liss, Hampshire.

External Contacts: Our global reach and reputation continues to grow and requests for information and help have come from: Germany; the United States, Australia, Israel, Austria and Norway.

Talks to other groups: Zoom talks in 2024-5 have been given, attracting participation from France, USA, Israel and Australia. Seventeen in-person and by Zoom presentations and walk/talks, for a charity donation, were given to community/interest groups in southern England.. We have further bookings in 2025/2026. A talk and exhibition tour to a Sea Cadets unit was free-of-charge.

Filming – we have been supported by Friend Mike Hillman and Supporters Alan Meeks and Tony Page in filming and photography at several of our ceremonies and events.

Projects - advisory work for the Israel Antiquities Authority continues regarding SOE and SAS/SBS/Greek Sacred Squadron service in the former British Mandate for Palestine. We continue with adding or amending SOE, MI9 and SAS details to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's records.

Support from other organisations and individuals and partnership working

The SECRET WW2 acknowledges and is extremely grateful for the support and/or partnership activity of the following organisations in the 2024-25 year:

The Gerry Holdsworth Special Forces Charitable Trust

Eddie Jones at The Trench Experience, Brookwood Cemetery

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

AJEX (London)

Liss Parish Council

East Hants District Council

Canadian High Commission

Embassy of the State of Israel

Embassy of Slovakia

Embassy of the Czech Republic

Embassy of Belgium

Embassy of France

Memorial Association of Free Czechoslovak Veterans (MAFCV)

Mauthausen Memorial, Austria

Brigadier-General (Res) Erez Maisel IDF and the Haganah Historical Assoc

The Brookwood Last Post Association

The Brookwood Society

Public benefit

The Trustees have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

FINANCIAL REVIEW**Results for the year**

There was a surplus for the year of £746.

The state of affairs of the Charity, which The Trustees consider to be satisfactory is set out in the Balance Sheet and there are adequate resources available for the Charity to be able to meet its commitments at the balance sheet date.

Reserves policy

The Charity has very limited need for future reserves whilst it is in its initial period of operations. The Trustees believe that the Charity holds sufficient reserves to enable it to meet those costs for the foreseeable future.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**Governing document**

The Secret WW2 Learning Network is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by its constitution. It was constituted on 24 April 2014.

Recruitment, Appointment, Induction and Training of Trustees

It is the policy of The Secret WW2 Learning Network to invite new Trustee members to give an expression of interest to join the board outlining their reasons for doing so, what they can bring to enrich the organisation and the experience and knowledge they can offer. The Trustee Board then discusses the application, formally votes on the application, and then if successful, the new Trustee is inducted onto the Board and into the Organisation. All new Trustees are provided with copies of its constitution, accounts and documentation, explaining the approach the Charity takes on a number of key issues. It is expected that most new Trustees will already be experienced in that role, if not some training will be given. In 2022, one Trustee was redesignated Executive Trustee to reflect the executive duties of the position.

Organisational structure

The Trustees oversee the day to day management of the Charity by the Executive Trustee.

Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently:
- Observe the methods and principles and in the Charity SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent:
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 22 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by
Louisa Russell, Chair and Paul McCue, Executive Trustee.

The Secret WW2 Learning Network			
Statement of Financial Activities - Year Ended 31st March 2025			
Income and Expenditure Account			
		2023/2024	2024/2025
		£	£
Income			
Donations:			
Harper Collins (Levine SAS Book)		1,200	
83 Baker Street Plaque		693	
Tour for British Army Unit		600	
For Research / Talks		998	818
Miscellaneous		941	628
Secret Guildford			2,574
Mauthausen Plaque			1,500
Martyn Cox Cahors Film	Note 1		1,460
Sir Frank Nelson Plaque	Note 1		700
Czech Project			500
		4,431	8,179
Events:			
Annual Conference		1,220	1,465
		1,220	1,465
Friends			
		2,899	3,072
Gift Aid Reclaimed (only a residual claim this year)			
		1,321	55
Grants:			
Gerry Holdsworth (Hue & Israel Plaques)	Note 1	1,800	
East Hampshire District Council (STS 3)		990	
Gerry Holdsworth (NICBT2 Film)	Note 1		6,000
Gerry Holdsworth (SOA & Nelson Plaques)	Note 1		900
		2,790	6,900
Total Income		12,661	19,671
Expenditure			
Advancement of the Charity's Core Educational Objectives:			
Events:			
Annual Conference		928	3,086
Other Event Costs		888	1,003
		1,815	4,089
Projects:			
Info Boards		1,116	1,352
Now It Can Be Told Films		6,988	6,090
Plaques		534	2,743
Website Design		1,080	
Czech Project			750
White Mouse Play			500
Other Project Costs		1,235	2,306
		10,953	13,740
Overheads:			
Insurance		96	179
Website Hosting		547	562
Zoom & Mailchimp Subscriptions		288	304
Foreign Exchange Loss			50
		931	1,095
Total Expenditure		13,699	18,924
(Net Spend) / Surplus		(1,038)	746
The Secret WW2 Learning Network			
Statement of Financial Activities - Year Ended 31st March 2025			
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025			
		2023/2024	2024/2025
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		14,367	16,210
Unpaid Invoice (GBC)		348	
Less Unpaid Expenditure (PM - paid post YE)			(749)
		14,715	15,461
Represented by:			
Accumulated Reserve			

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25 April – AGM of The SECRET WW2 – conducted by Zoom. Ashley Barnett formally replaced Brian Spencer as Treasurer and Brian was unanimously thanked for his five years of service in the role. Brian remains as a Trustee.

5 to 7 May 2023 – Annual commemoration of SOE agents at Romorantin-Lanthenay and at Valencay, France. French premiere of the film '*Now It Can Be Told - Retold*', created by MC and shown in memory of Rod Kedward, our President and Trustee who had just died weeks before.

10 May - AB attended the National Army Museum (NAM) pre-publication launch of *SAS: the Illustrated History of the SAS During the Second World War* by Joshua Levine. A donation resulting from photos used in this book was made by Jane Storey in Australia.

12 May – PM and Ambassador Gershon Gan attended annual lunch with our veteran Jack Mann.

14 May - AB laid a wreath to Czechoslovak SOE agents and RAF Special Duties squadrons aircrew at the annual ceremony at Brookwood Military Cemetery,

15 to 19 May - PM undertook a reconnaissance tour of Jedburgh operations and OPERATION CHARIOT in Brittany, France with representatives of a Special Operations unit of the British Army.

