

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

Held On Saturday 13th October 2018

The following is a quick outline of the day's events.

The secretary arrived at The Winchester Club at approximately 11:00 hours to set up in readiness for the bands arrival, and to get ready for checking in members and their guests, at the same time Tony Dowd arrived to set up for the annual raffle.

The "annual blow" very nearly never happened this year. Having been assured last year that we were having the Rifles band, a few months before the reunion date I was informed that the Rifles band and bugles had an engagement in Belgium. So after many phone calls a new request for a band (Waterloo) and a lot more calls we ended up (to my great delight) with a bit of a ragtag and cobwebbed, but excellent band. So a very big thank you goes to all you rusty and toothless members who blew, and a bigger thanks to all those members of the Waterloo band for their help. THANK YOU.



The blow ended at approximately 14:45 in readiness for the lunch. This kicked off with a bit of a hiccup but soon got sorted and back to normal. After the meal had ended the secretary gave his annual few words, which follows:

"Good afternoon to you all and thank you for attending this year's reunion.

I would like to thank all that have taken part in this year's blow - especially those from the Waterloo Band and Bugles & 8 Rifles.

Also a very big thanks to the entire bar staff, caterers and Tony for sorting the raffle.

I'm not sure if you are all aware, but there is now an Association of Army Musicians, this started about 18 months ago; I will find out more and publish it in the next reunion report.

Lastly, may I ask you to be upstanding for a toast to all those members that have departed from us this year and before.

Brian Craven. Mike Sanger. Darryl Sheil. Ken Jameson. Ian Lynch.

TO ABSENT FRIENDS"

Now to the important bit....

I purposely didn't mention this at the reunion this year as I felt it needed to be put on paper rather than keep repeating myself to all individual members and honorary members.

Approximately a year ago, myself and Tony Dowd had a long discussion about the future of the RGJ Band & Bugles reunion, along with our roles in its organising and running, and we both decided that it was time for us to call it a day and give a younger, or other member, the opportunity to take over where we leave off, thus giving us the opportunity to join in the merriments of the occasion.



The 2018 Newsletter, printed earlier this year, gave notice to you all of our intentions – please see “Changing Of The Guards” article - thus giving someone the opportunity to step forward and take over the helm.



Unfortunately as I write this, no one has come forward and volunteered to take over the position of secretary and/or Webmaster.

Therefore, it is with much sadness and regret that I have to inform you all that unless we have a volunteer step forward the following will happen....



(a) April 2019 – we will close down the RGJ BAND WEBSITE (this incurs an annual cost). The RGJ Band & Bugle Facebook group will continue - but may not be policed.

(b) I will keep the database active for an additional six months until October 2019.

(c) I will dissolve the Band & Bugle Branch of the RGJ Association in October 2019.

(d) Any remaining funds will be donated to **Care 4 Casualties** (Rifleman's Aid).



I SHALL NOT, as suggested to/by some, organise the function room and the Band/music for next year - 2019, as by doing so would mean I would be sorting out funds etc. to pay for this - and this is not what I want.

I sincerely hope that a member comes forward to take on this very popular event.

Thank you all for taking part over the past years - take care.

D Timms
Honorary Secretary
RGJ Band & Bugles Reunion

IN ATTENDANCE 2018

1 RGJ

Bowen	John
Browne	Steve
Buckland	John
Callaghan	Dave
Chester	David
Dowd	Tony
Downton	Roger
Eaton	Mick
Elliott	John
Evans	Terry
Grey	Fred
Grey	Dog
Hankins	John
Hellyer	Wayne
Horne	Douglas
Mitchell	John
Morey	John
Peet	Dave
Pysh-White	Roman
Roach	Les
Salsbury	Graham
Slinn	Ray
Smith	John (Bugle)
Stutt	Bernard
Timms	Dave
Toole	Tony
Well	Mark
Williams	Roger
Windeatt	Jon

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2 RGJ

Bond	Kevin
Bumstead	Tony
Burton	Chuck
Cannon	Dave
Duncan	Ken
Giles	Keith
Goodwin	Gary
Hinde	Ian
Hopla	Wayne
Jones	Steve
Marsh	Christopher
Marshall	Leigh
Marshall	Kevin
Martin	Kevin
McMahon	Jimmy
Morgan	John
Noble	Pete
Platt	Jeff
Scarbough	Dave
Sherlock	Michael
Stone	Chris
Thrower	John
Viney	Ron

