

83rd Artillery Clerks' Reunion and
Association Dinner

Royal Artillery
Sergeants' Mess
Larkhill



Saturday 10th June 2017

GUEST LIST

Guest of Honour

Colonel J R Collinge OBE ADC
Regimental Colonel

Guests

Lieutenant General Richard Nugee CBE

Lieutenant General Sir Freddie Viggers KCB CMG MBE DL

WO2 (TSM) P Sui – 14 Regt RA



ENTERTAINMENT

The Brass Quintet Of the Sandhurst Silver Band

Band Leader

Mr Nick Collier

Music

A selection of traditional and modern music
to accompany the meal

The National Anthem

The Post Horn Gallop

The Royal Artillery Slow March

MENU

Smoked **S**almon **R**oulade

Smoked Salmon Rolled with Cream Cheese
In a Salad and a Light Vinaigrette

Fillet of **B**eef **W**ellington

Served with roast potatoes
Baton carrots
Fine beans
And a rich meat gravy

Profiteroles

Plated with chocolate sauce and strawberry's

Cheese **B**oard

Coffee & **M**ints

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 – All the best for a great evening.

Maj Eddie Mills – Sorry, old age insists I can't come! Still in reasonable health but can't face long car journeys any more. My first AC Dinner was as a Bdr(AC) in 1953/54, but it is so long ago I can't even remember where. Enjoy your evening.

Maj John Reynolds – Dear Brother Artillery Clerks', once again advancing old age, poor health and distance prevent me from being able to attend this year's reunion. I am sure this year's reunion will live up to its normal high standard and a good time will be had by all. I have noted the date in my diary and the local beer store has been able to acquire some bottles of Wells Bombardier, so I will raise a glass to you all on the day. Best wishes to you all, particularly to anyone who might remember me - John.

Brian Morgan – I send my very best wishes to all Artillery Clerks on the 83rd Reunion, I am sure you will have another successful and enjoyable evening. Sadly, I am unable to join you this year as I have only just returned from competing in the Hong Kong International Dragon Boat festival with Purple Warriors a team made up from serving and retired members of HM Forces who have physical, psychological or neurological impairment. I am sure Gen Nugee will confirm which category I qualify through to be part of the Purple Warriors I am sure he will recall as Adjt that the Chief Clerk was often referred to as "mental Brian". Have a great weekend and I look forward to joining you at the next reunion.

Steve Read – Due to a family celebration to mark Penny and my 60th birthdays and 35 years of marriage I am unable to attend the Dinner this year. May I wish all brother ACs good health and a most enjoyable evening.

Michael Johnston – Unfortunately I have a family wedding this weekend, I send my best wishes and hope you all have an enjoyable evening. I will miss this get together, even though my speech has almost gone, I enjoy the camaraderie. Hopefully next year Mary and I will manage it, until then God bless you all.

Ted Hall – Tell Dave Cussell I still remember babysitting him when I served with his dad, Jim in 1964 with 95 Cdo in Plymouth. Have a good evening all.

Apologies were also received from the following

Association Members:

Lt Col Russ Lee

Mr Alan Lowthian

WO2 Colin Haine

Lt Col Richard Horner

Mr Nick Perkovic

Major Richard Ancliffe

Final Thoughts

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

Attributed to the Duke of Wellington



I never trust a military man who doesn't smoke or drink.

Admiral William Halsey

Paperwork will ruin any military force.

Lt Gen LB Puller



Don't tell my mother I'm an Artillery Clerk, she still thinks I play the piano in a whorehouse.

Anon