

81st Artillery Clerks' Reunion and
Association Dinner

Royal Artillery
Sergeants' Mess
Larkhill



Saturday 13th June 2015

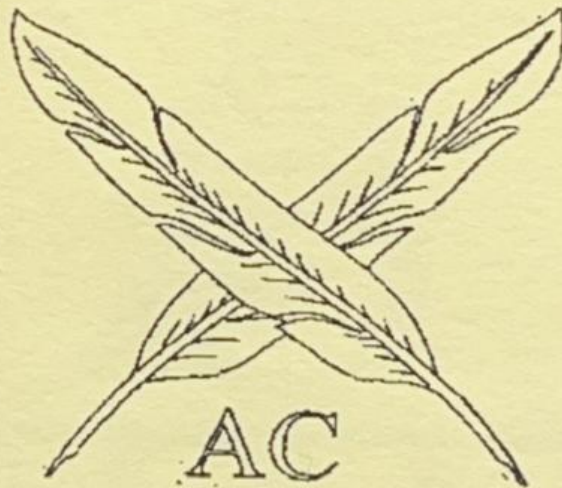
GUEST LIST

Guest of Honour

Colonel Matthew Carter

Guests

Mr Alan Solly
Membership Secretary Royal Artillery Association



ENTERTAINMENT

The Brass Quintet Of the Sandhurst Silver Band

Band Leader

Mr Jonathon Bowden

Music

A selection of traditional and modern music
to accompany the meal

The National Anthem

The Royal Artillery Slow March

The Post Horn Gallop

MENU

Chicken Caesar Salad

Cos lettuce with chicken breast
Parmesan shavings & a Caesar Dressing

Fillet of Beef Wellington

Served with Roast Potatoes,
Baton Carrots & Fine Beans
& a Rich Meat Gravy

Eton Mess

Strawberries, meringue & strawberry sauce

Cheese Board

Coffee & Mints

The Loyal Toast

The following is the procedure for drinking the Loyal Toast in Messes of the Royal Artillery.

- After the port has been passed round the President will tap the table, stand up and say, "**Mr Vice - The Queen - Our Captain General**". Everyone will then stand up **with glass in hand**.
- Mr Vice will say "**Ladies and Gentlemen - The Queen**". If a band is present the National Anthem will then be played in full.
- After the Vice President has spoken or the band has finished playing, each Mess Member, whatever his rank, will say '**The Queen**' before drinking the Toast, **no other words will be added**.



MESSAGE BOARD



Maj Gen Peter Currie CB – With much regret I shall be unable to attend the dinner. I am very sorry about that as I have always enjoyed these occasions enormously and very much hope I might be able to make it next year. It is a great institution. Best wishes. I hope you have a thoroughly good weekend.

Lt Col (Retd) Vic Holdaway – I regret that again I will be absent from the Reunion and Dinner. Hopefully I will be on the high seas heading north. I hope all goes well and you have a successful and enjoyable weekend. With best wishes – Vic.

Maj (Retd) Richard Ancliffe - The Dinner this year falls on my birthday and much as I would enjoy the company of ACs on that evening, my wife has other ideas and has booked for the two of us to spend a weekend in Chester with a meal at a Michelin Star restaurant. Please convey my greetings to the assembled throng and I trust you will all have a memorable gathering.

Maj (Retd) Dick Jeavons – Due to being abroad I will be unable to make the Reunion Dinner this year; this year I just can't sufficiently juggle my schedule to be available - bad planning and a lame excuse, I know!! I hope it all goes well and that members thoroughly enjoy what always proves to be a successful, if tiring, weekend!! Best wishes – Dickie.

Former WO1(SMAC) Graham Brown – I'm sorry that I will not be able to attend the reunion this year. I hope you have a memorable weekend; my thoughts will be with you.

Former WO1(SMAC) John Lane BEM – Fraternal greetings to you all, I wish I was there with you – I have pleasant memories of the 70s and 80s, but at the age of 94 I can only look at the handsome figures in the photographs and wish I was there! Have a lovely time, best wishes – John.

Former WO2(QMS(AC)) Steve Callaghan – My very Dear fellow Artillery Clerks, it is with great sadness, having written two extracts for the Crossed Quills in "What Can You Get for £75.00" and also "What does AC mean to You?" that I am now sending in an Apology in that I cannot be with you tonight. Absolutely poor show Old Boy. It would seem a holiday to Lake Garda in Italy has got in the way, and when the '**mem sahib**' says "the holiday is booked" then I know it is booked. I sincerely hope that you all have an absolutely fantastic night and celebrate warmly the 299th year of The Royal Regiment of Artillery and know what an important part we have played in its history. For me somewhere in Italy, I shall toast this evening with a suitably Expensive Vino (because only the best would be good enough) to salute "The Artillery Clerk Family". May Our God bless you all.

Former WO2(QMS(AC)) Marty Hester – With regret I cannot attend the reunion this year as I will be at a family wedding in Germany. I wish all attending a hearty meal in the always convivial company which I will miss.

Former WO2(SQMS) Nick Perkovic - Please pass my respects on to one and all and my wishes for another hoofing and memorable weekend. Unfortunately I will be at sea fighting pirates.

Former WO2(SQMS) Brian Morgan – unfortunately my work rotation means I'll be unable to join you for the Reunion. Have a great evening/morning and standby for next year!

Former SSgt(AC) Brian Bassett – unfortunately I am unable to attend the reunion and Dinner, but I hope you all have a wonderful time until the early hours! I do hope to attend the "Ubique 300" at some stage and also the 29 Commando Reunion, where I may see some of you. Have a great evening.

Former SSgt William Wallace – Sorry I can't make it this year. Have a great time and please accept my best wishes. **Willy has donated £20 towards the port** (as he says there is never enough!).

Former Sgt(AC) Tom Webb – I will miss meeting you again. Please also give my regards to all members present. Especially, all of those who hopped over to Germany yearly.

**Apologies were also received from the following
Association Members:**

Hauke Michelsen

Maj(Retd) John Reynolds

Former WO1(SSM) Des Riley

WO2(SQMS) Alf Alvin

WO2(SQMS) Steve Beard

Former WO2(QMS(AC)) Taff Bellis

Former WO2(QMS(AC)) Dennis Brett

Former WO2(SQMS) Bob Smith

WO2(SQMS) Snowy Snowdon