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Non-Battalion Bands

Depot, Waterloo & Light Diviison

Bright	A
Connibear	Peter
Gould	Louise
Hamilton	G
Hilton	J
Howard	James
Illingworth	Hannah
Salsbury	Racheal
Sturdy	Kevin
Swift	Roger
Thompson	Colin
Thompson	Helen

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3 RGJ

Bailey	Terry
Cross	Pete
Cull	Tim
Dikomite	Mike
Ellison	Terry
Gledhill	William
Hookings	Henry
Hopla	Wayne
Jull	Grahame
Murfin	Dave
Napier	John
Newman	Nick
Rodgers	Fred
Sealey	Roger
Shaw	Ian
Storey	Albert
Strange	Roy
Swann	Ken
Tresadern	Michael
Tyler	John
Wallis	Alan
West	Ken

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Bugles from 8 Rifles x 4

And invited spouses and guests of members

PLUS

THOSE NOT SIGNED IN

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FOR 2018

1 RGJ

Ayres	Alan
Briggs	Malcolm
Clifford	Chris
Day	Bob
Eagle	Derek
Elliott	Steve
Evans	Bob
Forty	George
Hall	Charlie
Jackson	John
King	Roger
Little	David
Long	Bill
Meek	Clifford
Mence	Dave
Miles	Sandy
Munnik	Peter
Neal	James
Newson	Stephen
Pearce	Jim
Pentith	John
Robinson	Terry
Selley	Chris
Slack	Andy
Smith	Mike
Todd	Alan
Wearing	Dave
Weston	Mick
Williams	Bob

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2 RGJ

Andrews	Ray
Brown	John
Burden	Paul
Cook	Ken
Dorey	Les
Dulson	Greg
East	George
Forman	Nick
Holbrough	Stephen
Macleod	Nelson
Murphy	Michael
Neal	Kames
O'Shea	David
Patrick	John
Salmon	Laurence
Spicer	Tom

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Non-Battalion Bands

Depot, Waterloo & Light Diviison

Bilby	John
Downs	Richard
Mann	Jackie
Roberts	Martin
Rogers-Davis	John
Stimpson	Matthew

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3 RGJ

Ambrose	Steve
Arney	Paul
Bainbridge	Anthony
Bishop	Anthony
Caldwell	George
Crehan	Eric
Dunn	Bill
Fooks	Michael
Harding	Ian
Latimer	Colin
Mathieson	Bill
Passel	Peter
Roberts	Larry
Shaw	Bryan
Thorne	Darryl
Toye	Tosh

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*I hope this finds you all well. Have a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2019*



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REGENTS PARK MEMORIAL SERVICE 2018

This year saw the 36th memorial and wreath laying service held on Friday 20th July. Meeting at the Garden Café in the inner circle at 10:30 ready to wander down to the Bandstand for the 11:30 start.



We were honored to have Corporal Jake Pugsley (2 Rifles) sounding the calls and “Our Norman” (ex 1RGJ Band) *The Rev Dr. Norman H Dennis*, officiating the Service. Although well versed in long speeches we gave him 5 minutes to lead us into the service.



Words and prayers were followed by the laying of wreath's, the Eulogy, then the



sounding of the Last Post followed by a minutes silence and Reveille, and finally the Regimental Collect. The Bugler then ended the service with NO MORE PARADES.



This was followed by a leisurely lunch that seemed to lack solids; we left the Volunteer at approximately 17:30 (*no idea really*)



The secretary thanking Ms. Silvia Meek for her attendance – Sylvia was sat in the audience on “the day” and has attended the service annually ever since.



Next years Service will take place on Saturday 20th July similar format as above - I hope to see you there.

Constitution of The Army Musicians Association

6 October 2018

GENERAL

1. Definitions:

- a. The Association shall be called ***The Army Musicians Association***.
- b. 'Notice' is defined as notice given by email, letter or circular and shall deem to have been delivered on the date of sending for email and two working days following postmark for letters and circulars.

