



NEWS FLASH

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AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION

Following the very successful Annual Memorial Service and Luncheon, Members are reminded of the forthcoming Annual Dinner. Friday September the 27th is a celebration of the 130th anniversary of the Regiment.

The UK Branch Annual Dinner to be held at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London provides an opportunity to join other Members and guests in sharing memories and catching up with the present. The Speaker for the evening is David **Pirrett**, younger brother of 6610 Jock **Pirrett**.

David was born in Glasgow and on leaving school obtained a law degree at Dundee University, where he was champion shot and a useful rugby lock.

David practiced law with a number of Scottish Law Firms and towards the end of his career was appointed a District Judge.

He has travelled extensively through Rhodesia and South Africa on a number of occasions and has spoken at the Transvaal Dinner. He is an interesting and entertaining speaker. The target for the evening is for 130 sitting down to dinner – one for every year of the Regiment. 10577 Jim **Harris** and 472 Betty **Simpson** have put a lot of work into the planning and those attending are promised a few surprises.

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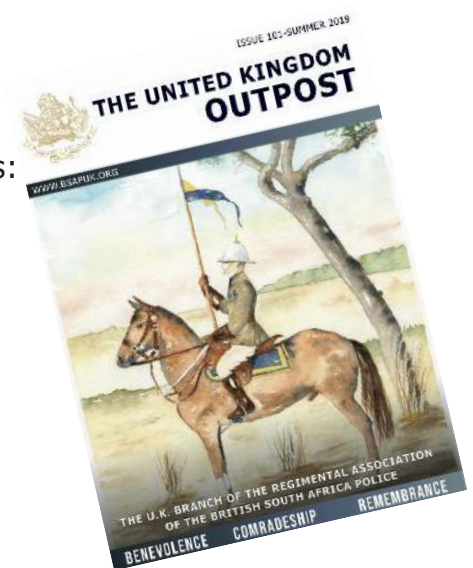
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ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Fifty six members, relatives and friends assembled at the National Memorial Arboretum on 4th August for the second Annual Memorial Service and Luncheon. Light refreshments were served in 'Aspects', the newly opened air conditioned function suite at the Arboretum, before buglers from the Buglers Association of the Light Division and Rifles sounded 'Fall In' at 11:40am, the signal to 'muster' at the memorial.

Glenn **Seymour-Hall** (9439) welcomed all and then handed over to the UK Branch Padre, Rev. Keith **Lamb** (7385) to conduct the service. Keith, wearing his Padre's Regimental Stole, opened the service by quoting a saying 'Where there's a sacrifice, there's a shrine'. He then went on to say the reason for this annual gathering of Remembrance was to pay tribute and give thanks for all members of the Regiment who had served and those who had paid the ultimate sacrifice in the world wars and most recently in the war against terrorism from 1967 – 1980 in the course of which some 406 members of all ranks gave their lives.



A wreath on behalf of all members of the BSAP Regimental Association was then laid by the President Alan **Toms** (7391) and then 13 crosses of remembrance were laid by relatives and colleagues.

The Act of Remembrance followed. The buglers sounded Last Post, and following a two minute silence, Reveille.

Duncan **Waugh** (9790) gave the address. He spoke of tradition, the buzz word of the BSAP, not meaning that nothing new can be done but that what is done would not fall below the standard of conduct and courage handed down by that tradition. To that end he applauded the UK Branch for their efforts to forge new traditions such as this Annual Remembrance Parade, to keep and maintain the memory of our fine police force and the citizens it served and protected. Duncan spoke of courage not only of those who fought but of those who were wounded and still bear the scars both physical and mental from the conflict they endured. Those left behind who suffered loss, the children whose lives were disrupted are also to be considered casualties of the conflict of the times. All need to know they are not forgotten.

He paid tribute to those young men and women who only served a few months or a year in the BSAP before it became the Zimbabwe Republic Police and how they tried to continue to serve the country and population in the same spirit and traditions they had learned in the BSAP. Their task was not an easy one, calling for great courage at times to confront well armed, ill-disciplined and often intoxicated groups of so called combatants armed with AK rifles whilst driving a soft skinned B car armed only with a P1 pistol.

In closing he quoted from a documentary 'Dying to have known', summed up in the words 'A life lived that matters is not out of circumstance but out of choice' – We will remember.

Following the blessing and dismissal all stood for 'Kum a Kye' before returning to Aspects for lunch.

The Roll of Honour, normally in the Chapel at the Arboretum was on display and attracted much attention.