19 May – unveiling of plaque to Lilian Rolfe in Paris. Barbara Cronk, Friend of SECRET WW2, was the moving force and SECRET WW2 jointly hosted a wine reception in the Paris RBL.

24 May – PM met with Admiral Hamelin and Colonel Leinekugel-Le Cocq at the French Embassy re French and Anglo-French agents commemorated at Brookwood Military Cemetery.

25 May – AB presented '*It wasn't Just France*' at the Union Jack Club, London.

27 May - Warren Le Serve, Friend, laid a wreath on the 81st Anniversary of Operation Anthropoid at Bellasis (STS 2).

29 May – new web site went live.

7 June – PM and Jonathan Saunders, Friend, attended a reception at the Czech Embassy.

8th June – Unveiling of SECRET WW2 plaque re 1943 base location of Special Raiding Squadron (1st SAS Regt) at Gesher HaZiz, Israel. The Network was represented by Ambassador Gershon Gan, a dedicated Friend and donor of Secret WW2.

18 June – *L'appel*. An annual ceremony, organised by the Defence Office of the French Embassy in London, marks the BBC appeal of General de Gaulle to France on 18th June 1940, a day that came to mark the beginning of French resistance to occupation. LR laid a wreath on behalf of the SECRET WW2.

19 June – PM delivered presentations to three classes at Boxgrove Primary School, Guildford.

21 June - PM visited BFI HQ to conduct further research on NICBT.

28 June – LR and PM attended memorial service for Rod Kedward at Uni of Sussex. Contact made with Prof Hanna Diamond.

2 July – '*Belgium Remembers*'. PM organised a talk and walk on 'secret war' Belgians buried or commemorated in Brookwood Military Cemetery. Colonel Bruno Plaetsier, Defence Attaché from the Belgian Embassy in London was welcomed together with Peter Doneux, son of Capt Jacques Doneux of T Section and Fred Greyer, son of MI9 agent Edgar Potier.

9 July – The Annual Memorial Gathering at Violette Szabó GC Museum, Wormelow. PM, CB and MJ staffed a stall. Malcolm Rolfe, a member of Lilian's family and Friend of SECRET WW2, spoke of the recent plaque unveiling in Paris, to commemorate the birthplace of Lilian Rolfe of F Section, SOE.

16 July – AB and PM attended and AB placed a wreath in remembrance of Jewish agents of the 'secret war' at the AJEX Service of Remembrance at the Jewish War Memorial in Willesden Jewish Cemetery. AB and PM then continued to former STS 1, Brock Hall, Northants, for meeting re plaque proposal.

17 July – Unveiling of blue plaque for Lt-Col André Hue, DSO Croix de Guerre. This took place at Hue's former home in Chichester, by Trevor Butterworth, Friend, who originated the project and Nikki Bennett, (since subscribed as a Friend) daughter of André Hue

25 and 26 July – PM led a London SOE/SF tour and delivered a presentation in Hereford on two wartime 1st SAS operations in France, for two Special Forces units of the British Army.

20 August – Our bi-annual Runnymede Air Forces Memorial commemoration of SOE, MI9 agents and special duties aircrew with no known grave was organised by CB.

3 September – Annual Commemorative Ceremony with an introduction/talk by PM at the Memorial to the Missing 1939 -1945, Brookwood Military Cemetery for Jewish 'secret war' personnel. Lieutenant Maurice Pertschuk and Captain Lionel Lee, both British Jews who served with F Section SOE and were executed in concentration camps in 1944. were remembered. Two members of the Defence Attaché team from the Israeli embassy in London and several members of AJEX were in attendance.

9 and 10 September – Annual week-end event at Wanborough Manor, Surrey's School for Secret Agents including an exhibition and the showing of our film 'Now It Can Be Told: Re-told'. PM gave a talk about Sqn Ldr Maurice Southgate

(STATIONER/Hector) one of F Section's most active agents who began his training at Wanborough Manor. Southgate's son, Lionel Southgate, was in attendance with his family and is President of Paris-based Libre Résistance.

9 September - A small group of Friends had a tour of Greyfriars' Vineyard close to Wanborough. Their latest wine was named 'Pearl' in honour of Pearl Witherington, the only F Section woman agent to lead a circuit of her own, WRESTLER. Pearl trained at Wanborough Manor.

2 to 6 October - PM guided around 40 members of a British Army Special Forces unit in Sicily and the toe of mainland Italy. He was joined from Australia by Jane Storey, daughter of wartime SAS officer John Tonkin and SECRET WW2 donor.

8 October - Handover of our Secret WW2 information board for Winterfold (STS4/7), Cranleigh which was led by AB.

16 to 19 October - PM led another overseas trip to Brittany (focus on British-led Jedburgh teams) for 18 soldiers of a British Army Special Operations unit.

21 October – Friends' and Volunteers' Annual Conference/Luncheon held at Victoria Library, London. Talks given by Sheryl Green, Friend and NF with 40 attendees.

11 November - SECRET WW2 held a small commemoration of SOE personnel listed on the Memorial to the Missing, 1939-45 at Brookwood. PM gave a talk and MJ laid a wreath. This was followed by attendance at Free French ceremony honouring French personnel of F Section and BCRA. PM accompanied and briefed the French Ambassador at the Memorial to the Missing and later attended a reception and ceremony for the award of decorations at the Ambassador's residence in Kensington Palace Gardens, London.

12 November - Remembrance Sunday ceremony at the monument to SOE agents, Lambeth Palace Rd, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 7LB. PM and LR, who laid a wreath, in attendance.

14 November - launch of the Secret WW2 five-month exhibition at Guildford Museum, Surrey, covering wartime SOE activity within a 10-mile radius of the town, opened by the Mayor of Guildford. This project was initiated by CB a programme of talks and films have been led by CB and PM over a period of five months.

19 November - LR and PM were guests of AJEX to their annual ceremony and parade to the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London.

21 November - PM led an SOE walk and talk in central London for a British Army unit.

23 November - PM gave a presentation at the unveiling of a blue plaque at Norgeby House, 83 Baker Street, London W1, commemorating the personnel of T (Belgian) Section, SOE whose Country Section was housed there.

24 November - PM and Peter Verstraeten, Friend, gave presentations about Belgian SOE and Intelligence Service agents at a one-day conference organised by the Belgian Intelligence Studies Centre, held at the Cavalry and Guards Club, London. Both attended a reception afterwards at the Belgian Embassy.

29th November - A reception for both Slovak Armed Forces Day and the re-opening of the premises of the Embassy of Slovakia at 25 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8 was attended by PM.

