

Artillery Clerks' Association
25th Anniversary
Reunion Dinner

Royal Artillery
Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess
Larkhill



Saturday 24th June 2023

GUEST LIST

Guest of Honour

Lt Gen Sir Andrew Gregory KBE CB DL
Master Gunner St James's Park

Guests

Lt Col A McDermott MBE RA – CO 14 Regt

Maj A O'Neill RA - BC 34 Bty

Col (Retd) M G J Carter – Regt Sec

WO1 G Begley – RSM 14 Regt

WO2 L Porter - RABSM

WO2 R Zietsman – BSM 34 Bty



ENTERTAINMENT

The Brass Quintet of the Sandhurst Silver Band

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

Pate & Melba Toast

Served with Mixed Salad Leaves and Red Onion Chutney

Mediterranean Chicken

Chicken Breast filled with Feta, Basil and Sun-dried Tomatoes
served with Greek-style Lemon Potatoes
and a Tomato & Basil sauce

Lemon Tart

Served with Forest Fruit Compote

Cheese Board

A selection of Cheeses with Biscuits

Coffee & Tea

The Loyal Toast

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

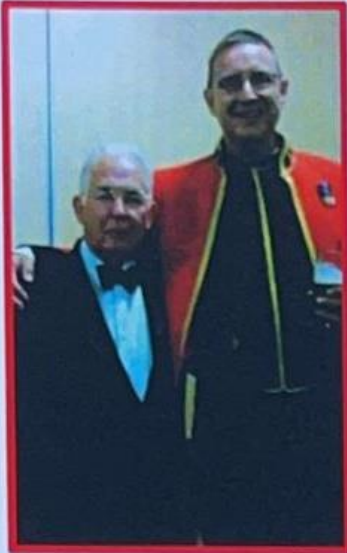
- After the port has been passed round and all glasses are charged the President¹ will tap the table for silence, stands up and addressing Mr Vice, says, "***Mr Vice - The King***".
- Everyone will then stand up **with glass in hand**.
- Mr Vice will say "***Ladies and Gentlemen - The King***".
- The band will play one verse of the National Anthem.
- When the band has finished playing, all present will respond with '***The King***' before drinking the Toast. **No other words will be added.**
- All present then sit down and conversation is resumed.



¹ The Association Reunion Secretary

25 YEARS OF CELEBRATIONS WITH OUR ABSENT FRIENDS

PAT VERDON
LARKHILL 2011



JOHN TAYLOR – LARKHILL 2015



GRAHAM BROWN
LARKHILL 2016



PETE DEVERALL – LARKHILL 2008



MEL CHARLTON
WOOLWICH 2005



TOM WEBB & IP GEORGE McKINNEL
WOOLWICH - 2003



MESSAGE BOARD



Apologies and messages have been received from:

Maj Gen Mike Shellard – How very kind of you to send me a copy of the splendid lapel badge commemorating the silver anniversary. I well remember the first dinner – a very jolly occasion! I send my congratulations and best wishes to all members on the 24th June. I'm sure the silver centrepiece will be a great success.

Des Riley - Wishing all those present a memorable and enjoyable evening.

William Wallace - Sorry I am not able to attend, I am sure you will have an excellent weekend.

Stephen Read - I hope that all guests, members, and their partners enjoy a truly memorable evening and I look forward to joining you once again in 2024.

Andy Sykes - Unfortunately again due to my spinal injury I will not be able to attend. I wish all those attending the very best for the evening.

Eddie Mills - Regrets I am unable to attend, age and finally health winning. My best wishes to all especially those who remember flat bed and Gestetner duplicators.

Bill Young - Due to unforeseen circumstances I am unable to attend the dinner this year. Best wishes to you all for a great evening and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

John Reynolds - Greetings fellow Artillery Clerks on this the 25th Anniversary of the formation of our Association. I know that with the presentation of our silver centrepiece this reunion will be a most memorable event. Regrettably distance (5000 miles), old age (I was 93 years old on the 19th of Mar) and poor health prevent me from joining you. Rest assured though that I am with you in spirit and will raise a glass to you all.

Duncan Petitt - I am away on holidays but wish you all a pleasant time

Andy Moss - I wish you all attending the 25th anniversary Reunion a fantastic weekend.

Russ Lee - I am so sorry that I am not able to join you all this evening and like all of you I would like to thank the committee for their efforts in pulling together our new Silver Centrepiece. Enjoy your evening see you all again next year.

Vic Holdaway - Sadly, I am unable to attend the memorable event. 72 years ago, on 31 May 51, I was appointed to the Artillery Clerks Section as a LBdr (AC). Later in the year I attended my first Artillery Clerks dinner at the Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea. How many present at this Reunion were at that dinner. I wish you all a successful and enjoyable weekend. I will raise a glass to you if I am allowed.

Nick Perkovic - Having finally retired from the Army (Reserves) early October 2022 (no choice, it appears I am 60; clearly untrue;) I am now in the position of having to work when it is available. Maritime Security being almost dead in the water for UK operators I am currently delivering Emergency First Aid at Work training here in Devon. I have been tasked to deliver on Saturday 24 June; and it would be diplomatically unwise to decline. I wish all who attend a hoofing weekend and dinner night. Perhaps 2024 will be the year I can listen to Domestic OA and take more time out; would be super to return to Larkhill for ales, tales, and a muzzy head. Sincere best wishes to one and all.

Dennis Crawford - I very much regret that I will be unable to attend the reunion due to ongoing health issues. May I therefore take this opportunity to wish you all a most enjoyable evening.

Harry Lomax - I am really sorry to say that I will not be able to make the reunion, I have just been released from hospital for the fourth time since Christmas. Please pass on my best wishes to my AC family and tell them that I am terribly sorry for missing this great occasion which means the world to all of us. Have a great evening and I am truly annoyed that I am missing out.

My best wishes to all.