



Newsletter Spring 2014 Volume 1 Issue 1 Quarterly

Welcome Friends & Colleagues...

It is with great pleasure to announce in November 2013 the relaunch of the Household Cavalry Association for North West & West Yorkshire. Much gratitude and thanks to **Lt Col (Retd) Harry Scott** Regimental Adjutant, and **Colonel Stuart Cowan** the Commander Household Cavalry and Silver stick and Dick and Paul at RHQ. We welcome friends and colleagues old and new across our

region. Our object is to grow a vibrant branch within NW and West Yorkshire, provide an annual diary of events, dinners and meet ups, as well as providing support and assistance with a range of services and benefits to veterans and members alike.

The branch committee has been sworn in and the team are busy building membership numbers, raising funds and planning the diary for 2014.



Remembrance Sunday - L-R Lenny Key, Pete Ditcham, Rob Mather, Kev Thompson (Crow), John McCarthy.

In addition we have a new vibrant website (see top right) that provides a wealth of information for support and welfare issues, jobs and vacancies for ex military, links and branch news, plus an **Amazon & ebay affiliated shop** which provides a whole range of products and merchandise.

All funds raised go in the pot for future activities and 10% of annual sales will be donated to our

nominated charity, the **Household Cavalry Foundation.**

We are also working to provide a range of benefits outside the usual veteran remit, details can be found further down this newsletter.

On behalf of everybody associated with the branch we would like to wish everybody at The Household Cavalry family a very belated Happy New Year for 2014.

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'Once a Household Cavalryman always a Household Cavalryman'.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Lieutenant Colonel The Honourable R C Assheton TD DL

NEW PRESIDENT APPOINTED.

The Household Cavalry Association North West & West Yorks is delighted to announce the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel The Honourable R C Assheton TD DL as Honorary President with effect from January 2014.

Colonel Assheton joined the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry in 1987 and was commissioned in 1989; he served as a Troop Leader at Preston. In 1990 he joined the Life Guards on a two year short Service Volunteer Commission and served with them in Saudi Arabia during the first Gulf War. He returned with them to Sennelager as Intelligence Officer. Returning to the TA in 1992 to the

newly formed Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry (RMLY) in 1994 he took over as D Squadron Leader Wigan and held the position until 1999.

Colonel Assheton passed the Army Staff and Command course in 1998 before being posted to HQ 42 Northwest Brigade as SO2 G1.

Colonel Assheton returned to the RMLY in 2002 as Second in Command until assuming Command in April 2005

Colonel Ralph is currently Honorary Colonel of Lancashire A.C.F.

Welcome to the fold Colonel Ralph.



JOIN US FOR

First Annual Spring



PIG ROAST

SATURDAY MAY 3

DOORS
OPEN
AT 1PM

£10
TICKETS

MAWDESLEY
LANCASHIRE L40 2QY
RSVP 07818 828 286




ANNUAL DINNER
26th July 2014 - 7pm
The Thistle Hotel Haydock

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MEMBER BENEFITS - FEATURE

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[Click here to see an up to date list of all the welfare weeks which are currently available for 2014.](#)

With a welfare week booking, the normal price for the property is waived and is therefore free of charge. The only costs that need to be met are the costs of travel and food and drink during the period of the stay and electricity if on a meter.

It is not possible to book a welfare week direct. Bookings can only be made by your local HIVE, Unit Welfare Office or a registered Service Charity. [To see a list of such organisations already signed up to MilitaryBreaks who are able to book welfare weeks please click here.](#) If your local HIVE, Unit or Charity is not registered with us please let us have their details and ask them to visit this site and register.

Your Local Welfare Officer is currently Rob Mather - webmaster@householdcavalry.net

Other Veteran Benefits - Useful Links

<http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/can-we-help/care-and-support/breaks/family-holiday-breaks>

<http://www.ticketsfortroops.org.uk/>

<http://www.britishveterans.co.uk/>

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tickets/14424.aspx>

<http://www.ujclub.co.uk/>

<http://www.vsc.co.uk/>



HISTORICAL EVENTS - THE GREAT WAR - 1914-1918.