OBJECTS

2. The objects of the association are: -

- a. To keep alive the *Esprit de Corps* and traditions of British Army music and to maintain friendship and comradeship between those serving and retired personnel associated with it.
- b. The commemoration and remembrance of those who have served in the British Army as instrumentalists (Musicians and Bandsmen/women) or in Regimental Music Groups (Corps of Drums, Pipes & Drums and Bugle Platoons) and who have died whilst on active service; and the encouragement of public recognition of the sacrifice made by such persons.

3. In furtherance of the objects but not otherwise, the Association shall:

a. Have (inter alia) the following powers: -

- (i) As and when necessary, publicise and disseminate information concerning the historic deeds and traditions of British Army Bands and for the encouragement of recruiting into both the Association, the Corps of Army Music (CAMUS) and British Army Reserve Bands.
- (ii) To raise funds and to invite & receive contributions provided that in raising funds the Council shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activities and shall conform to any relevant requirements of the law.
- (iii) To buy, take on lease or in exchange any property necessary for the achievement of the objects and to maintain and equip it for use.
- (iv) Subject to any consents required by law to sell, lease or dispose of all or any part of the property of the Association.
- (v) To employ such staff (who shall not be members of the Council) as are necessary for the proper pursuit of the objects.
- (vi) To cooperate with and support other associations, charities or voluntary bodies and statutory authorities operating in furtherance of the objects or of similar purposes and to exchange information & advice with them.
- (vii) To appoint and constitute such advisory Councils as the Council may think fit and to do any or all such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects.

MEMBERSHIP

4. Membership of the Association is conferred upon all men and women who have served as regular or reservist musicians in the British Army. It is also conferred on all those who have served in Regimental Music Groups (Corps of Drums, Pipes & Drums and Bugle Platoons). Associate membership is conferred upon Spouses and Partners of members. All members shall have equal status irrespective of any former rank or positions held.

5. A member shall remain a member unless expelled by the Council. The Council shall have the power, after full and proper enquiry (including giving the member in question the opportunity of being heard), to expel a member if a majority of the Council considers the conduct of the member is injurious to the interests of the Association.

6. Membership of the Association does not confer any right to a share in the property or funds of the Association.

7. A register of members shall be maintained by the Membership Secretary – in full compliance with the law – which shall be as complete and accurate as practicable, but membership shall not depend upon inclusion therein.

MANAGEMENT

8. The Officials of the Association shall be: -

- a. The Chairperson, who shall be a member of the Association and is proposed and seconded by members, will serve for a term of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment.
- b. The Secretary, who shall be a member of the Association and is proposed and seconded by members, will serve for a term of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment.
- c. Such other Officials as the Council with the consent of the Chairperson shall appoint to carry out specific responsibilities for a term not exceeding three years and shall be eligible for reappointment.
- d. The Treasurer, who shall be a member of the Association and is proposed and seconded by members, will serve for a term of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment.

9. The Association will be administered by a Council composed of

- a. The Chairperson.
- b. The Secretary.
- c. The Membership Secretary, who shall be a member of the Association and is proposed and seconded by members, will serve for a term of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment.
- d. PDOM(A)
- e. CAMUS Corps Sergeant Major.
- f. 4 'Council Members' who are all found from members of the Association and are elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to represent the branches and groups of the Association each for a term of three years and who shall be eligible for re-election:
 - (i) 3 'Council Members', who are proposed and seconded by members, will serve for a term of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment.
 - (ii) A Vice Chairperson who is proposed and seconded by members, will serve for a term of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment.
- g. Any other Official appointed under paragraph 8c.

10. The Council shall meet at least twice in each year including one meeting in the four weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.

a. There shall be a quorum when four elected members of the Council are present at a meeting – one of these people must be an Official of the Association.

b. Every matter shall be determined by a majority of votes of the Council present and voting on the question but in the case of equality of votes the Chairperson (or Vice Chairperson if the Chairperson is not present) shall have a second or casting vote.

c. The Council shall have power within the limits prescribed by the rules to make or amend such detailed regulations as it thinks fit for the conduct of its own business or the affairs of the Association generally.

