



ROYAL MILITARY POLICE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



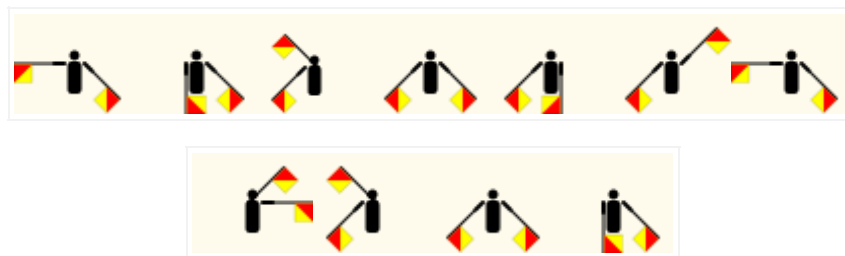
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Chair: Bob Eggelton
Secretary: Stewart Leach MBE
Treasurer: Ron Campbell-Smith

Dear Colleague,

There has been little news from around the branches this month, all far too busy soaking up the large amount of Vitamin D which has been shining down upon us.

One thing that did give me a great deal of satisfaction was when I read in the latest Corps Journal the notes from Cyprus Branch which is on its way to being resurrected. Thank you all for your efforts and in particular I would like to single out Captain Keef Allen AGC (RMP) who really was responsible for initiating the rebirth of the branch.

So with little more to speak of I will turn my attention to the Annual Reunion 2019 and I have already suggested that members of a like mind, a particular squad or company, arrange for their own tables and enjoy a mini reunion within the main event. I have had the first response from Ron Campbell-Smith so if you can fathom out his message then I guess you should be there.



CQ - Pronto's @ 2019

We are attempting to populate several tables at the 2019 Reunion with ex members of the Signals Wing together with partners.

Already signed up are Ron Campbell-Smith, Allan (Harry) Wragg, Bobby (the boot) Kerridge, Phil Hunt and Bill Jordan.

We are looking for Adrian Wilson, George Glennie, Phil Baron, Barry Harness, John Lynes, Tony Davies, Colin Ingledew and Steve Highton. But by no means limited to these few individuals.

If you ever served at the Training Centre Signals Wing, come along and meet up again before, well

Most will attend Friday and Saturday, enjoying the hotel facilities, we would love to meet again without a microphone! Although some of us have earpieces, me included.

The instructions for the Reunion are contained within this newsletter. Just add 'Signals Wing' to who you wish to sit with section of the booking form then George Woodall and his team will do the rest. You could also drop me an email on treasurer@rmpa.btinternet.com so we can monitor attendees.

Quiz who was "Boxwood" and what does QRM mean? Answers to above email.

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To ensure maximum publicity I have reproduced an edited version of the administrative instruction for the reunion provided by the hosting branch. The form you require to order the tickets for the dinner I have reproduced separately at the end of the newsletter in order that you can easily copy it.

73rd ROYAL MILITARY POLICE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REUNION WEEKEND
10/11/12 MAY 2019 IN THE PARK ROYAL HOTEL, STRETTON,
Nr. WARRINGTON, WA4 4NS.

GENERAL

1. The 73rd Annual Reunion Weekend will be held over the period of Friday 10th, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th May 2019 at the above hotel.
2. The weekend will be hosted by Cheshire & North Wales Branch led by their Branch President Mr. Cliff Halsall QPM, Branch Chairman Mr Peter Lloyd-Jones, Branch Treasurer Mr. Ken H. Davies, Branch Secretary Mr George A. Woodall, assisted by branch members and their ladies.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS

3. The outline of events covering the whole weekend is shown under:
 - a. Friday 10 May 2019
 - (i) Arrival at Hotel. Members of the hosting Branch and the Chairman RMPA will be present in the Reception of the **Park Royal Hotel, Stretton, Nr. Warrington, WA4 4NS** to welcome guests and to assist with all administrative arrangements as required. The hotel will be the focus of the Reunion activities. Dinner will be taken in the Royal Suite.
 - b. Saturday 11 May 2019
 - (i) Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM will take place in the Royal Suite at 1430 hrs.
 - (ii) Annual Reunion Dinner. The Reunion Dinner will be held in the Royal Suite at 1900 for 1930 hrs. Dress will be civilian clothes (dark suit or blazers for gentlemen, ladies as appropriate).
 - c. Sunday 12 May 2019
 - (i) Church Service. The Annual RMPA All Denominational Church Service will be held the St. Matthews Church, Stretton at 10.00 hrs prompt. The service to be conducted by the Vicar of St. Matthews Church, Rev Alan Jewell.
 - (ii) Parade of Standards/March Past. Prior to the Church Service. At 09. 30 hours there will be a Parade of Standards and March Past along the road leading from the hotel to the Church, reviewed by the Association's President.

ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES

4. The hotel accommodation has been booked for the RMPA weekend and will accommodate persons in double and twin bedded rooms. There are only 20 single rooms. However, a twin bedded room may be shared with a friend. The booking options are:
 - a. Friday night.
 - (i) Double/Twin Room. The rate will be **£100.00** per room for bed and breakfast and will include a two course meal on Friday night.

(ii) The rate for single occupancy will be **£92. 00**.

b. **Saturday night**.

(i) Double/Twin Room. The rate will be **£100. 00** per room for bed and breakfast.

(ii) Single occupancy will also be **£92.00**

c. **Shoulder Days**. The days prior to the Reunion (Thursday) or the day after the Reunion (Sunday) can be booked at £100 per room on a bed and breakfast basis.

It is emphasised that the booking of accommodation is totally the responsibility of individual members. From the date of the issue of these Reunion Instructions.

Closing date for room bookings is 16th March 2019 after this date rooms can be booked by members of the public.

Rooms will be available for guests to book by calling the hotel central reservations team on 0845 034 5777 and quoting the name of the event. Royal Military Police Association Reunion Weekend at Park Royal Hotel, Stretton, Nr. Warrington, WA4 4NS, giving the dates of your booking. A credit card will be required to guarantee the booking, See the hotel web site for T&C's.

5. In the event of any difficulty members should contact Mr George A. Woodall Branch Secretary Cheshire & North Wales Branch (Tel No 01244 545608) for guidance and support.

DINNER/REUNION BAR

6. Dinner will be held in the Royal Suite at 19. 00 hours for 19. 30 hours. A maximum of 244 persons may be seated; tickets at a cost of £31. 50 per person can be obtained from Mr. George A. Woodall Branch Secretary Cheshire & North Wales Branch using the proformae at Annex A. **When ordering your Reunion Dinner Ticket/s please enclose a SAE**. Closing date for applications will be **FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2019** following which no further applications will be accepted and no refunds given in the event of cancellation or subsequent non-attendance. Please make your cheque payable to Cheshire & North Wales Branch RMPA. Should the need arise, a reserve list may be opened and advise members should there be a late cancellation. Again you are advised to book early.

7. The Reunion Bar will be located on the ground floor of the hotel near Reception; a separate bar will be opened in the Royal Suite for the Reunion Dinner.

8. Dinner will be of four courses plus tea/coffee and be inclusive of a glass of port for toasts. The main course will be "Welsh Shin of Beef" in a Red Wine Sauce, seasonal vegetables. A vegetarian option is available. Menu is included on the Reunion Dinner booking form.

TRAVEL

9. Travel to Stretton, Nr. Warrington, Cheshire is outlined below:

- a. By air. Stretton, Warrington is served by:
Manchester International Airport and is approximately 14 miles and 20 minutes drive from the hotel.
Liverpool Airport is approximately 16 mile and 30 minute drive to the hotel.
- b. By road. (from North and South) Leave the M56 at Junction 10; follow signs for Warrington (A49). Proceed approximately 400 yards to the T Junction Road traffic lights. Turn Right onto the B5356 proceed about 200 yards, when opposite the entrance to the St. Matthews Church gate, turn Right. The hotel entrance is 60 yards on your left.
- c. By rail. By train to Warrington. Taxis are available from the Station. Distance 3 miles
- d. Car Parking. The hotel has ample **free** parking.

SUMMARY

10. The hotel is ideally situated for Motorway connections to all parts.
Local Tourist information will be in each hotel room.
Guest information brochure can also be viewed at the hotel reception.

Nearby attractions by car: Details can be viewed on their web sites.

The Trafford Centre, Trafford Park 30 minutes. Sat Nav: M17 8AA.

Cheshire Oakes Retail Park, Nr. Ellesmere Port, 20 minutes. Sat Nav: CH65 9JJ.

Chester City: 1. Park & Ride Boughton Heath. Sat Nav CH3 5QD. 20 minutes.
2. Park & Ride Wrexham Road. Sat Nav CH4 9DQ. 24 minutes..

Warrington: 1. Numerous Car parks, about 10 minutes.
2. Museum of Policing in Cheshire, Arpley Street, Warrington,
WA1 1LQ. Visits by Prior Appointment. (The Museum is

inside a working police station.) To book Tel: 01606 363848.

Chester Zoo: Is world famous, just a short drive of 25 minutes. Drive towards
Chester, follow Chester Zoo signs to Car Park off the A41.

11. A Power Point Presentation (PPP) showing details of the Hotel and places of Interest for computer users, will be forwarded to all those who the Board of RMPA Trustees inform of this Annual Reunion.
Branch Secretaries are requested to forward a copy of the PPP to their branch Member's with PC facilities.
12. **NOTE**: You may wish to consider your Travel & Repatriation insurance. Before your journey; Better to be safe than sorry.
13. The President, Chairman RMPA and Cheshire & North Wales Branch look forward to your support and welcoming you.

