

Summary Of The Annual Reunion For Ex-Members Of The Bands And Bugles Of The Rifles, The Royal Green Jackets And It's Former Regiments (Ox & Bucks, KRRC, RB's)

Saturday 14th October 2017 @ 11:00 saw the beginning of the reunion for the secretary, albeit late again, as ex-members of the Bands and Bugles of the Rifles, the RGJ and it's former Regiments, were awaiting his arrival so that they could sign in and start their annual reunion. The official start time of 12:00 saw 80% of members already in and waiting for the start of the annual blow, which commenced at approximately 12:30. Music this year consisted of the following; Quick March Silver Bugles, Musical South Pacific, selection The Late Twenties, Slow March Bugler in Vienna, Bugle Feature High On A Hill, and more... ending at approximately 14:15 with the Regimental Marches.



We had a "new face" this year, first timer **Tony Toole** (1 RGJ Band)

Following the 'Concert' the secretary gave his annual sermon, (*a few prepared words*) which is relayed to you below....

Good afternoon ladies, gentlemen, honorary members and guests.

I thank you all for attending this year's reunion.

May I ask you to show your appreciation to the members of - The Rifle's Band - The Waterloo Band - and our own members for performing for us today, Thank you.

*Also a big thanks to **Tony** for organizing the raffle.*

And lastly the club staff for pulling pints and serving lunch so promptly.

Please be upstanding whilst I read out the names of those Members who have departed from us in the past year to the Band upstairs:

FRED SHORE ---- MICHAEL KERLEY ---- CHRIS PAWSON ---- IVOR FLOWER

JOHN CHADWICK ---- TIM MARSH ---- DAVID CROSS ---- MIKE SUMNER

HAROLD BUCKLEY ---- PETER KOTKOWICZ ---- KEVIN SNARSKI ---- ROBERT HICKS

*Please raise your glass in a toast to absent friends ---- **To Absent Friends***

Thank you all again

I look forward to seeing you all and more at next years Reunion which will be

SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER

In attendance for 2017 were the following:

1 RGJ

Bassett	Mark
Benton	Len
Bowen	John
Briggs	Malcolm
Browne	Steve
Buckland	John
Callaghan	Dave
Christie	Sam
Clifford	Chris
Dowd	Tony
Elliott	Steve
Evans	Terry
Grey	Fred
Grey	Don
Horne	Douglas
Jackson	John
Morey	John
Peet	Dave
Pentith	John
Salsbury	Graham
Slinn	Ray
Smith	John (Bugle)
Timms	Dave
Toole	Tony
Williams	Roger
Windeatt	Jon

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2 RGJ

Bond	Kevin
Burden	Paul
Burton	Chuck
Cannon	Dave
Clarke	Glen
Donaldson	Don
Dulson	Gregory
Duncan	Roy
Duncan	Ken
Forman	Nick (George)
Goodwin	Gary
James	Kevan
Jones	Steve
Laurence	Salmon (Sam)
Lockey	John
Marsh	Christopher
Marshall	Leigh
Martin	Kevin
McMahon	Jimmy
Morgan	John
Murphy	Michael
Nicol	Adrian (Paul)
Noble	Pete
O'Shea	David
Thrower	John
Viney	Ron

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3 RGJ

Bishop	Anthony
Caldwell	George
Chapman	Keith
Cull	Tim
Ellison	Terry
Hamer	Ian
Helm	Bob
Hookings	Henry
Murfin	Dave
Napier	John
Newman	Nick
Rodgers	Fred
Shaw	Ian
Sims	Bryan
Storey	Albert
Strange	Roy
Swann	Ken
Tresadern	Michael
Tyler	John
West	Ken

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Non-Battalion Bands

Depot, Waterloo & Light Division

Connibear	Peter
Gibbs	Charles
Mann	Jackie
Richardson	Kirk-Bear
Roberts	Martin
Salsbury	Racheal
Scott	Stanley
Sturdy	Kevin
Thompson	Colin
Thompson	Helen

