

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2011**

The Annual General Meeting of the Centarian Regimental Association was held on Thursday 17th November 2011 at the Old Finchleians Club, Southover, opening at 2010

### **Present**

Mike Crick (chair), Brian Fuller, Nick Joyce, Terry Gibson, Steve Harding, Billy Hintze, Jon Walden, David Fuller (Hon).

### **Apologies for Absence**

Arthur Banham, John Bowra, Colin Chandler, Dilip Chauhan, John Cliff, Jeremy Cohn (from Israel), Ted Dewar, Hugh Fisher, Brian Fletcher, David Floyd, David Groom, Paul Huggins, Bob Langley, Peter Martin, John Millen, Josh Nicholl, Paul O'Shea, Terry Payne, Ray Pett, John Pike, Graham Potter, Martin Russell, Richard Tucker (France), Gary Tucker, Martin West, Henry Wirth (from Australia).

### **Minutes of the 2010 A G M**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010 were read, approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

### **Matters Arising**

The planned Biennial Review did not take place but was postponed until 10 March 2012.

### **Chairman's Report**

As in previous years the committee have met for three times during the year.

The year began with the sad news of the death of one of our founding members Justin Hereford. Six Association members were among a large number of family and friends who attended his funeral. After the funeral when Graham Potter was chatting with Justin's relatives they revealed that they had a number of old photos from Justin's early days and they happily supplied copies to us which are to be incorporated into the Stockdale Trust display.

This year's Association dinner was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. My thanks as always to Terry Gibson for his organisation and to Halls Catering for a very enjoyable meal. Our speakers were the OF President Ian Goodwin, Head teacher Gary Tucker and making a welcome and surprise appearance, Ted Dewar who travelled from France to be with us and renewed his acquaintance with the Association.

At the dinner I invited the guests to contribute to a spontaneous collection on behalf of the The Haig Housing Trust who provide single Service leavers with transitional accommodation while they find their feet in civilian life. I am delighted to say that we raised a handsome £160 for this very deserving charity and I would like to thank all those who very generously helped raise this sum.

2011 had also seen the production of another edition of Ricochet, a joint production between Brian Fuller and Mick Crick. We had promised it would be out in time for the dinner and I'm pleased to say that each diner received a copy as they sat down. My thanks to all those who have contributed articles, photos and news snippets. All members were sent copies and a number supplied to the Unit for the benefit of the cadets. An electronic version is also available on the Association's website.

I would like once again to offer my congratulations to Brian Fuller who had been the OF Club's Vice President last year and at the OF AGM was confirmed as this year's President. I am looking forward to the next Association Dinner in 2012 when it is rumoured that we are to be entertained by the double act of Brian as OF President and Arthur Banham as our third speaker.

This year the question of membership and non-payment of subs has troubled the committee and there has been a good deal of discussion about how we might progress the situation including a range of differing options. In the end the committee decided to keep the status quo. There have been two outcomes; the first is a positive step. Terry Gibson, working in conjunction with Nick Joyce, has set up a Paypal account for the Association so that members can pay electronically from anywhere in the world simply by a few clicks on the computer keyboard. This is a very recent development and we are hoping to be able to offer items such as ties, etc on sale via the website and Paypal. In fact, on this Tuesday a member successfully paid his



**Co-option of the Unit Liaison Officer**

The Commanding Officer confirmed the appointment of Sgt Steve Harding

**Removal of Names from CRA Mailing List**

After some discussion it was agreed that the previously circulated list of names (less T Wren, J Nicholl, D Bellamy and G Martin) be removed from the CRA circulation list.

**Any Other Business**

- 1) It was proposed and approved that a donation £50 be made to The Parents & Friends of CCF.
- 2) The Commanding Officer placed on record his thanks to the Association for its support of the Unit.

**Dates for the coming year:** Committee Meetings: Thursdays: 19 January 2012, 26 April, 4 October,  
AGM Thursday 22 November 2012.  
Annual Dinner Friday 8 June 2012

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2120 with a vote of thanks to the Chair.