



NEWS FLASH

THE U.K. BRANCH OF THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION OF THE BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA POLICE

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Unsurprisingly, I and other Branch officers have received many calls and contacts following Alan Toms recent decision to stand back from the Committee duties. I thought it worthwhile to try and clarify the situation, put everybody in the picture and put members' minds at rest.

These things happen from time to time in the life of committees and associations. As most of you will know, Alan and I have been involved with committee affairs together for just more than 30 years. We both joined the committee in 1987 as young men (together with 'young' George Glibbery and Gerry Paxton) - this was a proactive move by the then committee to get the next generation of members involved to ensure the continuity of the Branch.

We have now come full circle and have been actively seeking to get the next generation of members (younger and fitter) to pick up the reins. We have been successful in doing this but, as so often, with new blood comes differences of opinion.

As Alan said in his message, there were differences in thought as to the way forward for the Branch and he decided this could best be served by his standing down. The Branch will be much sorrier for his absence but I am delighted that he will remain in position as Chair of the BSAP Trust. I am also sure that like yours truly, he will continue behind the scenes and "offer" his opinion from time to time.

Please be assured that the Branch remains in good hands and the way forward is positive. Mike Coleman indicated 2 years ago that he would be retiring as Chairman and has duly done so. Subject to ratification at the next AGM, whenever that may be, Jim Harris will take over as Chairman, Mike Coleman will be his deputy and continue editorship of The Outpost, with Helen Tate taking over the Treasurer's role whilst other members remain in place.

Please be assured that I have the most utmost confidence in the new arrangements and that the Branch will continue to prosper. I hope this message goes some way to allaying any fears or doubts members may have.

6905 Peter B Phillips



IMPORTANT NOTICE

GDPR - Most of us are fed up with hearing the initials GDPR, and all the hoops we are expected to jump through. I'm afraid that we are no exception and, in this instance, - quite rightly.

Please note that the Officers and members of the Committee and Trust are not permitted to disclose information that can identify Members contact details. However, if a Member wishes to make contact with another he/she should e-mail the Secretary who will pass the request on to the person in question and they will either make/or decline direct contact-or give the Secretary permission in writing to disclose the information requested.

Gatherings- For the foreseeable future all regional and national gatherings of the Branch are cancelled. The Annual General Meeting is postponed [date to be advised]. My own Company [exhibitions and conferences] has had every event cancelled until October. It is hoped to get the next issue of the 'Outpost' in July. This will carry reports from the Committee in the manner that they would be presented at the AGM.

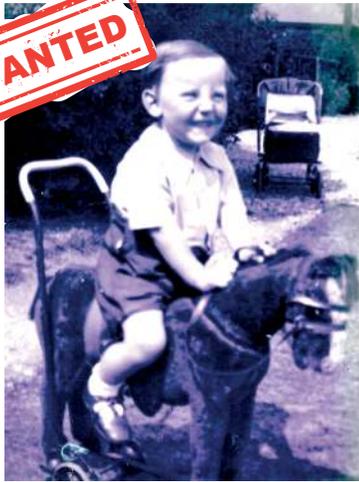
At a virtual meeting of the Committee on the 19th of May 6737 Mike Coleman handed over the Chair to 10577 Jim Harris. The re-structured Committee will be ratified at the AGM.

Annual Raffle will take place although as precaution the draw will take place at the Christmas Sundowner.

BENEVOLENCE

COMRADESHIP

REMEMBRANCE



A young member about to have his introduction to Equitation !!

'Captions' to the editor at outpost@bsapuk.org please.

Identity of rider and selection of captions will appear in the Summer edition of the Outpost.

NEWS FROM THE ALMONER

NEXT OF KIN - The Almoner and his team are calling on Members to update their 'next of kin' details. They have covered the 'Widows' and feedback has been very positive. If your personal details have changed then please e-mail the Almoner almoner@bsapuk.org or call Tony **Granger** on 07968 451854.

