

**See also Diary 2010 for other events**

**QG Signals Association Reunion Dinner and Regimental Birthday Parade at 30<sup>th</sup> Signal Regiment Bramcote - Saturday 25 September 2010.**

**Regimental Birthday Parade.** The Regimental Birthday Parade will take place at Gamecock Barracks at **1100 hrs on Sat 25 Sep**. Members of the Association are welcome to attend and should be seated by **1045 hrs**. Dress is Regimental Mufti. Following the Parade there will be an Inter Squadron Sports Competition starting at 1330 hrs which you are also welcome to attend. The Regiment can provide lunch in the Officers Mess on a **Pay As You Go** basis. If you wish to attend please complete the attached **Application Form**.

**Reunion.** The Reunion Dinner will be held in the **Officers' Mess on Sat 25 Sep**. Tea will be available between 1600 and 1730 hrs in the Anteroom and the Bar will open from 1800hrs. Members are requested to assemble in the Mess from 1900 hrs. Dinner will be served at 2000 hrs. Please do not sit down until Grace has been said. As always, 'Bhat' in large quantities will be available and the Colonel of the Regiment and the Comd QG Signals will give their respective "State of the Nation" addresses at the end of dinner. Following dinner we will return to the **Ante and Gurkha Rooms** where you will be able to continue "nattering" for as long as it takes! A cash bar will operate throughout the evening. Those wishing to attend should complete the **Application Form at Annex C**.

**Association Committee Meeting.** The meeting will be held in the **Gurkha Ante-Room at 1700hrs on Sat 25 Sep 10**. Ex-Comds QG Signals are requested to attend as there are, as always, a number of important issues which need to be discussed.

**Cost.** Regrettably, as a consequence of the introduction of the 'Pay As You Eat' scheme to the Army, the costs of running functions has risen. We are thankful to the Regt for their efforts to keep the cost as low as possible. However, the cost has risen and this year will be **£30.00** per head. Cheques made payable to "**Central Bank, 30 Sig Regt**" should be forwarded with the **Application Form at Annex C** to Colonel(Retd) GC Verdon, OBE, The Stables, 11A Castle Square, Benson, Oxon, OX10 6SD by **1 Sep 08. Late bids will not be accepted.**

**Accommodation.** The Regiment regrets that it is unable to offer overnight accommodation on Friday or Saturday nights in the Officers Mess due in part to the increase in the number of married unaccompanied officers now resident and the need to accommodate officers from 246 and 248 Signal Squadrons. **So please do not ask for 'favours' as they will be refused!** It is recommended that those intending to stay overnight book into **The Longshoot Hotel**, a 10 minute drive from the Camp or **the Travel Lodge** at Bedworth (cheaper). Early booking is essential – details below. The Regiment will provide a minibus service between both hotels and the Officers' Mess. at the following times:

- Dep Hotel: 1830, 1845, and 1900hrs
- Dep Officers' Mess: 2359, 0100 and 0200hrs (**Last service**) **Thereafter Taxi from guardroom**

**Longshoot Hotel:** The Longshoot this year have given us a standard rate of **£35.00** per double room per night for up to 2 Adults or **£41.95** if you include a Full English Breakfast (cheaper than the reduced rate last year!!!). **Please ensure when you are making your booking that you state that you are a member of the QG Signals Assn.**

Address: **Watling Street, Nuneaton, Warwickshire CV11 6JH**  
Tel: **02476 329711.**  
Fax: **02476 348198.**  
E-mail: [longshoot.nuneaton@thespiritsgroup.com](mailto:longshoot.nuneaton@thespiritsgroup.com)

The hotel is located on the A5 at the junction of The Longshoot and Watling Road – Click on the link below for a map (note that Bramcote is also on the map. The Hotel is prominent on the Left hand side of the road (A5) with an entrance immediately before a crossroads controlled by traffic lights.

<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=EN&geocode=&time=&date=&ttype=&q=CV11+6JH&ie=UTF8&ll=52.514549,-1.374664&spn=0.066023,0.159302&z=13&om=1>

**Travel Lodge, Bedworth.** The Travel Lodge at Bedworth is cheaper, currently **£29.00** for a double room for two persons, providing you book online and well in advance. A 'Breakfast Bag' may be purchased for an additional £4.05. The hotel booking system which gives full details may accessed at:

[http://www.travelodge.co.uk/search\\_and\\_book/index.php?action=search&check\\_from=&locationCode=0&location=butterworth&checkInDate=25%2F09%2F2010&checkOutDate=26%2F09%2F2010&no\\_of\\_rooms=1&adults\\_1=2&children\\_1=0&adults\\_2=1&children\\_2=0&adults\\_3=1&children\\_3=0&adults\\_4=1&children\\_4=0&search=Search](http://www.travelodge.co.uk/search_and_book/index.php?action=search&check_from=&locationCode=0&location=butterworth&checkInDate=25%2F09%2F2010&checkOutDate=26%2F09%2F2010&no_of_rooms=1&adults_1=2&children_1=0&adults_2=1&children_2=0&adults_3=1&children_3=0&adults_4=1&children_4=0&search=Search)

Location: **A444 Southbound**  
Address: **Travel Lodge, Bedworth, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, CV10 7TF**  
Tel: **0871 984 6062\***  
Fax: **024 7638 5817**

**QG Signals Freedom Parade - Nuneaton – Sun 26 Sep 2010.** The Freedom Parade will take place in Nuneaton and will start at 1130hrs. Anyone wishing to view the Parade is welcome to do so but must make their own way there.