7 December - Several Friends attended the Tempsford Memorial Service.

9 December - *Ici Londres*: ELMS Memorial Lunch at RAF Club attended by several Friends and Supporters.

8 January - PM and CA attended a meeting to discuss the final stage of the SECRET WW2 complaints procedure at CWGC at their Headquarters. An update report is on the 2024 AGM agenda.

11 January 2024 – meeting by PM with property owners at 83 Baker Street re permission for F Section, SOE plaque.

13 January – two talks by CB in support of SECRET GUILDFORD exhibition.

26 January – CB and PM delivered a guided tour of SECRET GUILDFORD exhibition to a government IT/comms contractor. Donation received.

27 January – talk by PM in support of SECRET GUILDFORD exhibition.

3 February – PM and CB delivered a guided tour to a Sea Cadets unit in support of SECRET GUILDFORD.

17 February – PM delivered two presentations in support of SECRET GUILDFORD.

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16 March - CB presented two talks of two women agents who were assessed at STS 7, Winterfold, at Guildford Museum.

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5 March	<i>'SOE, the Jedburgh Teams and Unconventional Warfare in WW2 - with echoes today'</i> by PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

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Talks to other groups: Zoom talks in 2023 have been given, attracting participation from France, USA, Israel and Australia. Twelve In-person and by Zoom presentations, for a charity donation, were given to community/interest groups in Surrey, Hampshire and Wiltshire. We have further bookings in 2024/25. A talk and exhibition tour to a Sea Cadets unit was free-of-charge.

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Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently:
- Observe the methods and principles and in the Charity SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent:
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 24 April and signed on its behalf by Louisa Russell, Chair and Paul McCue, Executive Trustee

Financial Period	1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024			
Gross Income		£12,661		
Gross Spending		£13,699		
1.1 Government Contracts	Not Applicable / Nil			
1.2 Government (council) Grants				
How Many?	2 (both East Hampshire District Council)			
How Much?	Total £990 (being £664.64 and £325.36)			
1.3 Income Breakdown				
A) Donations		£4,431		
B) Charitable Activities (incl friends, events and auction)		£4,119		
C) Other Trading Activities	Not Applicable / Nil			
D) Investments	Not Applicable / Nil			
1.4 Donations				
Corporate Donor	Not Applicable / Nil			
Single highest donation from individual		£100		
Related party	Not Applicable / Nil			
2.1 Grant Making				
Is grant making main way we carry out purposes	No			
Grants made to:				
Individuals	Not Applicable / Nil			
Other charities	Not Applicable / Nil			
Other organisations	Not Applicable / Nil			
2.2 Trustee Payments				
Select D)	D)			
Did any trustees resign and take up employment in charity?	No			
3.1 Income received from outside the UK	Y			
List country and then value by				
a) governments / government bodies	Not Applicable / Nil			
b) charities, NGOs	France = £392.7 (Libre Resistance)			
c) private companies	Not Applicable / Nil			
d) individual donors	Not Applicable / Nil			
How was it received?	Other			
3.2 Delivering charitable activities outside the UK?	Y			
Formal written agreements?	No			
3.3 Spending outside the UK	Y			
Sending money outside the UK other than regulated banking	Not Applicable / Nil			
How was money sent outside the UK?	F			
4. Trading subsidiaries	Not Applicable / Nil			
5.1 Charity address	Confirm correct			
5.2 Property	Not Applicable / Nil			
6. Structure	C) not part of wider group			
Other members entitled to vote	Not Applicable / Nil			
7.1 Employees	Not Applicable / Nil			

7.2 Volunteers	To confirm how many			
8. Governance and 9. Safeguarding and Risk	Will leave to you			

THE SECRET WW2 LEARNING NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1156796

Accounts

**THE SECRET WW2 LEARNING NETWORK
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**REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS, YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2023**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS, year ending 31 March 2023

TRUSTEES: Louisa Russell, Chair
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Rod Kedward
Paul McCue
Brian Spencer
Juliette Pattinson (appointed 14.7.20)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES, for the year ending 31 March 2023

The Trustees present their report with the draft financial statements of the Charity for the year ending 31 March 2023. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects of the Charity are the advancement of the education of the general public in the nature, context, history and impact of covert operations during times of conflict and in particular the covert allied operations during the Second World War.

Significant activities

Significant activities for this year are listed below under the relevant headings:

The following personnel from the Charity involved in the Programme are listed below:

Martyn Cox, MC	Co-Founder
Louisa Russell, LR	Chair, Trustee and Friend
Paul McCue, PM	Executive Trustee and Friend
Martyn Bell, MBe	Co-Founder and Trustee
Brian Spencer, BS	Trustee, Treasurer and Friend
Carol Browne, CB	Information Officer and Friend
Nick Fox, NF	Supporter and Friend
Peter Robinson PR	Membership Officer and Friend
Rod Kedward RK	President, Trustee and Friend
Edward Jones EJ	Supporter and Volunteer
Juliette Pattinson JP	Trustee
Tony McCallum TM	Supporter and Photographer
Ashley Barnett AB	Projects Officer and Friend
Steph Waters SW	Media Officer and Supporter
Charles Ashton CA	Research Coordinator and Supporter
Debbey Clitheroe DC	North Representative, Friend and Supporter
Jen Hilton JH	Genealogy Officer, North Representative and Supporter
Meryl Jones	Friend and Volunteer
Jonathan Saunders	Friend and Volunteer
Magda Thomas	Friend and Volunteer
Yvette Pitt	Friend and Supporter
Ray Windmill	Friend and Supporter

Trustees' Report: 1.4.22 to 31.3.23

The following events and presentations including research are itemised below.

Greater detail and information including photographs may be found on the Charity's Facebook page or in the Newsletter "By the Light of the Moon", whilst the website is undertaking maintenance.

Events organised/presentations planned:

22 April – AGM of The SECRET WW2 – conducted by Zoom

23 April - Unveiling of SECRET WW2 Information Board at Wanborough Manor by Yvette Pitt and Jonathan Rée both offspring of SOE Agents.

23 April - Presentations to honour Life Friend and Veteran, Squadron Leader Stanley Booker, RAF (Rid), MBE, Legion d'honneur, 100th Birthday (25th April) by LR, PM and CB.

5 to 6 May 2020 – Annual commemoration of SOE agents at Romorantin-Lanthenay and at Valencay, France. Launch of French-language pull-up banner and table-top boards re F Section Roll of Honour and SOE information.

28 May - Commemoration of 80th Anniversary of Operation Anthropoid led by PM and AB at Bellasis (STS 2), Box Hill with wine reception afterwards. Attended by Slovak Defence Attaché AB and JS interviewed by Slovak national radio.

