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Lille Barracks
Aldershot
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Sept 2017

GRENADIER GUARDS SERGEANTS' (PAST AND PRESENT) CLUB DINNER 2017

Dear Member,

General

1. I am writing this calling notice as this year's Past and Present Club President. By now I am sure all members of the club are aware that the Annual Dinner is held at the home of the 1st Battalion, in Lille Barracks Aldershot.

For those who have not attended recently I urge you to come along and visit our mess and chat amongst friends old and new. This year's event will be held in our new marque purchased due to the RAF destroying the old one with an illegal landing of a Puma on our HLS! If telling stories of RAF misgivings past and present is not reason enough to come along I don't know what is.

The Sergeants' Mess will support the evening as we always do and shall bring along our wives and girlfriends. The formal part of the evening will take place in the marquee thereafter we will move into our mess for light entertainment until approximately 0100.

I hope as many past members of our club can attend as possible as that is really what makes the night.

I hope to see you on the night.

Committee

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President: WO1 (RSM) M Howlin

Vice President: Mr N Crowdy

Serving Members: WO2 (DSgt) D Moore
WO1 (BM) S Marinescu
WO2 (CSM) J Bennett
WO11 (CSM) C Dougherty

1st Battalion
Regimental Band
Nijmegen Company
ERE

Past Members:

Mr P Hales
Mr N Crowdy
Mr P Roberts
Mr Phil Childs
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Honorary Secretary: WO2 (RQMS) M Betts

Vice Hon Secretary: Sgt R Haughton

Annual Dinner and Dance

3. This year's annual Sergeants (Past & Present) Club Dinner and Dance will be held on Saturday 4th November 2017 in Lille Barracks, Aldershot, GU11 2NQ. All members are asked to be in attendance by 1900 hours, with the dinner commencing at 1930 hours.

The cost of this year's dinner will be £45.00 per head.

Guest of Honour

4. This year the Club is greatly honoured to have Major Mike Dobbin DSO MC as our Guest of Honour. Maj Dobbin is currently serving in 22 Special Air Service having left the Battalion shortly after returning from OP HERRICK 16 where he was the Recce Platoon Commander.

Annual General Meeting

5. The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Lord Room of the Sergeants' Mess prior to the dinner. Members wishing to attend are asked to be seated by 1800 hours. All members are encouraged to attend.

Wine

6. The following wines have been chosen by the committee for the evening

White

Mamaku Sauvignon Blanc

Red

Valdivieso of Chile Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

Rosè

Menu

7. The Committee has selected the following menu:

Starter

Duck and Chicken Terrine served with Crostini and Salad Nicoise

Main

Fillet Steak with Caramelised Honey served with Dauphinoise Potatoes and a Lemon Asparagus Fageot served with Pepper Corn Sauce

Dessert

Dark Chocolate, Maple and Pecan Cheese Cake with a Dark Chocolate Sauce and Crème Anglaise

Should you require the vegetarian option, please indicate on the proforma attached.

Seating arrangements

8. Please note that seating will consist of round tables of ten. There will only be a seating plan for tables one and two.

Table etiquette

9. Members and their guests are reminded that this is a formal occasion. **ALL** are to be seated once dessert is served for the speeches from our President and Guest of Honour. Members and guests are asked not to get up from their tables unless during a comfort break or after the Loyal Toasts and speeches have been completed, these will be kept brief.

Format of the evening

10. Members of the Regimental Band will play during the dinner and there will be suitable entertainment after the Loyal Toasts, until approximately 0100 hours.

Accommodation

11. Unfortunately there is no accommodation available within Lille Barracks; however, there are many hotels in the immediate vicinity that are very reasonably priced.

Dinner notice

12. Finally, should you wish to attend this year, please complete the attached proforma and return it to RQMS RHQ by no later than Monday 7th October 2017. I look forward to seeing you all on the night.

M Howlin

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ANNUAL DINNER PROFORMA

TO: WO2 (RQMS) M Betts
The Honorary Secretary
Grenadier Guards
Sergeants (Past and Present) Club
Regimental Headquarters Grenadier Guards
Wellington Barracks
Birdcage Walk
London SW1E 6HQ

I will require the following tickets for the Dinner and Dance to be held at Lille Barracks, Aldershot, Hampshire on **Saturday 4th November 2017**

..... Tickets @ £45:00 per ticket

I enclose a cheque made payable to:

GRENADIER GUARDS SERGEANTS' (PAST AND PRESENT CLUB)

To the value of £.....

Vegetarian meal required yes/no*

Delete as necessary

Special dietary requirements: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN NO LATER THAN 7th OCTOBER 2017