

72nd Artillery Clerks' Reunion and
Association Dinner



Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess
Royal Artillery Barracks
Woolwich

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Guest of Honour

Major General A P N Currie CB

Guest

Warrant Officer Class 1
(Regimental Sergeant Major) PJ Jacques MBE RA
Regimental Sergeant Major 16 Regiment Royal Artillery

Saturday 8th April 2006

THE COMMITTEE

Honorary President

Maj Gen Peter Currie CB

Chairman

Lt Col(Retd) Joe Falzon BEM

Secretary

Mel Charlton

Reunion Secretary

WO1 Ian Constantine AGC(SPS)

Treasurer

Maj Paul Corker AGC(SPS)

Welfare Officer

Ted Morgan

Standard Bearer

Andrew Jones

Padre

Rev Denis Brett

Webmaster

David Stotan

Historical Secretary

Joe Hoggins BSc

Regional Secretaries

North - Vince Scott

North West - Dennis Norris

Midlands - Steve Callaghan

East - Capt(Retd) Chris Berry BA

South - Andy Tibble MSM

West - Roy Deal MBE

London Area - Steve Truslove

Scotland - Ted Fairbrass

Germany - WO2 Ron Holmes AGC(SPS)

"I don't know what effect these men will have on the enemy, but, by God they terrify me."

Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington

MENU

Mushroom Mille Feuille

(A trio of mushrooms cooked in a cream sauce and served in a light puffed pastry case)

Orange Sorbet

Fillet Steak Rutland

(A beef fillet with bacon, onions in a cream, red wine and rutland cheese sauce)

Colcannon Potatoes

Dauphine Potatoes

Asparagus Bundles

Buttered Baby Corn

Madeira Sauce

White Chocolate Torte with Rum

Cheese Board

Coffee & Mints



ENTERTAINMENT



The Band of the Army Air Corps String Quartet (Under the direction of Sergeant Tom Crawford)

The Band of the Army Air Corps was formed during 1993 from a nucleus of the Royal Artillery Alanbrooke Band. The Band appears by permission of their Regimental Colonel, Colonel S D Rowland-Jones

Programme of Music

Suite	Three Dances from "The Fairy Queen"	Purcell
Miscellaneous Selection	Air on G String French Festival	JS Bach arr LCpl Willis arr LCpl Willis
Miscellaneous	La Cumparsita	Rodriguez arr Isaac
Film Theme	Theme from "Love Story"	Lai arr LCpl Willis
Miscellaneous	Embraceable You	Gershwin
Irish National Concerto	Londonderry Air The Seasons, Largo from "Winter" Concerto	arr LCpl Willis Vivaldi arr LCpl Willis
Miscellaneous	Allegro from "Sonata No.3 in F for Violin"	Handel arr LCpl Willis
Film Theme	A Whole New World	Menken arr LCpl Willis
Miscellaneous	Pavane	Faure arr LCpl Willis
Irish National	Irish Festival	arr LCpl Willis
Miscellaneous	Someone To Watch Over Me	Gershwin arr LCpl Willis
Classical	Exalted Chorus	Haydn arr Johnson
Dance Movement	Minuet	Handel
Miscellaneous	Allegro from Palladio	Jenkins arr LCpl Willis
TV Theme	The Lord Is My Shepherd from "The Vicar Of Dibley"	Goodal arr LCpl Willis
Suite	Allegro Maestoso	Handel arr LCpl Willis
Classical	Pavane	Faure arr LCpl Willis

The Loyal Toast

The Royal Artillery Slow March

The Piper

Olivia McLennan

ARMY ORDER 54 OF 1903

Pay and Promotion of Clerks, Royal Artillery

EDWARD R.I.

A.O 54
April
1903

WHEREAS We deem it expedient to amend the regulations relating to the pay and promotion of soldiers employed as clerks in Our Royal Artillery;

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Artillery
3038

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE is that all soldiers who may hereafter be permanently employed as clerks in Our Royal Artillery shall form a section to be called the Artillery Clerks' Section, and shall, from the 1st April 1903, be paid and promoted as follows:

	Rank	Pay	Class for Allowances.
1ST DIVISION			
On Promotion from the 2 nd Division	Warrant Officer	s. d. 5 6	16
2ND DIVISION			
On promotion from 3 rd Division.	Company Sergeant Major	4 0	17
After 3 year's service with pay at 4s per day.	Quarter Master Sergeant	4 6	16
After 3 year's service with pay at 4s 6d per day.	Quarter Master Sergeant	5 0	16
3RD DIVISION			
On appointment	Acting Bombardier	2 0	20
After one year's service in the division	Bombardier	2 6	20
After 2 year's service with pay at 2s 6d a-day.	Corporal	3 0	20
After 2 year's service with pay at 3s a-day.	Sergeant	3 6	19

No increase of rank or pay under this article shall be allowed, unless specially recommended by the officer under whom the non-commissioned officer is serving.