7 June – funeral of Dagmar Sizer, wife of Eddie Jones at Brookwood cemetery, long-time supporter of SECRET WW2 ceremonies and events. A rose bush, for planting at Brookwood, was sent by the Network.

12-17 June – PM participated in recce trip in France for an historical tour by a British Army special forces unit.

18 June – *L'appel*. An annual ceremony, organised by the Defence Office of the French Embassy in London, marks the BBC appeal of General de Gaulle to France on 18th June 1940, a day that came to mark the beginning of French resistance to occupation. LR laid a wreath on behalf of the SECRET WW2. PM, MJ and CB in attendance.

9 July - Annual Ceremony at the memorial in the grounds of Cholmondeley Castle, Cheshire, organised by the Memorial Association of Free Czechoslovak Veterans. PM laid a SECRET WW2 wreath, also attended by Jonathan Saunders, Friend and Volunteer

10 July – The Annual Memorial Gathering at Violette Szabó GC Museum, Wormelov. PM and MJ staffed a stall, visiting Friends included Magda Thomas, Debby Clitheroe, Fred Greenhow, Clive Bassett and Malcolm Rolfe.

19 July – presentation by PM in Wonersh, Surrey re SOE's STS 4/7.

4 September – Annual Commemorative Ceremony with an introduction/talk by PM at the Memorial to the Missing 1939 -1945, Brookwood Military Cemetery for Jewish 'secret war' personnel. Attended by Israeli Defence Attaché and Assistant Attaché, Brigadier Simon Goldstein (British Army) and members of AJEX.

10 and 11 September – Annual week-end event at Wanborough Manor, Surrey's School for Secret Agents including an exhibition and 4 Talks about SOE Agents given by PM and CB.

17 September - Flight Officer Yvonne Cormeau, F Section, SOE was honoured with the unveiling of a blue plaque at Holbein Place, London where she lived with her daughter, Yvette Pitt, Friend and Supporter of SECRET WW2. This project was undertaken in conjunction with the Guinness Partnership.

23 September – birthday of our other veteran, Jack Mann. Card sent and phone call made.

24 September - The translation and printing of the memoirs of Flt Lt Albert Browne-Bartroli were presented to RK by PM, who accepted them on behalf of the University of Sussex resistance archives at The Keep, Falmer, East Sussex. This was achieved with funding from the Holdsworth Trust.

29 October - Friends Annual Luncheon held at St Ermin's Hotel, London and attended by 37 Friends.

11 November – SECRET WW2 held a small commemoration, led by CB, of SOE personnel listed on the Memorial to the Missing, 1939-45 at Brookwood. This was followed by attendance at Free French ceremony honouring French personnel of F Section and BCRA.

12 January – presentation in Cranleigh, Surrey re update on SOE's STS 4/7.

18 January – presentation in Liss, Hampshire re Henryk Zygaliski.

2 March – presentation by PM to Harting Society, West Sussex re SOE's STS 2.

Additional Events Attended/Activities/Networking:

20 Apr – PM commenced local area presentations in Hampshire on the 80th anniversary of the SOE operation in Norway that led to the tragedy in Telavåg. The SOE agents involved began their training at STS 3, Stodham Park, Liss, Hampshire. Presentations included use of a film, permitted free of charge for 2022 only, by the Nordsjøfartsmuseet (North Sea Traffic Museum), Telavåg, Norway.

1 May - Magda Thomas, Friend and Supporter, attended the 80th anniversary of the 'Cichociemni' at Station 43, Audley End House and Gardens.

27 May – PM and JS were guests at the commemoration reception of Operation Anthropoid held at the Slovak Ambassador's house in London.

18 May – 80th Anniversary of Operation Boatswain honoured with a wreath laid at The Memorial to the Missing, Brookwood by PM and facilitation of an announcement in The Times

19 June - PM attended showing of the play 'S.O.E.' by Deborah Clair, writer and producer, which was performed in London. JP had attended an earlier showing.

22 June - SECRET WW2 represented by PM at AJEX Annual Service of Commemoration at National Memorial Arboretum in honour of National Armed Forces Week.

28 June - PM and JS were invited to the Czech Embassy in London to help celebrate their Armed Forces Day.

15 & 16 July - PM attended the Belgian warship reception aboard the frigate 'Leopold I' and the annual commemoration ceremony at the Cenotaph. Ed Jones from Brookwood and Peter Verstraeten from Belgium were present at the latter ceremony.

11 August – PM interviewed in London by Slovak national TV re SOE.

18 August - AB presented '*Operation Margin 1942 - Augsburg Raid*' at the Union Jack Club, London. NB – AB uses his presentations to promote SECRET WW2 and his first, in January 2022, brought 17 new subscribers. This underlines reaching audiences likely to be interested in joining SECRET WW2.

27 September – PM met with CO and 2i/c of 2nd Bn The Ranger Regiment (2 RANGER), at Brookwood Military Cemetery, for briefing on SOE/Jedburgh history.

2 October – Annual ceremony for the Intelligence Corps at Brookwood Military Cemetery. Organised by PM and NF, assisted by EJ and TM.

2-6 October – PM acted as historical guide for a Battlefield Study Tour in France for a British Army special forces unit.

30 October – PM lunch with Slovak Ambassador and wife, followed by the annual Czech and Slovak Commemoration Ceremony at Brookwood Military Cemetery attended by several Friends and Supporters of SECRET WW2.

13 November - Wreath laid by AB on behalf of SECRET WW2 at the SOE Agents Memorial at Albert Embankment, London on Remembrance Sunday.

13 November - CB and RW provided Q&A at a showing of the film 'A Call to Spy' at Chiddingfold Film Club, substantial donation received

22 November – while on holiday in Australia, PM held meetings in Melbourne with a) Victoria Police and the Australian Commando Association and b) Supporter Tony Donaldson. Agreement in principle reached for an external plaque and internal info board at the property Airlie, requisitioned by SOE and later headquarters of Special Operations (Australia).

11-15 December – on a research trip to Israel, PM presented an information board and (kindly supplied by Ed Jones) artefacts to an IDF special forces unit at Atlit, outlining SOE and SAS heritage on the site. Meetings were held, and agreements were reached, with national park and local authorities and communities regarding other sites for information boards. A partnership "Friends" programme, in conjunction with the Haganah Historical Association (HHA), of information boards is now being progressed with strong support from Brigadier-General (Res) Erez Maisel of the board of the HHA. British Embassy in Tel Aviv, British Army and British Council to be engaged.