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**Nepal Cup Final and All Ranks Reunion (Bhela) - 2 Jul 2010.** This year's event will be based on last year's successful formula except that the location has changed. It will take place in New Normandy Barracks, Aldershot, the home of 10 QOGLR. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of food and entry will be by ticket obtainable via RHQ, Bramcote nearer the time. This is a very enjoyable event where you meet lots of old friends so come and enjoy the day but take warm clothing as the evening Sunset can be chilly. The programme which has yet to be confirmed, is likely to be as follows:

- 1500 hrs Nepal Cup Final
- 1700 hrs Prizegiving
- 1730 hrs Bhat/Khana
- 1900 hrs Brigade Band plays Sunset

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**Gurkha Brigade Association Reunion at RMAS – 12 June 2010.**

The format for the day will be similar to previous years:

- 1100 hrs Memorial Service at the Army Memorial Chapel.
- 1200 hrs Pre-lunch drinks in the Indian Army Room.
- 1245 hrs Curry lunch in the Old College Dining Room.

The cost is £22 per person (children of suitable age £11 per person) and the dress is Dark Suit or Blazer. Those wishing to attend should complete the attached **Application Form**.

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### **Gurkha Brigade Association Golf Meeting - Wednesday 8 Sep, 2010.**

The GBA annual golf meeting will take place this year at Newbury but further details are not yet available. The event is open to regimental teams made up of retired members of the Gurkha Brigade Association. The QG Signals Association will put in as many teams as possible.

Anyone wishing to play should contact Brigadier Stan Gordon, who is acting as the QG Signals point of contact for this event. His address is The Limes, The Tye, East Hanningfield, Chelmsord, Essex, CM3 8AA7, Tel: 01245 400298.

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### **The Brigade of Gurkhas Association Officers Annual Dinner - 11 November 2010.**

The Dinner is open to all British and Gurkha Officers of the Brigade and will be held at the Army and Navy Club, 36 Pall Mall. Cash bar opens at 7.00pm, Dinner at 7.30pm. Dress is black tie and miniature medals. Cost will be £50 which includes wine and port at table. Tickets may be obtained from Simon Lord, Secretary Gurkha Brigade Association using the attached **Reply Slip**.

We normally arrange for a QG Signals table so, if you can find any excuse to be in London about that time, please come and join us. Anyone who is interested in attending should e-mail the Secretary at [andebcarter@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:andebcarter@tiscali.co.uk) or telephone 01747 871311.

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### **Field of Remembrance Ceremony Westminster Abbey and Wreath Laying at the Gurkha Statue-Thu 11 Nov 2010**

The Royal British Legion Field of Remembrance is located on the North side of Westminster Abbey. This year the Ceremony will be opened by HM The Queen who will then tour the Field of Remembrance. There are memorial plots for virtually every UK military organisation including both R Signals and the Bde of Gurkhas near the West Gate. The Chairmen, Secretary and Members of each Association will man their plot. Your Secretary normally represents QG Signals Assn but any member is most welcome to attend; no ticket is required, a medal on your overcoat is passport enough. It is usually cold and damp but a warm glow of camaraderie prevails amongst the huge congregation! The Field can be visited without restriction for at least a week after it is opened.

Immediately following the Westminster ceremony, the Gurkha Statue in Whitehall Place, (opposite the entrance to the Main Building of the MOD), becomes the focus of an additional act of Remembrance by representatives of all Gurkha Regimental Assns. A prayer is offered, Regimental wreaths are laid and a Piper plays a lament.

Should any Member be in London on 11 Nov, and is able to attend either event, the timings are:

- 1030 hrs Assemble at Brigade plot in Westminster Abbey.
- 1045 hrs Brigade Act of Remembrance.
- 1100 hrs Field opened and The Queen tours the plots.
- 1200 hrs Disperse.
- 1215-1230 hrs Gurkha Statue Ceremony.

## Museum Events.

Booking details are included below. Seating capacity for lectures is limited, so early booking is recommended – see below for **Booking Application Form**.

