



Shy Talk

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Happy have we met, Happy may we part, and Happy meet again

Welcome

May we wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Welcome to this year's Shy Talk Newsletter which brings you details of our 14th Reunion, when we return to The Savoy Hotel in Blackpool from 16th-18th April 2010. We have chosen the hotel again as it provides us with excellent facilities in which to hold our various events (details later) and we have worked hard with the hotel management to improve further on what they provide for us.

Inevitably we are all getting older and our Club cannot go on forever (*can it?*). If you served in or with our Regiment at any time please take time to consider attending this reunion. Everyone is welcome, and who knows who you'll meet up with? Please join our members who list this as a '*must not miss*' event each and every year. Let's make it a bumper year. I'm delighted to say that once again the entrance price as been locked at £20.

The Reunion

The main events take place on Friday the 16th with our flag raising ceremony, a hot buffet, and our informal get-together in the Warbreck Suite and followed on Saturday with a Four-Course Banquet, entertainment and dancing (during both events; beer, wine and spirits will be sold at concessionary prices). It has also become customary for many guests to arrive on the Thursday (15th) and enjoy an even longer Blackpool weekend. All guests arriving Thursday or Friday receive an afternoon cream tea from 2-5pm and dinner is inclusive in the accommodation price on Thursday (although this is likely to also turn into a '*late pizza*' night if events proceed as last year – (*Ron/Melissa/Dave?*)).

Our main message is to get in touch with all of your friends and arrange to meet at this year's 'do' – It's you who make this Reunion the great event that it is.

The Savoy Hotel

The Britannia Hotels' Savoy is an imposing building sitting on the North Shore, Queens Promenade area of Blackpool and it has recently undergone a complete refurbishment programme. The function rooms are well suited to our purpose and, with 145 bedrooms; the hotel is capable of hosting us. It is rated 3* with EnjoyEngland.com so don't expect 5* accommodation (The Hilton is close by) but it offers clean, comfortable rooms.

We have reached agreement that all of our members will have newly refurbished single, twin or double rooms this year. Don't forget to state '*Noahs Arc*' if phoning to book in.

The hotel will also send out a '*Confirmation of Booking*' to all members – if you've already booked and haven't received confirmation please contact the hotel again and request one.

Rates

2-nights: £80 per guest
3-nights £100 per guest

All inclusive of Accommodation, Cream Tea on arrival, Full English breakfast each morning and followed by Dinner (Thursday), Buffet Supper (Friday) and Gala Banquet (Saturday). An attractively priced Lounge Menu will also be available to our members during the afternoons.

Please book your hotel room direct with the Hotel stating 'Noahs Arc' when booking:

The Savoy Hotel
Queens Promenade
Blackpool FY2 9SJ
Tel: 01253 352561, Fax: 01253 595549

Car Parking

The Hotel has a sizeable private car park to the front and rear but, with the numbers of us attending, it soon fills up (usual on Thursday!). However adjacent to the Savoy is a large public car park that we've always found to be quite inexpensive. If you're approaching from Blackpool Promenade take the 2nd exit at the large Gynn Square roundabout. The car park entrance is on your left.

Other Hotels

To support your committee we ask all members to stay at the Savoy: we're all in one place; we're supporting the Hotels efforts and, if one partner fancies an earlier night, the other can dwell for a while. Blackpool does however offer a wealth of alternatives which can be found at [visitBlackpool](http://www.visitblackpool.com/), Tel: 01253 478222.
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Subscription

With limited resources we have to ask all of our members to make a subscription to cover our annual running costs. Once again this has been held at just £20 per person which covers:
Printing costs, stationery, postage, some website costs, reunion fare & entertainment. You'll need to pay the subscription if you are attending (you'll be sent tickets) but even if you can't join us please consider subscribing, our funds are sadly waning in trying to keep reunion charges down. The ticket is not related to how much you eat, or don't eat, at the Reunion.

In a nutshell this means that each person attending the reunion must be in possession of a ticket and therefore must have made a subscription. Our Reunion is open to wives and family too, of course. If you're not attending you can still subscribe (*please do*) but you won't need a ticket.

Annual Draw

Once again the top prize in our draw is **£250** – very much appreciated last year by Eric (Ginge) Barker with other prizes going to Jim Harris, Allan (Noddy) Gregory, Phil (Quassie) Baldwin, Michael (Merlin) Blake, Billy Blundell and Phil (Ali) Barber. This year it '*Could be You!*'

Please support us once again in buying your draw tickets. If you received tickets through the post and don't want to take part there is no obligation – please return them to us. As stated above however we are in need of funds and every ticket bought helps us. You can buy tickets even if you're not attending the reunion and will receive winning notification and payment within a few days of the draw. Please note that this is a Private Draw and tickets should not be sold on to the general public (family & friends are OK if in your name).

