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The Dames Commander Society: December 2024 Update

Dear DCS Members,

As this year draws to a close, we wanted to share some plans for 2025 and also seek your support for the DCS.

Our first event will take place on **Wednesday 19 March from 5:30-7:30pm at the Barbican** in London. Generously hosted by Dame Kathryn McDowell, MD of the London Symphony, it will provide us with a fantastic opportunity to network and meet each other, as well as to attend one of the LSO's '[Half Six Fix](#)' concerts. This is a special hour-long performance of Bartok which will include an introduction from the amazing Barbara Hannigan, a supremely talented singer and conductor. DCS members will meet from 5:30-6:30pm, ahead of the concert which runs from 6:30-7:30pm. There is no cost attached to the event for DCS members. Please rsvp to central@damescommandersociety.org to confirm your place.



That same afternoon, we will also host a special **session for new Dames**. Do let us know if you would like to attend this, either as a new Dame, or as someone who'd like to help us welcome newcomers into the world of Damehood.

Further events are being planned over the course of the year, and we will share dates in the new year.

Meanwhile, our pilot **DCS Podcast series** is in development, and should be available later in the new year. If you are interested, please contact central@damescommandersociety.org to put you in touch with Jane Dacre.

The Cabinet Office are keen for Dames to be active in **nominating people for honours**, particularly as they look to improve diversity and ensure under-represented groups are recognised. Information about the process is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/honours>

Finally, having established the DCS as a Community Interest Company, with an Interim Board in place, we now looking to establish some firmer financial foundations and introduce an **annual membership fee**.

As an organisation, we keep our costs very low. The Board are all volunteers, and we work to secure pro bono support and sponsorship for events and other aspects of our work and set up costs.

Now, we are set up, we are proposing a membership fee of £50 pa minimum or more should you feel able to make a larger contribution. These funds will go towards our administrative costs in running the society and organising events, etc. Could we ask you to pay this using the following instructions, and by the end of January so that we have clarity going into the new year. Thank you.

We obviously do not want anyone to be excluded because of this, so if you would like us to waive the fee, please let Tristia know and we will happily do this in complete confidence.

The private **Members Area** of our website is in development to enable us to get information about each other and make connections.

We are expecting this to be available early next year and will be in touch with further information.

We wish you all the best in these final weeks of 2024 and look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Best wishes and have a very good Christmas.

Dame Tristia Harrison DBE

Dame Jackie Daniel DBE

Dame Sue Hill DBE

On behalf of the Dames Commander Society

Annual Membership Fee

Payment Options:

Bank Transfer or Standing Order

Please use bank details below, using your name as the reference

Account Number **75382599**

Account Name ***The Dames Commander Society***

Sort Code **40-35-18**

Options to pay via direct debit or online payment will be available in the coming weeks.

We would ask you to complete one of these options by the **end of January** to help us get set up for 2025.

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