G. A. Woodall
Branch Secretary,
Cheshire & North Wales Branch RMPA.

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I am given to understand that some of you are not planning on attending the reunion in 2019 on account of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held this year. I can understand your feelings and let me be honest, if anyone felt like not attending in the future I think it would be me.

Yes, I agree that the meeting did drag on but let me make one thing perfectly clear, those who spoke had the democratic right to do so as members of the Association and did so within the rules. As long as I am Chairman of the Association democracy will prevail. There is no rank structure within the Association although on occasions you will see a member's former rank written when on a formal document when it appropriate to do so.

You do not have to attend the AGM, which for convenience sake is held during reunion weekends, and likewise you can attend the AGM without having to take part in any other part of the weekend. So, can we put that one to rest and I hope to see you at the reunion, even if I miss your happy, smiling faces at the AGM.

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My thanks for the rapid response to take part in the Royal British Legion Parade on the 11th November and I hope that we will be able to increase our ticket allocation next year. I hope to secure additional tickets for this year but will not know for a week or two whether I have been successful. I look forward to seeing some unfamiliar faces.

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Jim Ennis, London Branch has asked me to send out this message, 'Hi Folks, I'm trying to obtain, for free if possible, a wheelchair for the Branch members to use. If anyone has such an object needing a new home please let me know.' *Ed: Contact through me please. Jim assures me that it is not for personal use but hands up who do not believe him!*

Speaking of equipment I have in my possession two pairs of white gauntlets and a new standard carrier. When the time comes you know where they are. I have also been given five collection tins and one bucket and I intend to have the Association's name placed upon them for use as and when necessary. Please note. If you are contemplating a collection on behalf of the RMP Central Benevolent Fund (CBF) and require tins and buckets then these are held at RHQ.

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I said at the beginning of this newsletter that news from branch had been a little on the scant side but one branch, Northern Ireland, has come to my rescue. Tanky Walker saved the day and supplied this



photograph which was taken during a day out to the North West part of the Province. Rear L-R Eric Brown, Jim Walker, Ray Spence, Len Murray, Simon Barnett, Nigel Parnaby, John Winstanley, and Tanky Walker. Front L-R Derek Egerton, Taff Jones, John O'Leary and Mitch Hirst.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 22nd September 2018 Hull and East Riding are holding a dinner.

Thursday 8th November 2018, opening of the Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey.
Commencing at 1030 hrs. All tickets have been allocated.

Saturday 10th November 2018 Provost (RMP/MPS) Field of remembrance Service, Westminster Abbey commencing at 1150 hrs.

Sunday 11th November Royal British Legion Cenotaph Parade.

Taunton Branch Christmas Luncheon - 14th December 2018. Details to be announced.

10th - 12th May 2019 Annual Reunion at Stretton, near Warrington hosted by Cheshire and North Wales branch.

If your branch has a forthcoming activity which you would like publicised then let me know, but let me know in good time.

If you require further details please contact me via e-mail or telephone 02392 265645

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**PLEASE SCROLL DOWN TO THE NEXT FULL PAGE WHERE YOU
WILL FIND THE ANNEX TO THE REUNION INSTRUCTION.**

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Application for Reunion Dinner Tickets for Saturday 11 May 2019
The Park Royal Hotel, Stretton, Nr. Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 4NS

Return to:

Mr G. A. Woodall
Barrule, 36 Hazel Drive, Pen-y-ffordd,
Nr. Chester, Flintshire, CH4 0NF.

Tel: 01244 545608 (Please note this number is fitted with
BT Call Minder. When asked your name; please state:
("Name, RMPA.") You will then be connected.
Email: gowoodall@btinternet.com

Please forward to me _____ ticket(s) at £ 31. 50 each for the 73rd Annual Reunion Dinner (RMPA members may be accompanied by one guest only). My cheque for £ _____ made payable to Cheshire & North Wales Branch RMPA is also enclose **with a SAE for return of tickets as receipt.**

Full Name	Branch	Total Payable

Menu:

Starter: Welsh Leek & Cheshire Potato Soup, Chive Crème Fraiche, Bread Roll & Butter.

Sorbet: Lime Mojito Sorbet

Main Courses: Slow Cooked Welsh Shin of Beef, Cheshire Fondant Potato, Seasonal Vegetables, (Chantenay Carrots, Savoy Cabbage) in a Red Wine Sauce. Or

Vegetarian Alternative Dish: Roast Aubergine, Five Bean Ragout & Grilled Courgette.

Dessert: Sticky Toffee Pudding, Toffee Sauce & Vanilla Ice Cream.

Followed by: Coffee or Tea & Mint Chocolate. A Glass of Port is included with the Dinner.

Special dietary requirements are:

The following seating preference is requested, please:

(Please use reverse if required.)

Contact details:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode _____

Tel No: _____ email: _____

(Signed): _____ Date: _____