During World War I, the Regiment saw action at Mons, Le Château, Ypres, Loos, and Zandvoorde where two complete squadrons were wiped out. They spent their fair share of time along with other regiments in the trenches and also fought at Arras, The Somme and Cambrai. 1918 saw them as specialists with Machine Guns fighting at Bethune and The Hindenburg Line.

Soldiers/Officers Died records 155 other ranks and 18 officer deaths with the 1st LG and No.1 (1LG) Btn. GMGR

Battle Honours: Mons; Le Cateau; Marne 1914; Aisne 1914; Messines 1914; Ypres 1914, 1915, 1917; Somme 1916, 1918; Arras 1917, 1918; Hindenburg Line; France and Flanders 1914-18. Retreat from Mons; Armentières 1914; Langemarck 1914; Gheluvelt; Nonne Bosschen; St Julien; Frezenberg; Albert 1916; Scarpe 1917, 1918; Broodseinde; Poelcapelle; Passchendaele; Bapaume





SPECIAL MOMENTS IN TIME - THE STANDARDS PARADE - 1994

Is it really 20 years since we all trooped up to Horse Guards for the 1994 Standards parade. Its that time again in 2014 and we all cant wait to see the once in a life time event when The Household Cavalry is presented with the Queens Standards, an event that naturally happens every 10 years.

I like all of our colleagues was extremely proud and honored to be parading that day. As an armored man and 100% tanky bod I always wondered what it might be like to work up town.

Not something I ever really wanted to do at the time as the whole early morning starts and the rumors of degrading activities behind closed doors put me off for life... On reflection a big regret not turning out as Queens Life Guard, however our moment in 1994 was a superb experience, exhilarating, and we were fully focused and had lots of fun. Most of us were used to

smashing and throwing Scimitars and other CVRT's around the world on operation tours, we were this time delivering precision driving skills on a 50p piece... The build up to the event was exciting and a real learning curve and we trained on a number of occasions to perfect the parade alongside the Mounted Life Guards Regiment and the Band of the Life Guards. On the day we drove up to London from Windsor, which was fun and very exhilarating trunking through the busy London streets.

As the parade got under way I remember being tense but privileged. I also remember how relaxed all of the horses were on the day. Lots of engines running and not a peep from the donkeys... Most excellent stuff. A successful day and we all went back to camp for a beer or 3.





REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10TH 2013 - WARRINGTON

Another fantastic turnout in Warrington was represented by a mixed bag of Household Cavalry old and new. A massive turnout as well from other regiments and some old faces from the Guards regiments, and the weather was kind to us with clear blue skies and a crisp chill.

We marched from the town hall in Warrington to the sound of Scottish Cadet bag pipers and where joined by dozens and dozens of veterans, 75 Regiment TA, Boy Scouts, Brownies and Cadets from Navy, Air force and Army. The service went well

with several high ranking officers and the Mayor of Warrington leading the service procession.

Afterwards we were entertained by 75 Regiment Royal Engineers TA, with a couple of pints and some very good food by Army standards.

Again this was a great opportunity to network colleagues and veterans and we all made some useful alliances in the name of The Household Cavalry Association NW & West York's branch. Same again next year sir? Oh Yes, and more of our friends next year....





HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY - A YEAR IN PICTURES 2013





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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TO THE BRANCH - APPLICATION FORM

To become a member of the Branch please fill in the following form, print and post with a cheque for £10 to Household Cavalry Assoc NW & WYorks. Postal address is David Simpson, Chairman, 44 Mayfield Drive, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 3RP

Full Name:

Regiment, Rank & Service Number:

Full Postal Address:

Home Tel Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address:

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I enclose a cheque for £10 for annual membership.