Auction Event

We've had a proposal to hold an **Auction** of militaria to be held on Friday evening. The idea is that members donate items to be auctioned with the proceeds either split 50/50 between the vendor and Noahs Arc, or wholly donated to Noahs Arc.

So, have a dig around and if you have anything to auction let us know and we'll include them in the sale. Items, preferably Regiment-oriented, should be brought to the Reunion or could be sent in if you're not going to be here. In either case please send in a **description, a reserve price and indicate either 50/50 or wholly donated**. It's intended to be fun, excitement and beneficial to our Club.

Noahs Arc Shop

Once again our Shop will be open at various times during the weekend where you can buy things like the Noah's Arc Regimental Tie (*almost a must for Saturday Night*), Baseball Cap, Plaques and Novelty items. We don't carry the stock that we have in the past but the good news is that you can 'order on demand' things like Polo Shirts, Sweaters, Car stickers, etc.

Sollytography

We're very pleased that Brian (Solly) Moulton will again be making a photographic record of this Reunion. Have a look at last year's collection from Brian on his website here: <http://www.smilespwp.co.uk/2009reunion/album/>. Brian will also be setting up a mini-studio for those of you who want a personal Formal picture.

Noahs Arc Cyprus

For a couple of years Allan (Noddy) and Ruth Gregory have been inviting members over to Cyprus to share a Reunion with them. Well, in 2009, it really took off with several of us making the trip over for a Reunion in the sun (now, that's a novelty). Hosted by Noddy and Ruth, and ably assisted by Jim & Veronica Eadsforth, the event was a great success and enjoyed by all attendees.

It's on again in 2010 and you can find out the dates by visiting our website (www.1420h.org) once the dates are confirmed, or by contacting Noddy by email (allangregory2@hotmail.co.uk).

Elsewhere Noahs Arc?

If anyone fancies getting into the organisation of a Noahs Arc Reunion elsewhere in the UK, we'll support you. Just get in touch.

KRH Reunions

Further successful reunions were held at Barton Grange and Dorchester (organised now by Moge). Again, keep a watch out on our website for further details.

Brian (Brain) Parslow however reports that the KRH East Anglia reunion could have sported more 1420H attendees. Its held mid-November (usually at The British Racing School in Newmarket) and Brian would love to see more people make the effort this year. Why not join him and '*show the badge*'?

Band Reunion

The Regimental Band reunion is being held in St Annes this year on 1st May. If you served with the Band and aren't on Don Bateman's address list please get in touch and I'll pass your details on to Don. The venue is The Inn on the Prom in St Annes on Sea.

A Big Thank You

In May last year a '*troop*' of members: took part in **TrailTrekker** 2009, a sponsored walk held on behalf of Oxfam across the Yorkshire Dales.

We'd like to extend a very warm thank you to the **Hobbling Hawks** (Dave Drummond, Paul McNulty (with Julie and Mac dog, Millie), Dave Moss and Neil Marshall for their kind Noah's Arc donation. They were proud to carry our Regimental Flag throughout the walk. Well done all.

The Noahs Arc Website

Our websites are still receiving a high number of visitors. It never ceases to amaze me when I'm contacted by old comrades who weren't even aware of our existence. The Forum is as lively as ever and is kept bubbling by guests such as Quassie and Billy Whittle who hardly see a day go by without making some comments. If you haven't visited us you may be amazed to learn that our 'Is This the Most Stupid Joke Ever?' Section has received over 800 replies – go on, have a look and have a good laugh: <http://www.1420h.org.uk>

Our Online Shop too is always open: <http://www.noahs-arc.org.uk>

Monthly Subscription

If you're really impressed with us you might want to join others in making a Direct Debit to the Noahs Arc account of £5 per month. We'd like to express our immense gratitude for those who have already chosen this way of contributing.

If you'd like to help in this way, or make a donation, just make out payment to the following account:

Barclays Bank, Sort Code 20-69-85, Account Number 90572845
Or use PayPal to send payments to 'onlineshop@noahs-arc.org.uk'
--- Include a reference so we know who it's from ---

Anyone taking out a monthly subscription will receive two free Reunion tickets for future Reunions.

Order Form

Our Reunion Order Form should be attached to this Newsletter. If not just request one and it'll be in the next post.

Neville Henshaw

Nev has served on the Committee of Noahs Arc since the very early days of our inauguration. Owing to other charitable commitments with which he is involved, Neville has decided to leave the Committee. We would like you all to join us in thanking him for all the effort he has put into making this a great club.

Obituaries

It is always sad to have to tell you about the bereavements that have been acknowledged on our website over the last 12 months.

Mrs Marion Cavendish
Stuart Lythgoe
Marvin Peckham
Jack Kelly

Bill Denford
Lou Hartin
Peter (Oggie) Hoare
Bernard (Digger) Sharp

Alan Stenson
Bill Morris
Chris (Raggerty Root)
Partington

Rest in Peace

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