WELCOME - to our new assistant Almoners Sharon **Marion** (WP237) in Hampshire; Glyn **Parry-Jones** in Staines and the Rev. Stephen **Smyth** (10329) in NI.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES – The Almoner can help. Experienced in

dealing with banks and credit card companies etc., he has recently mitigated over £6000 worth of debt for one of our members.

FUNERAL INSURANCE – BSAP Regimental Association affinity group funeral insurance for members and families – lump sum payment or instalments. Be prepared – start a plan today e-mail almoner@bsapuk.org or phone Tony on 07968 451854. If someone has died without a plan an after death plan can be negotiated on favourable terms.



SUBSCRIPTIONS

I do realise that this is not the most engaging of subjects but it is essential to keep the Association wheels turning. The Chairman told me to keep it polite - I have tried my best, this is the fourth and final draft.

As many of you well know it has been my long term job to chase up Subs' payments. I thought that last year is a gamorse, the Pandemic further exacerbating the situation. A well-deserved pat on the back for those members who paid £20 by Standing Order, into the new Lloyds Bank Account exactly as required. But OMG there are 125 members whose BSOs paid £15 into the Santander Account which will close shortly, how did you manage to miss the notice in Outpost 101 Page 5, which advised the new £20 Subscription, details of the new Lloyds Bank account, that the Santander Account would be defunct shortly, all voted for at the 2019 AGM, to take effect from 01/01/2020.

Further (it is now May) there are another 60 odd members who have NOT paid their 2020 Subs of £20 at all - please check asap. Your Association cannot run on thin air. See page 36 of your Outpost "ways to pay" and what to do, if you pay by any other method other than by cheque to me, please advise me if there is a problem I am here to help where there is a payment problem. All this means that the Association is £2k short of funds at this time and if you do not help your Committee we cannot run the Association!

Because of the above, I will have to send out nearly 200 emails/letters, to put this matter right; my remarks in Anglo-Saxon are not for repeating. Come on members FGS, read your Outpost which is a really well presented Magazine; it has lots of information on what is going on and on what is required as a Member. Suffice it to say that if we can all pull together it stops me being taken off the Treasurer's Christmas Card List and I withdraw my Anglo-Saxon remarks

7359 Bertie Cubitt – Dep.Hon.Sec

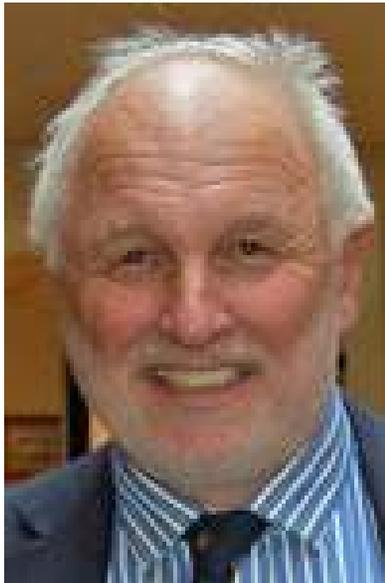
TREASURER'S REMINDER

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
IBAN GB72LOYD30939301324653 BIC LOYDGB21097

In the reference section of your bank payment, please use your force number, surname and subs as the reference, EG: 10577 **Harris** Subs. This will make analysing payments much quicker and easier to recognise.

MESSAGE FROM PAST CHAIRMAN



ANNUAL RAFFLE

The annual Branch Raffle will take place and tickets will be distributed in the normal manner - However in the light of current 'lockdown' and the cancellation of the Annual Regimental Dinner, the decision has been taken to hold the draw at the annual Christmas Sundowner on Tuesday 1st December at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London. [1700hrs onward - The Trafalgar Room]

OUTPOST

The Summer 2020 issue of the OUTPOST is in the planning process and the copy deadline is the 18th June – please e-mail any copy to the editor at outpost@bsapuk.org or post to 2 Knights Way, The Maltings, Great Dunmow, Essex, CM6 1UL.

