**WATERLOO 200 EVENT AT APSLEY HOUSE – 11TH NOVEMBER 2014**

**Biographies of speakers:**

**The Marquess of Douro**

The Marquess of Douro is the eldest son and heir to the 8th Duke of Wellington. Lord Douro is Chairman of the Council of King’s College, London, and was a Commissioner of English Heritage from 2003 to 2007. He is a director of a number of companies.

When in London, Lord Douro lives at Apsley House.

**Major General Sir Evelyn Webb-Carter KCVO,OBE, DL**

Sir Evelyn Webb-Carter, the chairman of Waterloo 200, is a retired Army officer who spent 37 years in the service including tour on operations in Northern Ireland and Bosnia. He was commissioned into the Grenadier Guards in 1966 and his final appointment was General Officer Commanding London District and the Major General Commanding the Household Division where he oversaw the 100th Birthday celebrations for the Queen Mother and also the funeral of the Princess of Wales. He was the last Colonel of the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment which amalgamated into the Yorkshire Regiment in 2006.

On leaving the Army in 2001 he became the CEO of ABF, the Soldiers’ Charity, which he steered through a rebrand and retired from after nine years. He has been involved in Waterloo organisations since 1998. His interests are horses, travel and military history and he particularly enjoys combining all three. In February 2014 he travelled on horseback over the Andes following the route taken by the liberator, San Martin, in 1817.

**Peter Snow**

Having studied Classics, Ancient History and Philosophy at Balliol College, Oxford, Peter Snow then joined ITN in 1962 as a script-writer and reporter and began newscasting the same year. He was appointed Diplomatic and Defence Correspondent in 1966 and for the next decade reported from all around the world

He also covered elections and other live political programmes for ITN until he left in 1979 to join the BBC. There he was one of the first presenters of *Newsnight* when it began in January 1980, and went on to cover elections and other live political events for the BBC until 2005. In 1997 he left Newsnight to present *Tomorrow’s World* which he presented for four years. Subsequently he has presented a range of programmes and series for the BBC. These include a number which he has co-presented with his historian son, Dan Snow, including *Battlefield Britain, Whose Britain is it Anyway? What Britain Earns* and *What Makes Britain Rich?* At the Royal Television Society in 1998 he won the Judges’ Award for services to broadcasting.

Peter is also an accomplished author. His books include “*Leila’s Hijack War”* (co-written with David Phillips), about the international crisis sparked by the hijacking of three airliners by Palestinian guerrillas; the Biography of King Hussein of Jordan; “*To War with Wellington*” - the story of one of the world’s greatest military commanders, Britain’s Duke of Wellington, and the men who fought with him and “*When Britain burned the White House – the 1814 invasion of Washington”* about the successful but destructive raid on the US capital that was followed by the American rebuff three weeks later of an attempted raid on Baltimore – a confrontation that inspired the US national anthem.

**Angela Pistrucci**

Angela Pistrucci is the 3rd great niece of Benedetto Pistrucci, 4th great granddaughter of William Cobbett and the great granddaughter of fine artist E.J. Cobbett (RBA). She is an award-winning artist and international art instructor. More specifically, she is a self taught sculptor, painter, architectural ceramist and figurative realist who is passionate about studying the classical traditions of art.  Angela shares her studio, Pistrucci Artworks, with her son Jeremy Hileman - also a fine artist/ sculptor/business owner. She resides with her family in Victoria BC, Canada.

**James Deeny, Managing Director, London Mint Office**

James Deeny is a Chartered Accountant, having qualified with Pricewaterhouse Coopers, London. He holds an MBA from the Henley Business School and a BA (Hons) in Economics and Accounting from Reading University. He joined the Samlerhuset Group in 2011 as Group Chief Financial Officer and, since August 2014, has also held the position of Chief Executive Officer Samlerhuset Western Europe and Managing Director at The London Mint Office Limited. He is a member of the Managing Board of the Samlerhuset Group.

 He is experienced in coordinating business transitions, across the cycle from growth to maturity. He worked at with Pricewaterhouse Coopers advising on taxation, corporate restructuring and mergers & acquisitions and has also held a number of International Financial Officer roles at Paramount Pictures, International Masters Publishers, VIACOM Outdoor, Technicolor, and SDI Media. He has experience of global businesses across retail direct marketing; film print, post production & distribution; outdoor advertising; picture library marketing, publishing and most recently the field of coin & medal collecting, or numismatics.   
  
His interests include: business development, performance optimisation, managing international teams, executive board participation & governance.

**Phil McDermott, Managing Director, Worcestershire Medal Service:** Phil’s passion for medals began at the tender age of nine and continued as a hobby until, having had a career in IT and Customer Service, Phil founded Worcestershire Medal Service (WMS) in 1988. His pursuit of quality products led him to acquire production facility, Gladman & Norman, in 2004. As a result, WMS now handles the manufacture of its products in-house and it has become the UK’s biggest producer of state honours, including OBEs and MBEs. In 2008 he was granted a Royal Warrant as Medallist to Her Majesty the Queen and he won the contract to produce the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012. Today the Company supplies insignia to Customers in the Middle East, Far East, Africa and the Caribbean.

Phil has been a long term supporter of many military charities, participating in events such as running seven marathons in seven days, complete with 40 pound pack on his back and wearing boots, in aid of the Army Benevolent fund.  He is also currently Treasurer and Archivist of the Gallantry Medallists’ League, a member of the West India Committee, a benefactor of bomb disposal charity, Felix Fund and was made an Honorary Member of the Officer’s Mess at 11 EOD Regiment. He was also chairman of the fund which raised funds and built an Armed Forces Memorial in Bromsgrove where Worcestershire Medal Service has its offices.