FUNDS

11. The funds of the Association will be used only to pursue its objects.

12. The Association accounts will be maintained by the Treasurer of the Association. Annual accounting date shall be 31 March in each year. The accounts will be independently examined or audited annually by an auditor appointed at the Annual General Meeting. The audited accounts will be reviewed by the Council at the meeting preceding the Annual General Meeting, and will be presented to the Annual General Meeting for approval.

BRANCHES AND GROUPS

13. The Council may, if requested to do so by at least ten members authorise the formation of a Branch of the Association comprising members resident in or connected with a specific area, Regiment or Corps. (eg The N Loamshire Branch or The Band of the Blankshire Regiment Association.)

14. The Council shall not authorise the formation and may order the dissolution of any Branch or Group which in its view is, or will be, unable to operate with an effective form of management or viable financial structure competent to ensure that its affairs are conducted efficiently and in a way, creditable to the British Army and the Association.

15. Branches and Groups are autonomous, appoint their own officials and control their own finances. Their affairs must however be conducted in accordance with the objects set out in paragraph 2 of the Charter of the Association.

16. All branches shall submit, to the Secretary of the Association, copies of their branch accounts and membership lists no later than two months following their Annual General Meeting.

17. On the dissolution of a Branch or Group, its funds, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, shall vest in the Association.

GENERAL MEETINGS

18. The Annual General Meeting of the Association will normally be held on a Saturday in October. At least 28 days' notice of such a Meeting shall be given in writing and all members shall be entitled to attend and vote. Members wishing to submit proposals are to do so at least 14 days prior to the meeting, seconded by a member.

19. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at the request of the Council in circumstances which have a major effect on the Rules or management of the Association. At least 28 days' notice shall be given in writing, containing details of proposals and resolutions. All members shall be entitled to attend and vote at such meetings.

AMENDMENTS

20. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 23, these rules may be altered by a Resolution passed by a two thirds majority of the members of the Association who are present and voting at a General Meeting as defined in paragraphs 18 and 19 above.

21. There shall be no amendment of the Objects of the Association without the approval of the Council.

DISSOLUTION

22. The Association may be dissolved by a Resolution passed by a two thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting convened for this purpose, as set out in paragraph 19 above.

23. Such resolution must give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Association provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, such property shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to The Corps of Army Music Trust.

Army Musicians Association Membership

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If you are a regular or reservist serving musician in the British Army, a retired veteran of a British Army Band, a serving or retired member of a British Army Regimental Music group you are eligible to join the Army Musicians Association (AMA).

The AMA is now in its second year and beginning to flourish. We have over 100 members and enjoyed a wonderful Spring Gathering at RAF Henlow in March 18. The AMA exists to support the Army musician community past and present by maintaining ethos and family spirit, by allowing members to keep in touch and come together at social events held throughout the year.

Please be aware that if you are already a member of the CAMUS Corps Trust you receive automatic AMA membership. For more information regarding CAMUS Corps Trust please get in touch with Mr John Huggins, Corps Secretary: john.huggins101@mod.gov.uk

Annual Subscription is £10.00. Membership runs from January to December each year.

If you would like to be part of the AMA community please fill in the form below:

Name			
Title:	Surname:	Forname(s):	
Contact Details			
Address:			
Email:			
Tel:			
Mob:			
DOB:			
Are you currently serving? *delete as appropriate			
Yes, regular	Yes, reservist	Yes, reservist but ex regular	Not currently serving
Which Band(s) have you served with? *please specify			
When did you join and leave the Army?			
Date joined:		Date Left:	
What rank have/did you achieve?			
Are you a member of a band association? If so, which one(s)			
How did you hear about AMA? *please specify			

Contact Proforma													
I am content for the Army Musicians Association to contact me via the following means: (please tick as many as you are content with; if you tick none, then you will not be contacted in the future and therefore you will be considered a dormant member of KHC)													
By post					Yes		No		By email	Yes		No	
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PAYMENT DETAILS

Annual subscription for the AMA is £10.00.

Please make cheques payable to 'Army Musicians Association' and return with this form to the address below.