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PLUS

The Rifles Band and Bugles x 25

And invited guests and spouses of members

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FOR 2017

1 RGJ

Ainge	Tony
Chester	Dave
Cowan	John
Downton	Roger
Elliott	John
Forty	George
Hall	Charlie
King	Roger
Little	David
Long	Bill
Lynch	Ian
Meek	Clifford
Mitchell	John
Pysh-white	Roman
Roach	Les
Robinson	Terry
Salway	Ken
Selley	Chris
Slack	Andy
Todd	Alan
Wearing	Dave
Weston	Mick
Williams	Bob

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2 RGJ

Curry	John
East	George
Hinde	Ian
Holbrough	Stephen
Price	David

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Non-Battalion Bands

Depot, Waterloo & Light Diviison

Rogers-Davis	John
Swift	Roger
Tamblyn	Alan

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3 RGJ

Dikomite	Mike
Freemantle	Kevin
Jull	Grahame
Leeming	Jack
Mathieson	Bill
Passel	Peter
Roberts	Larry
Sanger	Mike
Thorne	Darryl
Wallis	Alan

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THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

BANDS & BUGLES REUNION

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The Secretary
The Winchester Club

Dear Sir/Madam

BANDS & BUGLES REUNION 14TH OCTOBER 2017

I would like to thank you and your staff, on behalf of all our members for allowing us the use of your facilities on the above date. Once again we were made very welcome and all had a good time, so much so, that we would like to book your club again if possible for our annual reunion next year.

Saturday 13TH October 2018

If this is possible, please send acknowledgement to the above address or email to - secretary@rgjband.com - thank you again.

Yours faithfully,

D Timms

D J Timms
Hon Secretary for the
Bands & Bugles Branch
of the RGJ Association



REGENTS PARK MEMORIAL SERVICE 2017

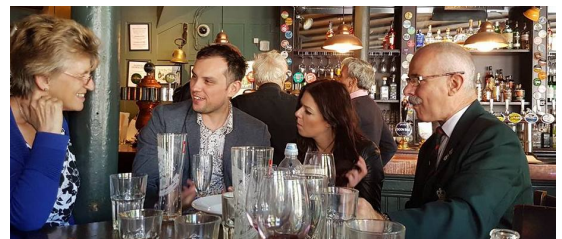


Thursday 20th July 2017 saw the 35th Memorial Service take place at the Bandstand Regents Park London; the weather was good to us again this year.



Ex-members of 1 RGJ Band and their families, representatives from the Regiment's along with a few civilians, met at the inner circle café from 10:30 for the 11:30 start.

There were some 30 people in attendance this year. Richard Frost led the short, yet swift service and proceedings



Order of Service; Prayers, Laying of wreaths. The Last Post was sounded followed by the Act of Remembrance. Reveille broke the 2-minute silence, which was then followed by the Regimental Collect. Then no more Parades.



Following the service - some headed for home whilst others ambled along to The Volunteer PH for a liquid lunch. A good turn out yet again, and a good day overall. Thank you to all those who made it, and a BIG thank you to Richard Frost, and also to Bugler Jake Pugsley of 2 Rifles for sounding the calls.



The next Memorial gatherings will be on Friday 20th July 2018 and Sunday 22nd July 2018.





Representatives from Davies Street (London Branch) hold a short service on the nearest Sunday to the 20th for those that cannot make it midweek. Details for this contact, Gary Driscoll (London Branch) on both days meet at the café 10:30 for 11:30 start.

TO THE RIFLES BAND AND BUGLES

To all that attended the Band & Bugles Reunion this year to assist us in our "Annual Blow" we thank you very much

Without your help we would not have been able to have such an enjoyable afternoon making great music together

We hope those of you that stayed on - enjoyed your meal and the remaining part of the afternoon

We also hope, you had an enjoyable experience with us, so that next year - maybe - we will have an even better time making music together, thus adding to the success of our annual event

On behalf of all members and their guests

A big thank you again

Dave Timms

*Hon Secretary for the
Bands & Bugles Branch
of the RGJ Association*

There seemed to be a lot of members staying on this year after the official ending of the reunion WHICH, of course, was good for the club and makes us more than welcome next year.

