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FOR THE CHILDREN OF GORAŽDE

You are invited to a charity dinner in the company of

**Brigadier Patrick  
Davidson-Houston  
CBE DL**



**Brigadier David  
Santa-Olalla  
DSO, MC**



**For the children of Gorazde  
Bosnia Herzegovina**

**Tuesday 30th April 2024**

The Committee Room, The RAC, 89 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HS

**Reception drinks:** 7.00 pm **Dress:** Jacket, no tie equivalence

**RSVP:** [info@gcfbosnia.org](mailto:info@gcfbosnia.org)



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## **Brigadier** **Patrick Davidson-Houston** **CBE DL**

Following an Army University Cadetship and RMA Sandhurst, Patrick was commissioned into The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire) in 1975. His early service included a tour with the Sultan of Oman's Land Forces. On the formation of The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment in 1994, he was appointed commanding officer of the 1st Battalion. During his regimental service, he deployed on operational tours to Northern Ireland, Oman and with UNPROFOR in Bosnia, as well as serving in Hong Kong, Germany, Cyprus and UK. In 2007 his regiment underwent a further amalgamation to form the Rifles.

In 1998 he was appointed Commander, 8th Infantry Brigade in Northern Ireland. After the Royal College of Defence Studies course in 2001, he deployed to Sierra Leone as the UK Joint Force Commander. This was followed by an appointment in the MoD London and a

tour with the Multinational Force HQ in Iraq. His last appointments were Chief of Staff AU-UN Force in Darfur, Force Commander UN Mission in Ethiopia & Eritrea, and finally Principal Military Advisor to the UN Special Representative for Somalia, retiring in 2009.

From 2010 Patrick worked in the Foreign Office, initially in the British Embassy, Kabul, then as a Senior Security & Justice Adviser with Department for International Development and finally as a Senior Operations Advisor in the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office. He retired from the Civil Service in July 2023.

He is President of The Rifles & Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regimental Association, Chairman of the Army Benevolent Fund (Norfolk) and a Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London. Patrick lives with his family in Fulham and North Norfolk.



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## **Brigadier** **David Santa-Olalla** **DSO, MC**

David Santa-Olalla entered RMA Sandhurst in 1971 and was commissioned into the Green Howards in March 1973. During the next 18 years he served in a range of command, training and staff appointments in Europe, the Far East and the United States including 5 years in Northern Ireland and three years with the Brigade of Gurkhas.

In 1992-1994 he commanded the First Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment that was initially assigned as the ACE Mobile Force to the flanks of NATO and latterly as part of the UK's

commitment to UNPROFOR in Bosnia. On promotion to Brigadier in 2001, he was assigned command of 2nd Infantry Brigade in Folkestone. In 2005 he commanded a UK Training Team in Sierra Leone, West Africa before his final assignment as Force Deputy Commander, Cyprus.

On retirement in 2008, David was recruited as the Clerk or Chief Executive of a large City of London based livery company, the Leathersellers' Company. He retired in 2021 and lives with his wife Jo in Fulham, West London.



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## Timings for the evening: The RAC, Pall Mall

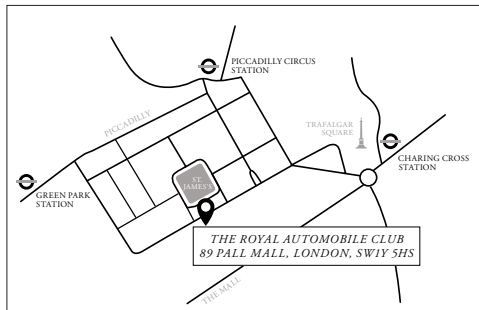
- 1800 - 1900 Reception drinks: The Committee Room, 1st floor
- 1845 Arrivals of Brigadier David Santa-Olalla DSO, MC and Brigadier Patrick Davidson-Houston CBE DL**
- 1900 Guests seated for dinner
- 1900 - 1915 An introduction to GCF Bosnia: Maurice Evlyn-Bufton**
- 1915 - 1945 Brigadier David Santa-Olalla DSO, MC and Brigadier Patrick Davidson-Houston CBE DL
- 1945 Dinner served**
- 2045 Charity Presentation
- 2100 Charity Art Auction**
- 2130 - 2200 Drinks and Exit



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## Directions and venue



The Royal Automobile Club is situated on the southern side of Pall Mall, towards St James's Street.



The Mountbatten Room

## Where the money goes...

We continue to fundraise to provide the school with crucial equipment



Before



After

So far, together we have raised £106,500.00.

To advance the education of the pupils at Gorazde Primary School, Bosnia and Herzegovina, through the provision of facilities not provided by local education authority, for the education through the medium of English at school. To also assist in such ways as the charity trustees see fit to advance education at Gorazde Primary School.

This is done by developing their mental, physical, and moral capabilities through sporting and leisure activities. To assist in any other projects, which would enhance and support the education/ wellbeing of children, that the charity trustees see fit from time-to-time.