12 January 2023 - planning meeting by CB and PM ref CB's initiative for a three months' exhibition at Guildford Museum. Agreement reached, exhibition (Nov 2023 – Feb 2024) confirmed.

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Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on ?? and signed on its behalf by Louisa Russell, Chair and Paul McCue, Executive Trustee

The Secret WW2 Learning Network
Statement of Financial Activities year ended 31st March 2023

Income and Expenditure Account

		2021/2022	2022/2023
		£	£
Income			
Donations:- General		1,221	540
Gift aid		85	75
Cranleigh Arts Centre		938	
Paul McCue for speeches			
and research for external organisations			140
Talks:- Paul McCue			120
Friends		1,649	1,894
Grants :- Gerry Holdsworth Trust :-		6,600	-
Website			3,000
Now it can be told			13,000
Guilford			725
Cranleigh			200
Chiddingfold	Winterfold information point		500
Gif Aid			521
Auction			863
Bursery Refund			65
Total		10,493	21,643

Expenditure						
Office Costs :-						
Website-Design					4,320	
Hosting					79	
Zoom Subscription (2021/22 &2022/23)			-		288	
Stationery etc			221		65	
Insurance			96		96	
Equipment					259	
Advancement of charity's core educational objectives:-						
Carole Nutt Translation into English of Albert Browne-Bartoli memoirs (Holdsworth Trust)			4,800		206	
Scholarships -The Kohima Educational Trust			350			
Olivia Smith					100	
Katie Perkins					116	
Cranleigh Event			280			
Now it can be told'					3,360	
Signage			2,534		1,464	
Plaques					1,632	
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Donations (Info board at Arisaig and Trech experience)					90	
Floral Dec Stanley Booker 100th					100	
Event Costs					426	
Memorial activities (Wreaths)			205		366	
Conference					1,405	
Total			8,486		14,522	
Surplus			2,007		7,121	

The Secret WW2 Learning Network							
Statement of Financial Activities year ended 31st March 2023							
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023							
			2021/2022		2022/2023		
Current Assets							
Cash at Bank			8,632		16,818		
Less Creditors					1,065		
			8,632		15,753		
Represented by:							
Accumulated Reserve							
Balance Bt/Fwd			6,625		8,632		
Surplus			2,007		7,121		
			8,632		15,753		
Note 1	Reserved funds - £9,640 Balnce of Holdsworth Trust grant for 'Now it can be told'						
	£500 Chiddingfold Grant Winterfold information Board						
	£200 Cranleigh Grant						
	£1,116 balance of website design						
Note 2	Paul McCue Expenses £358 and £707						
Note 3	Charities policy, as agreed at the 2021 A.G.M., is that the charity should maintain a reserve of £2,000.						
Note 4	2023 A.G.M to agree that spends of more than £1,000/£500 not previously agreed in the budget needs to be agreed by all Trustess						

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1156796

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Rod Kedward
Paul McCue
Brian Spencer
Juliette Pattinson (appointed 14.7.20)

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The objects of the Charity are the advancement of the education of the general public in the nature, context, history and impact of covert operations during times of conflict and in particular the covert allied operations during the Second World War.

Significant activities

Significant activities for this year are listed below under the relevant headings:

The following personnel from the Charity involved in the Programme are listed below:

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Carol Browne, CB	Information Officer and Friend
Nick Fox, NF	Supporter and Friend
Peter Robinson PR	Membership Officer and Friend
Rod Kedward RK	President, Trustee and Friend
Edward Jones EJ	Supporter and Volunteer
Barbara Cronk BC	Friend and Supporter
Juliette Pattinson JP	Trustee
Tony McCallum TM	Supporter and Photographer
Ashley Barnett AB	Supporter and Friend
Steph Waters SW	Media Officer and Supporter
Charles Ashton CA	Research Coordinator and Supporter
Debbey Clitheroe DC	North Representative, Friend and Supporter
Jen Hilton JH	Genealogy Officer, North Representative and Supporter
Meryl Jones	Friend and volunteer

Trustees' Report: 1.4.21 to 31.3.22

The Covid19 Pandemic has curtailed some of the planned events and activities for this financial year resulting in many cancellations. They are listed below.

Greater detail and information including photographs may be found on the Charity's website, www.secret-ww2.net.

Events organised/presentations planned:

27th April – AGM of The SECRET WW2 – conducted by Zoom

5 to 6 May 2020 – Annual commemoration of SOE agents at Romorantin-Lanthenay and at Valencay, France. Events cancelled except a small scale gathering at Valencay for those resident in France.

6 May – replacement small scale ceremony at The Memorial to the Missing, Brookwood.

18 June – *L'appel*, small limited ceremony in Carlton Gardens. No representative from SECRET WW2 attended.

11 July – The Annual Memorial Gathering at Violette Szabó GC Museum. Event cancelled.

14 July – Unveiling of 3 information noticeboards at Bellasis House, Boxhill, one of the training schools for SOE, in conjunction with the National Trust. Project implemented by AB and PM in conjunction with National Trust and funding from Gerry Holdsworth Special Forces Charitable Trust and Mole Valley District Council. LR, MJ and CB assisted.

14 August – ‘Dutch Courage’, Cranleigh Arts Centre. Presentations by PM included ‘secret war’ operations of Dutch bomber 320 RNAS Squadron and STS 4 Winterfold Special Training School where many Dutch trainees attended. LR, CB, MJ and AB assisted.

August – Friends and Volunteers Luncheon. Postponed.

5 September – Annual Commemorative Ceremony with an introduction/Talk by PM at the Memorial to the Missing 1939 -1945, Brookwood Military Cemetery for Jewish SOE personnel. Led by LR and PM. Mike Bluestone, Chairman of AJEX in attendance.

18 and 19 September – Annual week-end event at Wanborough Manor, Surrey’s School for Secret Agents including an exhibition and 4 Talks about SOE Agents given by PM and CB.

15 September – Tour of Southside House, Wimbledon, former home of SOE agent Malcolm Munthe. Implemented and led by LR.

11 November –SWW2LN commemoration led by PM of SOE personnel listed on the Memorial to the Missing, 1939-45 at Brookwood. This was followed by attendance at Free French ceremony honouring French personnel of F Section and BCRA.

28 November – SECRET WW2 Memorial Service and presentation at the Air Forces Memorial, Cooper’s Hill, Egham. Organised by CB with PM.

Additional Events Attended/Activities/Networking:

9 May – PM represented SECRET WW2 at the Czech and Slovak Annual Commemoration at Brookwood.

18 May – 80th Anniversary of Operation Boatswain honoured with a wreath laid at The Memorial to the Missing, Brookwood by PM.