What was particularly pleasing was the number of new members from the 'last generation' of BSAP who attended. We hope they can spread the word that the Association is there to remember and preserve the heritage of the BSAP and 'All who served' thereby encouraging others to join and ensure the memory continues for long after the last one who served has passed on.

(A full report will appear in the winter Outpost)

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE 2020 - 2ND AUGUST



At a recent meeting of the National Council of the International Police Association the following motion was passed:

'That IPA Section UK welcomes as a category of Associate Member past officers of the British South Africa Police , who served three or more years with the BSAP and are current members of the British South Africa Police Regimental Association UK.'

This means that a member of the UK Branch of the BSAP Regimental Association who served in the BSAP for 3 or more years as a regular, reserve, national service is now eligible to join the International Police Association and enjoy the benefits of membership of that world wide organisation.

To apply visit the IPA UK website : <https://www.ipa-uk.org/Join-Us> and complete the online application form. Select BSAP from the 'Current/Previous Role' drop down list on the second page of the online process.

On receipt of the form the IPA will check with Tony **Granger** to confirm eligibility.

The BSAP UK Branch is the first Associate Member Group of the UK International Police Association UK Section and Tony is congratulated for his persistence in negotiating this valuable benefit for UK Branch members.



**The BSAP Regimental Association
United Kingdom Branch**



ANNUAL REGIMENTAL DINNER FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2019
The Carisbrooke Hall, Victory Services Club,
Seymour Street, London, W2 2HF.
Telephone: 020 7723 4474

Please reserve me.....tickets for myself and my guests
Name.....Reg. No.....
The names of my guests are.....
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I have the following special dietary requirements
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I would like to be seated on the same table as
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TICKETS: £35 – Members & £40 - Guests
Cheque should be made to. BSAP Association
Payment along with this reply, should be sent to the Hon Treasurer.
J.HARRIS, 32 New Road, East Hagbourne, Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 9JU

MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE FUND

The BSAP Memorial at the **National Memorial Arboretum** is now nine years old and it needs regular maintenance to keep it in good condition. The authorities at the Arboretum will undertake to maintain the Memorial in good condition for 'Life' on payment of a one off charge of just under £6000.

In order to meet this charge it was announced at the recent AGM that a **Memorial Maintenance Fund** was being established and donations to the fund sought from members and Branches world wide. Since its launch donations in excess of £3000 have been received but more are needed.

We appeal to members to donate however much they feel able to this very worthwhile fund. Your donation will help to ensure the BSAP and 'All Who Served', will continue to be remembered long after the last person who served has passed on.

Details of how to donate can be found on the UK Branch website or by contacting a committee member.

Donations may also be made directly to the fund via the United Kingdom Branch Online Shop

TREASURER'S REMINDER

At the 2019 Annual General Meeting, it was overwhelmingly agreed that Subscription payments to the UK Regimental Association would increase with effect from 1st January, 2020, from £15 to £20.

Please be good enough to edit your standing order at your Bank to credit:
BSAP Regimental Association, Lloyds Bank plc, Sort Code 30-93-93, Account No. 01324653
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SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2019
Annual Irish Gathering, Howth, Dublin.

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2019
North West Gathering – The Ferraris Country House Hotel, Longridge, Preston.

FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2019
Annual Regimental Dinner – celebrating the 130th Anniversary of the Regiment. The VSC, Seymour Street, London.

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2019
South West Gathering – The Dolphin Hotel, Bovey Tracey.

SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER 2019
South East Gathering - KSports, Cobdown, Station Road, Aylesford, Kent

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2019
West Midlands Gathering- Police Tally Ho Sports and Conference Centre, Birmingham

TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2019
VSC Seymour Street, London 1700hrs

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2019
North West Gathering – The Ferraris Hotel, Longridge, Preston

TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2019
The Christmas Sundowner – The VSC, Seymour Street, London. 1700 hrs

TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2020
VSC Seymour Street, London 1700hrs

TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2020
VSC Seymour Street, London 1700hrs

SATURDAY 2ND MAY 2020
10th Annual Scottish Lunch – The Royal Scots Club, Edinburgh.

SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2020
AGM, BSAP Regimental Association-UK –The VSC, Seymour Street, London.

A WEEKEND GATHERING

The next Scottish gathering takes place over the weekend of the 9th -10th November at the Buccleuch Arms Hotel, courtesy of 9410 Dave Smith and his family. Those who attended last year will know what great hosts Dave, Yvonne and their sons are.

The rates are very similar to last year with 50% discount of the double room rate (£33) Buffet dinner £15 per head and Breakfast £9.

A great weekend for £40.50 per head [dinner – bed – breakfast]

For further details or to make a booking please contact:
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