Given at Our Court at St. James's this 21st day of March, 1903,
in the 3rd year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

Sr. JOHN BRODRICK

(Extract by kind permission of the Royal Artillery Institution)

MESSAGE BOARD



Message from Tony Skinner

It must be all of 10 years since I last attended an Artillery Clerks' Reunion, probably more. I'm one of those people who likes a drink when I'm enjoying myself and unfortunately due to vast number of medicines I now take to keep me going I can't even enjoy a single sip; and lets face it, to be in the company of so many esteemed Artillery Clerks I would need more than one drink. Have a wonderful and successful reunion and my good wishes to you all.

Message from Ron Holmes

Please pass on my regards to all attending the dinner. Hope you all have an excellent time. **I am sending £20 towards the port.** Please donate 1 pound to Derek Ralphs as he is a poor Scouser with that natural NRPS down in the mouth look. By the time you are sat down to this dinner I hopefully will have already firmed up the October Germany dinner with RSM 12 Regt RA in Dempsey Barracks in Paderborn with letters on there way to you all. I hope it will not clash with Pat (Dad) Verdon's wedding anniversary.

Message from John Reynolds

I am sorry I will not be able to attend this year's Artillery Clerk's Reunion. My RSM (Residential Sergeant Major) has decreed a family gathering in Prince Edward Island has priority this year, and who am I, a fully paid up member of the Coward's Club, to disagree with her. If I can work out the time difference correctly, I will raise a glass to you all at the appropriate time. Best wishes to you all - eat, drink and be merry!

John donated £30 towards this evening.

Message from Phil Headford

It is with regret that I am unable to attend this year's Reunion Dinner as I am skiing in France. Your night on the p*** shall be mirrored on the Piste in the French Alps! Good luck for the year and I shall see you all in 2007.

Message from Derek Ralphs

To my fellow AC's, sorry I'm not able to attend but I'm sure you will still have a good time. Best wishes to Ian (BDC) Grant and Julian (Sparky) Allen, hope you had a good day with the gee-gee!

Message from Bill Morland

Gentlemen, greetings and best wishes for what I am sure will be the usual rousing success. I thought I might, with due reverence and your indulgence, paraphrase the immortal barb, Rabbin Burns:

Envy, if thy jaundiced eye
in this room should chance to spy.
To thy sorrow thou shalt find
All that's generous, all that's kind:
Friendship, virtue every grace,
Amongst the Brothers in this place.

Ubique...Bill

Message from Pete Bunn

I send my warmest greetings and very much regret that I am unable to be with you. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. I still remember my recruits' passing out parade in front of the Officers' Mess in 1932. I was very proud and loved the drill!

Message from Ron Flemmings

At 81 yrs of age I'm on too much medication to risk the temptation! I send best wishes to all members of the Artillery Clerks' Association and I would like to acknowledge the commitment and hard work of the committee for the excellent running of the association. The Crossed Quills Issue 9 was TOP NOTCH. I particularly enjoyed reading the well written and excellent article by John Reynolds. Ubique, Ron Flemmings.

Message from Mike Cottrell

Unfortunately work commitments have forced me to pull out. I hope you all enjoy the evening.

Mike donated £30 towards this evening.

Message from Mick Williams

I must reluctantly withdraw from the forthcoming dinner due to illness. I send my best wishes to all members and hope to be at next year's reunion. I was looking forward to seeing old friends again but, due to unexplained seizures, it would not be 'fitting' (pun intended) for me to attend. Have a great weekend. *Ubique*

Message from Andy Tibble

Regrettably work commitments mean I must withdraw from this years Reunion, I'm sure you will all have a wonderful time and I look forward to joining you again next year.

The following Association Members also sends their apologies and wish everyone an enjoyable evening:

Richard Horner
Taff Bellis
Frank Trimby
Colin Davidson
Chris Piper
Mark Spring
David Stotan
Ted Jones
Ian Groom
Gary Tyson
Jim Findlay
Ian Morris