18 and 25 May – PM, assisted by EJ and TM, made presentations at Brookwood for students of the Royal College for Defence Studies.

27 May – SW represented SECRET WW2 at AJEX Annual Service of Commemoration at National Memorial Arboretum in honour of National Armed Forces Week.

4 July – Lt Pierre Geelen, a Belgian SOE agent of F (French) Section had his name corrected at The Memorial to the Missing at Brookwood. Organised and attended by PM with EJ and TM, with unveiling by Captain Renaud Flamant, Belgian Defence Attaché.

11 September – The Intelligence Corps Memorial Wall was rededicated at The Corps Day held at Chicksands. Attended by PM and wife at invitation of NF.

3 October – Annual ceremony for the Intelligence Corps at Brookwood Military Cemetery. Organised by PM and NF, assisted by EJ and TM.

3-8 October – PM acted as joint historical guide for a Battlefield Study Tour in France for a British Army special forces unit.

31 October - AB represented SECRET WW2 at The Annual Czech and Slovak Commemoration Ceremony at Brookwood

31 October - JH represented SECRET WW2 at the memorial dedication for Kurt Goldschlager, X Troop commando, organised by the Manchester branch of AJEX.

14 November – LR attended the National Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony at The Cenotaph.

21 November – LR and PM attended the annual AJEX Remembrance Parade and Ceremony at the Cenotaph.

5 December – PM, EJ and TM hosted the Leccia family at the Brookwood Memorial to the Missing, 1939-45, to unveil the corrected name of Lt Marcel Leccia, F Section, SOE.

19 February – Group visit to Thame Museum for exhibition on Thame Park, as contributed to by SECRET WW2

3 March – Presentations given at the Defence HUMINT Unit at Intelligence Corps HQ, Chicksands by PM, NF and Clare Mulley, SECRET WW2 Supporter and Voluntary Speaker.

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

PM introduced a series of newsletters, '**By the Light of the Moon**' for Friends, Supporters and those on the Charity's email list with effect from August 2020. These have been exceedingly informative and very well received and through the pandemic have been produced on a bi-monthly basis. From 2022 they change to quarterly production.

BI-MONTHLY PRESENTATIONS

PM has continued to organise a bi-monthly programme of online lectures courtesy of Zoom, for which a subscription was purchased.

The following have taken place:

- 14 April Operation Boatswain, by Paul McCue, Executive Trustee
- 16 June Shetland Bus, by Gilly Halcrow, Friend and Supporter
- 11 August Meeting and Interviewing Former French Resisters and SOE Personnel, Professor Rod Kedward, President and Trustee
- 13 October More SOE Missions, '*Because It Was The Right Thing To Do*', By Gilly Halcrow
- 8 December "Foursquare", the Last Parachutist, by George Bearfield, author and volunteer of SECRET WW2.

From 2022 Zoom presentations are on a quarterly basis.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

SECRETWW2 Volunteers:

Charles Ashton appointed as Research Coordinator

Ashley Barnett appointed as Projects Officer

Paul McCue appointed as Executive Trustee

Debbey Clitheroe and Jen Hilton, SECRET WW2 Representatives, 'North of Watford'.

Honorary Life Friends. Geoffrey Pigeon (ex SIS/MI6), died on 12 August 2021. Two lunches in north London with Jack Mann were undertaken by PM and (Friend) Ambassador Gershon Gan. NB birthdays – S/L Stanley Booker will be 100 years old on 25th April 2022; Jack Mann will be 97 on 23rd September 2022 (Jack falsified his age and joined the British Army one week short of his 17th birthday – subsequently serving with the Long Range Desert Group, the Special Boat Squadron of 1st SAS Regt and being attached to the Greek Sacred Squadron).

Steve Weiss Student Research Bursary (in memory of Dr Stephen Weiss, a WW2 veteran and UK-based academic and writer who died in 2020, aged 94). Olivia Smith, from University of Chichester was awarded the first bursary in December.

Ursula Graham Bower Bursary. 3 year scholarship to be awarded in conjunction with the Kohima Education Trust (KET). See below

Brand Name. SECRET WW2 is the recently adopted brand name for The Secret WW2 Learning Network and was agreed by the Trustees in December and will help with promoting its activities

Barnett's 'Out and About' Activities. AB, as Roving Reporter, has undertaken much travel, exploration and reconnaissance in the UK and written in length for the Newsletters. He also visited India and Burma in March to present the Ursula Bower Bursary in conjunction with KET.

SECRET WW2 'North of Watford'. DC and JH will represent the Charity and are hoping to set up a small branch for the SECRET WW2 in the Manchester/Merseyside area.

Plaques/information boards: we presently have projects under way or under consideration in Austria (Mauthausen concentration camp); France, Canada, Australia, Israel, India and here in the UK. Barbara Cronk, Friend of The SECRET WW2 has succeeded in having a plaque installed on the property in Paris where her family member, Lilian Rolfe of F Section, was born. A full project list is appended as Appendix A.

Talks to other groups: Zoom talks in 2021 have been given to British and Israeli Army units and in-person and by Zoom to four local groups in Surrey and Hampshire. We have further bookings in 2022 and 2023 and early interest from another unit of the British Army.

Filming – in 2022 we commenced a programme of short commemorative videos by PM and TM, with assistance by EJ, on 'secret war' individuals commemorated at Brookwood or Runnymede. We have also produced a 'loop' Powerpoint presentation on the SOE history of Wanborough Manor, to be used in partnership with the organisation that manages Wanborough Great Barn. We also expect to contribute further to a French film on the life of Captain Paul Sarrette of F Section, SOE.

Projects - advisory work for the Israel Antiquities Authority continues regarding SOE and SAS/SBS service in the former British Mandate for Palestine; the Roll of Honour for the 104 agents of F Section SOE is now over 90% completed; work has started on a biography of Section Officer Lilian Rolfe, WAAF and FANY of F Section, SOE; we are taking part, in a tour guide role, in France; we continue with adding or amending SOE details to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's records. . A full project list is appended as Appendix A.

Support from other organisations and individuals and partnership working

The SECRET WW2 acknowledges and is extremely grateful for the support and/or partnership activity of the following organisations in the 2021-22 year:

The Gerry Holdsworth Special Forces Charitable Trust

Eddie and Dagmar at The Trench Experience, Brookwood Cemetery

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

AJEX (London and Manchester)

Walton and District Local History Society

The National Trust

Mole Valley District Council

The Intelligence Corps

Embassy of the State of Israel/Defence Section.

Ognisko Polskie.