BOOKS: The series of BSAP books can now be purchased either in book form or downloaded via the following links: <http://gweaa.com/thebritish-south-africa-police> and <https://gweaa.com/home/resources/-books-to-purchase>

This a new arrangement by the Branch covering our own publications and others relating to the force.

BRANCH SHOP: Owing to the restrictions at the present time the re-organ-

“A WAR THAT DEFIES ALL WARS”

At the back of our minds has often been the thought of a 3rd World War - The instability of the Middle East, the instability of the Far East, the real concerns of relationship between the USA, China and Russia. All at one time or another unsettling the desire for peace. But we know the possible combatants, we just pray that some idiot doesn't press the wrong button in a fit for thoughtlessness, dragging two or more sides into conflict.

However, never in our wildest dreams did we imagine a situation where we would be faced with a true and unpredictable global conflict. But that is exactly where we stand today - the whole world at war with an enemy that is unpredictable, unrelenting and knows no boundaries. Coronavirus is the toughest enemy we, as a race, have had to face for centuries. It is vicious, highly contagious - placing all of us in jeopardy.

First and foremost, I urge all of you to take every possible precaution to stay safe. Don't be afraid to ask your neighbours for help. For many of you times will be extremely hard, the feeling of being trapped, of not knowing, of feeling helpless - not being able to socialise with friends and family. All places a strain, both physically and mentally.

Therefore, please be mindful that the Branch and the Trust are ready to provide support, if possible. One small way might well be just having someone to talk to - if that helps pick up the phone and ring one of us [contacts are in the Outpost] or e-mail myself, the Secretary or the Almoner - we will reply.

Please stay safe, don't take risks and with a little luck and a good wind we will conquer the enemy.

Members might recall that two years ago I gave notice that I would be standing down as Chairman at the 2020 AGM, and that is my intention. I firmly believe that one should step back from a role before one gets 'past ones sell by date' and I also believe that with the many new members - it is time for new blood to flow through the veins of the Branch. I have enjoyed my time in the chair and regard it as a privileged position to have held - Jim **Harris** will be taking over from me and I am confident that he and his team will move the Branch forward to the benefit of all the Membership.

I would thank you for your support and look forward to sharing a beer or two. I am remaining on the Committee as Editor of the Outpost and Newsflash and will also deputise for Jim in the short term.

With every good wish,
Mike

sation of the Branch shop is taking some time – Full details of the new arrangements will be published in the July OUTPOST

E-MAIL ADDRESSES: The Re-organisation of the Branch IT system is almost finished, making administration of Branch affairs more efficient. This has resulted in new e-mail addresses for the Office Holders. See contact page 4 for details

FUNCTIONS: Your Committee are planning to take a careful, thoughtful

and in depth look at National Functions, taking into account 'value for money' time and date and type. There is a need for improved planning so that regions don't clash and National events are spread throughout the year, and not on top of each other. To this end your input would greatly help

You have a new Committee, who whilst taking account of traditions and heritage are starting with a clean sheet of paper. Therefore please e-mail your thoughts to the Chairman – it will be greatly appreciated.

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The following diary dates are provisional at the time of going to press and may change as circumstances change.

For up to date information please contact the Regional Representative or refer to the Branch Website.

26 JULY WEST MIDLANDS GATHERING at Stonebridge Golf Club

TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020 1700HRS

Monthly Gathering Victory Services Club Seymour Street, London

13 SEPTEMBER NW GATHERINGS at Ferraris Country House

TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2020 1700HRS

Monthly Gathering, Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2020

South East Gathering, Maidstone, Kent

TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2020 1700HRS

Monthly Gathering, Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London

7/8 NOV SCOTTISH GATHERING at Moffat

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2020 1700HRS

Christmas Sundowner Victory Services Club, London

13 DECEMBER NW GATHERINGS at Ferraris Country House

TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2021 1700HRS

Monthly Gathering, Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2ND

Monthly Gathering, Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London

TUESDAY MARCH 2ND

Monthly Gathering, Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London

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