Alternatively you can pay by internet banking. Please transfer funds with 'YOUR NAME' as a reference to:

Army Musicians Association
 Sort Code: 600733
 Acc. Number: 47810521

Letter received from the Northern Ireland Veterans Association

Dear Sir/Madam,

Over a year ago I emailed most of you inviting your Associations to the above Service and Parade which will be held in Lisburn City, Northern Ireland, on Sat 17th August 2019 at 11am, many asked to be reminded nearer the time, so here we are with a few more details.

It is an open invitation to all Op Banner Veterans and their Families, the event will start with a Drumhead Service in the grounds of Wallace Park to remember all our Fallen by all causes during the conflict, this will be followed by a Veterans Parade with Standards/bands around the City, passing by 3 main points, the War Memorial, the UDR Statue and finally the plaque to mark the site of the Lisburn Fun Run Bomb, which killed 8 of our comrades, where you will have an opportunity to lay wreathes etc, if you so wish.

The whole event is to be organized and paid for by NIVA (Northern Ireland Veterans Association), with the Facilitation of Lisburn and Castlereagh Borough Council, with no input from the MOD/Government or the RBL, who we believe are organising their own events paid by the Government with all that entails, ours will be very much Veteran and bereaved focused, indeed the Salute will be taken by Sir General Pascoe our Patron and a Widow/Widower of the Fallen from each of the branches of the Security Forces, ie, Regular Army, UDR, RUC, Prison Service etc, we don't believe politicians should get involved, this will be a one off event on this scale, at least never be held again in NI, the site of the Conflict.

On the day, there will be in the grounds of Wallace Park an Op Banner Museum on display, this is run by an Ex UDR Officer and he has a wide variety of Op Banner material and the few times he has been able to display them has been met with great approval, alongside that, there will be a display of Op Banner Vehicles, Pigs, Saracens, land rovers etc, these vehicles will be on static display, then take part in the parade, then back to their static stand, if you did not have time to walk round them before. We are also organizing a Memorial Garden, where we will have a wall, something similar to the one at the NMA, which will list the names of all the security Forces Fallen 1969-2007, plus the later killing by dissidents on the PSNI, Army and NI Prison Service.

We are currently in discussion with Lisburn Council and the towns Traders to set up a discount scheme for Veterans on the day, so after the parade you can go into the city and visit the pubs, restaurants, shops etc and receive discount there, Lisburn is still a very much functioning Garrison town, so you will be made very welcome, the nearby RBL Club will also be open.

Also in conjunction with the Council, we are putting together a list of hotels and B&B's in the Belfast/Lisburn area, also working out Bus/Train times (The Train Station is only 5 mins walk away from Wallace Park) from the 2 airports and Ferry Terminals, also Bus Companies you can use for hire, this will be available very soon and I will send them onto you, this will also include a security Brief on areas to avoid as we are conscious some of you may not have been back in NI for some time, if you are coming by car, we have the use of half the Councils Official car park at the Island Centre and the use of 2 nearby schools, Friends Grammar and Wallace High and an over flow car park will be in use in the grounds of the church opposite Wallace Park, if you are hiring buses at this end, we have arranged with the PSNI to have a road sealed off so buses can be parked safely, which is close to Wallace Park as well.

So at this stage, we would be grateful if you could RSVP ASAP with approx numbers that will be attending, this is not only for us but more importantly for the PSNI who will be in charge of Security on the day and we hope to see you all next year to Commemorate the start of what was and still is the British Services longest conflict.

Cheers

Mark C

NIVA Admin and 50th Anniversary Committee Member

PS.

I mentioned that we are funding this event on our own, to that end we have produced a Souvenir badge to mark the day (see attached), the profits from this will be used to pay for Medical Cover, Insurance, Literature, Marquees etc etc and so far we have sold thousands throughout the UK and further afield to Veterans, the badges are £3 each and PP is an extra £1.50 for up to 5 badges in the UK and slightly dearer to Europe etc, if any of your members would like one, please contact me at mark@opbanner-50th-anniversary.uk for full details on how to pay by bank transfer or PayPal, any monies not used on the above will be then put back into Military/Police Charities of our choice and the accounts then closed.