Memorial Association of Free Czechoslovak Veterans (MAFCV)

Wyrdlight Photography

Mauthausen Memorial

Brigadier-General (Res) Erez Maisel IDF

Mr Paul Wates, Bellasis House

The Brookwood Last Post Association

Public benefit

The Trustees have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year

There was a surplus for the year of £2,000.

The state of affairs of the Charity, which The Trustees consider to be satisfactory is set out in the Balance Sheet and there are adequate resources available for the Charity to be able to meet its commitments at the balance sheet date.

Reserves policy

The Charity has very limited need for future reserves whilst it is in its initial period of operations. The Trustees believe that the Charity holds sufficient reserves to enable it to meet those costs for the foreseeable future.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Secret WW2 Learning Network is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by its constitution. It was constituted on 24 April 2014.

Recruitment, Appointment, Induction and Training of Trustees

It is the policy of The Secret WW2 Learning Network to invite new Trustee members to give an expression of interest to join the board outlining their reasons for doing so, what they can bring to enrich the organisation and the experience and knowledge they can offer. The Trustee Board then discusses the application,

formally votes on the application, and then if successful, the new Trustee is inducted onto the Board and into the Organisation. All new Trustees are provided with copies of its constitution, accounts and documentation, explaining the approach the Charity takes on a number of key issues. It is expected that most new Trustees will already be experienced in that role, if not some training will be given. In 2022, one Trustee was redesignated Executive Trustee to reflect the executive duties of the position.

Organisational structure

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Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 22 April 2022 and signed on its behalf by

Louisa Russell, Chair and Paul McCue, Executive Trustee

The Secret WW2 Learning Network
Statement of Financial Activities year ended 31st Ma

Income and Expenditure Account

	2020/2021
Income	£
Donations	674
Donations :- Gift aid	200
Donation Cranleigh - Arts centre	-
Donations - P. McCue for speeches and research given to external organisations	180
Grants - Gerry Holdsworth Trust	-
Mole Valley Distict Council	450
Friends	1,294
Educational Activities	150
Total	2,948
Expenditure	
Office Costs :-	
Website	185
Zoom Subscription	144
Stationery	112
Insurance	
Equipment	
Memorial activities (Wreaths)	51
Advancement of charity's core educational objectives:-	
Carole Nutt Translation into English of Albert Browne-Bartoli memoirs (Holdsworth Trust)	
Scholarship -The Kohima Educational Trust	
Cranleigh Event	
Signage	
Total	492
Surplus	2,456

The Secret WW2 Learning Network				
Statement of Financial Activities year ended 31st Ma				
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022				
			2020/2021	
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank			6,625	
			6,625	
Represented by:				
Accumulated Reserve				
Balance Bt/Fwd			4,169	
Surplus			2,456	
			6,625	
Note1	Reserved funds - £200 for printing 6 copies of Albert Browne-Bert and £1,600 for signage being balance remaining from £6,600 Gerry Holdsv Grant. This will be spent in 2022/23			
Note 2	Gift aid payment of £520.40 for 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/2020 and : been received and will be reflected in 2022/23 accounts.			
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Sue Spencer, SS	Volunteer and Supporter
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Ray Windmill, RW	Supporter, Friend and Sponsor
Nick Fox, NF	Supporter and Friend
Peter Robinson PR	Membership Officer and Friend
Ian Titman IT	Supporter and Friend
Trevor Butterworth TB	Supporter and Friend
Rod Kedward RK	President, Trustee and Friend
Edward Jones EJ	Supporter and Volunteer
Guy Audibert GA	Supporter
Carole Yates CY	Supporter and Friend
Barbara Cronk BC	Supporter and Friend
Juliette Pattinson JP	Trustee
Tony McCallum TM	Supporter and Photographer
Ashley Barnett AB	Supporter and Friend

Trustees' Report: 1.4.20 to 31.3.21

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10 May – 75th anniversary of the Prague Offensive and Uprising, Czechoslovakian Military Plot, Brookwood. Event cancelled

16 May – ‘Spies and Intrigue’. Evening Airshow at Shuttleworth Collection. Event cancelled

9 June – Tour of Southside House, Wimbledon, former home of SOE agent Malcolm Munthe. Event cancelled

18 June – *L’appel*, annual ceremony in Carlton Gardens, to mark the call by General de Gaulle for French resistance to occupation in 1940. Event cancelled

12 July – The Annual Memorial Gathering at Violette Szabó GC Museum. Event cancelled

14 July - AGM of The SWW2LN – conducted by Zoom.

6 September – Annual Commemorative Ceremony with an introduction/Talk by PM at the Memorial to the Missing 1939 -1945, Brookwood Military Cemetery for Jewish SOE personnel. Attendees included LR, CB, and Tony McCallum. Mike Bluestone, Chairman of AJEX in attendance.

12 and 13 September – Annual week-end event at Wanborough Manor, Surrey’s School for Secret Agents. Events cancelled

20 and 24 September – ‘Rommel’s Atlantic Wall’. PM gave three (rule of 6) ‘small-scale walks and talks’ on Hankley Common Training Area during the month of September.

Additional Events Attended/Activities/Networking:

8 November – PM placed a wreath in memory of those at SOE Special Training School ‘STS 3’ at Stodham Park, Liss, from 1941 – 44.

11 November – PM, CB, EJ and TM placed wreath at Memorial to the Missing and poppy crosses, Star of David of graves of French BCRA and F Section SOE agents. Attended French Embassy four-person ceremony in French plot, Brookwood Military Cemetery, wreath laid. LR visited The Air Forces Memorial at Runnymede.

18 November - Zoom presentation by PM to Liss (Hants) Area Historical Society re SOE’s STS 3 at Stodham Park, Liss.

6 December – 80th Anniversary of the Intelligence Corps at Brookwood Military Cemetery. Organised by PM and TF, EJ and TM in attendance.

15 February - Zoom presentation by PM to Wandsworth (London) U3A re ‘secret war’ aspects of the Royal Victoria Patriotic School and HM Prison Wandsworth. 3 March –

Zoom presentation by PM to Walton and District History Society on Surrey’s Secret War/STS 2 Bellasis project.

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

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BI-MONTHLY PRESENTATIONS

During lockdown PM has organised a programme of online lectures courtesy of Zoom, for which a subscription was purchased.

