



## The American Society

invites you and your family to the annual

# Independence Day Barbecue Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2005

The American Ambassador's Residence  
Winfield House, Regent's Park  
2 0'Clock until 6 0'Clock  
Smart/Casual Dress

Cookout supper, beer, wine, games, music, special events

Tickets: Adults £38      Children (6-12) £16      Children (5 and under) free

*This event is vastly over-subscribed and will only be open to American Society members and their immediate family. You are cordially invited to join the American Society for the fee of £30 for 2005. This will also entitle you to attend other events such as the Thanksgiving Dinner Dance, Columbus Day Cocktail Party and you will receive regular newsletters. The £15 joining fee has been waived, as other regular events such as the Spring Cocktail Party and AGM/Drinks Reception at the American Embassy have already taken place this year.*

Applications to be received no later than Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June by post – no exceptions  
Tickets will be issued and passports required on the day.

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RSVP: Ray Smith, The American Society in London Alumni Clubs  
c/o 63 Woodfields, Stansted, Essex CM24 8AL

I have completed the attached membership application form \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Adult tickets & \_\_\_\_\_ Child tickets

Please make cheques payable to 'The American Society in London'

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni Club : \_\_\_\_\_

Full Names Adults:	Full Names Children:	Age:
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## Membership Information

Founded in 1895 by a group of eminent ex-patriots, The American Society in London is the oldest established social and cultural US organisation in the UK. The aims inaugurated at its beginning – to help promote good fellowship between the people of the United States of America and Great Britain and to celebrate our country's heritage and national traditions, have remained central in its history. We have four events each year:

### **Fourth of July**

Our Independence Day Barbeque is traditionally hosted by the American Ambassador to The Court of St James's, who is our ex-officio Honorary President. This afternoon event for the entire family is held in the grounds of his official residence in Regent's Park.

### **Thanksgiving Dinner Dance**

For the past few decades, a black-tie dinner has been held at the Savoy Hotel on the Friday night preceding Thanksgiving. A traditional Thanksgiving dinner is followed by an eminent speaker, complimentary raffle and dancing to an orchestra.

### **Cocktail Parties**

The autumn party is held on or near Columbus Day, and the Spring Party is usually an opportunity to bring friends who would like the opportunity to enrol as a member. The parties are traditionally held at Winfield House, Wychwood House, and venues of interest and cultural exchange, such as The British Museum, The College of Arms and The Houses of Parliament.

### **Fundraising**

Our social events are held for the enjoyment of the membership and not for profit. Any charitable funds available are disbursed to Sulgrave Manor (the ancestral home of George Washington in England), The English-Speaking Union, The Ronald McDonald House, and The American School in London, Benjamin Franklin House, and other worth American educational or charitable organisations in Great Britain.

### **Membership**

American citizens living in the UK are eligible for election to full membership, after approval by the General Committee. British subjects who have either resided in the US or have close US connections are eligible for election by the General Committee for associate membership.



## Application for Membership - 2005

Your Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your alumni club will be contacted in order to verify your identity:*

Alumni Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni Club contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni Club contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque enclosed for £30 payable to 'The American Society in London' \_\_\_\_\_  
(£15 joining fee waived)

Please return to:  
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