A suit jacket was left in the Winchester Club - which I still have. If it's yours let me know.

*I hope this finds you all well, have a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year*

Merry Christmas



Happy New Year





CHANGING OF THE GUARDS !!



Following the Regents Park bombing of 1982, whilst still serving, and recovering from his injuries, Tony Dowd took it upon himself to organise a Band Reunion for all ex-members/bandsmen who had passed through 1 RGJ Band and it's former regimental bands of the Ox & Bucks (43rd & 52nd). The original 'reunion plan' belonged to the late Graham Barker (*killed at Regents Park*). So as a lasting tribute to Graham and the other six guys killed on the bandstand the first 1RGJ Band reunion took place at the Corporals Mess, Peninsula Barracks, Winchester in July 1983.

Attended by 40 ex-members of 1RGJ/OBLI band, the reunion was a great success and certainly paved the way and instigated the B & B reunion we see today.

In wanting to "centralise" the venue, the reunion moved from Winchester up to Aylesbury where it stayed for 3 years before moving into Slade Park Oxford for the next five years. The last year at Slade Park (1992) incorporated ex-members of 2 and 3 RGJ bands (including ex-members of the former regiments KRRC & RB's regimental bands) and was to become the first "RGJ Band Reunion".

1993 - the venue for the second RGJ Band Reunion moved to the Charles House Restaurant Winchester – those in attendance will remember the soggy carpet.



1994 & 95 saw us moving slightly upmarket to The Wessex Hotel Winchester. It was at the Wessex that the "Annual Blow" started up.



1996 & 97 the reunion moved again, this time to the Regimental Association Room in Sir John Moore Barracks (NAAFI)



1998/99 and 2001/02 The Cricketers hosted our annual gathering. There was no RGJ Band reunion in 2000 due to lack of support, but ex-members of 1RGJ (Ox & Bucks) band held their own mini-reunion in Cowley, where Neil Saitch was voted in to take over from Tony - after 18 years at the helm.

2003, and with the promise of a good turnout, the reunion moved into The First In Last Out (FILO) where we saw the inauguration of our present secretary – Dave ‘Dolly’ Timms take over from Neil, who was unable to carry on in the role.



2004 (twelfth RGJ Band reunion) saw our new secretary change the venue – again - to where we remain today - the Conservative Club/Winchester Club.



To my knowledge, Tony is the only person to have attended every reunion since 1983. As the original organiser he worked tirelessly for the first 18 years on his own bringing us together each year. He also assisted Neil for his 2-year stint, and as you all know he has been my right hand man for the past 14 years. He is responsible for setting up and running our own RGJ Band & Bugles website and Facebook Group, and also instigated the Regimental Association in recognising us as an official Branch of the RGJ Association.

So where is this history lesson leading to you may ask....?



Well, after 18 years of Tony, 2 years of Neil (and Tony) and 14 years of myself (and Tony), it is time for a change.

Time to hand over to our next secretary. Time for Tony - after 34 years - and myself to finally retire.

Time for both of us to turn up at 12 noon on the day and hit the bar with the rest of you. Time to sit and drink and to chat and not being tied to the nearest chair and table by the door for 5 hours. It's time to Change the Guard.



Which leads me on to my quest.

I really would like someone to put his or her self forward to take over the job of Secretary - as from 1st November 2018 - and carry on from where Tony and I leave off.

I will organise the 2018 reunion (Sat 13th Oct), which will be my last, and hopefully will be introducing the new secretary to you all on the day.

So if you feel you could be the right person to take over the helm of this well-established Branch of the RGJ Association, then please contact me ASAP either by telephone or email and put yourself forward. In the event of more than one of you being in the running, then we will discuss further on going forward. Two or more heads better than one!

Any information you require in helping make your mind up – please ASK.

Very best regards

Dave Timms

....and Tony