The following have taken place:

- 12 August SOE in Burma, by Dr Richard Duckett
- 14 October Yvonne Cormeau, by Paul McCue, Trustee
- 3 December Captain Paul Tessier of F Section, SOE by Paul McCue, Trustee
- 17 December 'Bower Force' film presented by Martyn Cox, Co-Founder followed by Q&A with Paul McCue
- 24 February The Search for Captain Jumeau, by Nick Fox.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Bellasis Project: PM liaised with Ashley Barnett, AB, to further develop this project with the National Trust and using Holdsworth Trust funding. AB raised additional funds from Mole Valley District Council and assisted the National Trust with non-secret war elements. Walking trails on the National Trust web site went live in January 2021. Project covers SOE's Special Training School (STS 2) at Bellasis and OPERATION ANTHROPOID.

Two Honorary Life Friends appointed in December: Geoffrey Pigeon (ex SIS/MI6) and Jack Mann (ex LRDG, SAS/SBS)

Award of Legion D'donneur in December to Squadron Leader (Retired) Stanley Booker, MBE. Initiated by SWW2LN Friend Pat Vinycomb, PM assisted by contacting British politicians, MoD, French Embassy and the Grande Chancellerie in Paris.

Paris plaque installed in February 2021 for Lillian Rolfe, WAAF and F Section, SOE, initiated by SWW2LN Friend Barbara Cronk, a member of the Rolfe family, with plaque wording help from PM. Funded by City of Paris.

Mauthausen plaque. PM has obtained the approval of the Mauthausen memorial site authorities in Austria for a SWW2LN plaque in respect of six SIS/MI9/SOE agents who were killed or died at Mauthausen or its Ebensee sub-camp.

National press. February/March - Daily Mail and BBC newspaper articles were researched by PM and included links for www.secret-ww2.net

Israel plaque. PM continued research into location for plaque commemorating SOE and SAS (Special Boat Squadron) activity in Mandate Palestine. Funding application in progress.

Australia plaque. Commemorating role of SOE in founding of SO(A), 'parked' due to Covid restrictions.

Chichester plaque for Lt-Colonel A. Hue. Initiative of SWW2LN Friend Trevor Butterworth, now resurrected and being taken forward by PM and (via Chichester City Council) MB.

Official records. Submissions were made and research conducted to amend official records in respect of SOE agents: the CWGC re Leccia and Geelen; the Czech and Slovak Ministry of Defence in respect of Hoffman and Pichl. Project continuing.

India plaque. Early consideration by AB of practicality of a plaque commemorating the service of Ursula Graham Bower and the Naga people, the idea arising from MC's film. AB and PM progressing.

Film re SOE's STS 5, Wanborough Manor. Project commenced by PM and IT.

Information Board for STS 5, Wanborough Manor. PM and AB progressing, funding contribution agreed by Holdsworth Trust.

The Valençay 104 – roll of honour for F Section, SOE – PM project on behalf of The SWW2LN, expected to complete in 2021. W/P support by SS, LR and CY.

Support from other organisations and individuals and partnership working

The SWW2LN acknowledges and is extremely grateful for the support and/or partnership activity of the following organisations in the 2020-21 year:

The Gerry Holdsworth Special Forces Charitable Trust

Eddie and Dagmar at The Trench Experience, Brookwood Cemetery

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

AJEX (London and Brighton)

Walton and District Local History Society

The National Trust

Mole Valley District Council

The Intelligence Corps

Embassy of the State of Israel/Defence Section.

Ognisko Polskie.

Memorial Association of Free Czechoslovak Veterans (MAFCV)

Wyrddlight Photography

The Buchenwald and Mittelbau-Dora Memorials Foundation

Mauthausen Memorial

Jon Kelly, BBC

Brigadier-General Erez Maisel, International Co-operation Unit, IDF

Mr Paul Wates, Bellasis House

Escape Lines Memorial Society (ELMS)

The Brookwood Last Post Association

Public benefit

The Trustees have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

FINANCIAL REVIEW**Results for the year**

There was a surplus for the year of £2,456.

The state of affairs of the Charity, which The Trustees consider to be satisfactory is set out in the Balance Sheet and there are adequate resources available for the Charity to be able to meet its commitments at the balance sheet date.

Reserves policy

The Charity has very limited need for future reserves whilst it is in its initial period of operations. The Trustees believe that the Charity holds sufficient reserves to enable it to meet those costs for the foreseeable future.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**Governing document**

The Secret WW2 Learning Network is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by its constitution. It was constituted on 24 April 2014.

Recruitment, Appointment, Induction and Training of Trustees

It is the policy of The Secret WW2 Learning Network to invite new Trustee members to give an expression of interest to join the board outlining their reasons for doing so, what they can bring to enrich the organisation and the experience and knowledge they can offer. The Trustee Board then discusses the application, formally votes on the application, and then if successful, the new Trustee is inducted onto the Board and into the Organisation. All new Trustees are provided with copies of its constitution, accounts and documentation, explaining the approach the Charity takes on a number of key issues. It is expected that most new Trustees will already be experienced in that role, if not some training will be given.

Organisational structure

The Trustees oversee the day to day management of the Charity.

Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently:
- Observe the methods and principles and in the Charity SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent:
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 27 April and signed on its behalf by Louisa Russell, Chair and Paul McCue, Trustee.

**The Secret WW2 Learning Network
Statement of Financial Activities year ended 31st Mar**

Income and Expenditure Account

2019/2020

Income	£
Donations	160
Donations :- Gift aid	270
 Donation Cranleigh - Arts centre	 981
 Donations - P. McCue for speeches and research given to external organisations	 367
 Grants - Gerry Holdsworth Trust Mole Valley Distict Council	 1,620
 Friends	 1,019
 Trading Activities	 47
 Educational Activities	
 Total	 <hr/> 4,464
 Expenditure	
Raising funds	
Advancement of charity's core educational objectives	600
Office Costs :-	
Website	202
Zoom Subscription	-
Stationery	167
Insurance	89
Equipment	24
Memorial activities (Wreaths)	70
Gerry Holdsworth Trust	704
 Total	 <hr/> 1,856
 Surplus	 <hr/> 2,608 <hr/>

**The Secret WW2 Learning Network
Statement of Financial Activities year ended 31st Mar**

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

2019/2020

Current Assets

Cash at Bank (Note 1 & 2)	4,169
	<u>4,169</u>

Represented by:

Accumulated Reserve

Balance Bt/Fwd	1,561
Surplus	2,608
	<u>4,169</u>
	<u><u>4,169</u></u>

Note 1

2019/20	Bank Balance	Reserved funds -	Gerry Holdsworth Trust
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Note 2

2020/21	Bank Balance	Reserved funds -	Gerry Holdsworth Trust Mole Valley District Council
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2020/2021

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1,294

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150

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144

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2020/2021

6,625
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