- **The Gurkha Brigade Lecture and curry lunch – Fri 16 Apr 10**  
“*The Assault on Kanchenjunga 1955*” by Lt Col Tony Streater OBE (A member of the 3 man party who climbed the previously unconquered summit).
- **The Friends Lecture and Curry Lunch – Fri 11 Jun 10.**  
“*Pakistan’s Regional Role Today with Afghanistan and India, Post Mumbai*” by Dr Humayun Khan, (Former Deputy Permanent Representative at UN, Ambassador to India and Bangladesh, High Commissioner to UK and Foreign Secretary of Pakistan).
- **Summer Exhibition 7 Aug – 5 Sep 10 - “Faith, Food and Fashion in Nepal”.**  
The exhibition will cover the diversity of religion in the secular country and explore the regional and tribal differences in the presentation of food and the customs associated with eating. Be enlightened on the clothes worn by men, women and children and the significance of regional jewellery design.
- **The Theme Lecture and Curry Lunch – 8 Oct 10.**  
“*Slaughter with a Smile*” by Maj Gordon Corrigan (A presentation on his new publication covering British Army operations from Crecy to Op Herrick).

### Timings:

- 10.30am Coffee.
- 11.00am Lecture in the Library
- 12.15pm Drinks
- 1.00pm Buffet Curry

### Costs:

- Friends Concessionary rate £25.00 per person.
- Normal Ticket £30.00 per person

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## APPLICATION FORMS

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### QG SIGNALS ASSOCIATION REGIMENTAL BIRTHDAY PARADE, ANNUAL REUNION AND FREEDOM PARADE GAMECOCK BARRACKS – SATURDAY-SUNDAY 25-26 SEP 2010

TO	FROM		
	Title	Initials	
Col G C Verdon OBE The Stables 11A Castle Street Benson Oxon OX10 6SD  Tel: 01491 835819 E-mail: <a href="mailto:paddy@chezverdon.com">paddy@chezverdon.com</a>	1 <sup>st</sup> Name	Surname	
	Address		
	Postcode	County	
	Telephone	Email	

### ATTENDANCE

I will be attending:

- Birthday Parade/Annual Reunion Dinner on Sat 25 Sep. **Yes/No\*** £30 per head
- I **will/will not** require lunch in the Mess for ..... on Sat 25 Sep (Delete as Necessary)
- The Freedom Parade on Sun 26 Sep. **Yes/No\***

A map of Bramcote may be accessed at:

[http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s\\_q&hl=EN&geocode=&q=+bramcote,+warwickshire&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=35.273162,92.460937&ie=UTF8&ll=52.495323,-1.399899&spn=0.052987,0.180588&z=13&iwloc=addr](http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=EN&geocode=&q=+bramcote,+warwickshire&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=35.273162,92.460937&ie=UTF8&ll=52.495323,-1.399899&spn=0.052987,0.180588&z=13&iwloc=addr)

I will be accompanied by:

(name).....

(name).....

Total number in my Party:.....

I enclose a cheque for £..... payable to “**Central Bank 30 Sig Regt**”.

ACCOMMODATION

**\*I have booked/\*will book** overnight accommodation at the **Longshoot Hotel/Travel Lodge (Delete as Necessary)**.

**. \*I have made other overnight arrangements**

**. \*I am not staying overnight**

TRAVEL

I will be travelling by **\*Car/\*Other Means**. If by car my details are:

**Car details: Make:** ..... **Colour:** ..... **Reg No:**.....

Date.....

Signature.....

\*Delete as appropriate

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**QG SIGNALS REGIMENTAL MAGAZINE - 2010**

To: The Gurkha Adjutant, RHQ QG Signals, Gamecock Barracks, Bramcote, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, CV11 6QN

From:

Please send me ..... copy(s) of the 2009 Regimental Newsletter to the above address.

I enclose my cheque for £..... (£6 per copy) made out to Central Bank 30 Signal Regiment.

Signed

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**GURKHA BRIGADE ASSOCIATION REUNION AT RMAS – 12 JUNE 2010**  
**(Closing date for applications is 22 May 2009)**

**To:** Gurkha Brigade Association, c/o Headquarters Brigade of Gurkhas Airfield Camp, Netheravon, Salisbury, Wilts, SP4 9SF

**Copy to:** Col(Retd) AF Carter, MBE, Rosebank, Hindon Lane, Tisbury, Wilts, SP3 6PU or email to: [andebcarter@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:andebcarter@tiscali.co.uk)

**From:**

I will be attending the Gurkha Brigade Association Reunion at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst on Saturday 6 June 2009. My party will consist of myself and (please supply full names of guests):

I enclose my cheque for £ ..... (£22 per head, £11 for children under 11). Cheques should be made payable to ‘**GBA Trust**’.

My car details are as follows: **Make:** ..... **Model:** ..... **Colour:** ..... **Reg No:** .....

**Signature:** ..... **Name in Capitals:** ..... **Date:** .....

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**GURKHA BRIGADE ASSOCIATION DINNER – 11 NOV 2010**

**To (Please return by 22 Oct 2010):** Secretary GBA, HQ Brigade of Gurkhas, Airfield Camp, Netheravon, Salisbury, Wilts, SP4 9SF

**Copy to:** Col(Retd) AF Carter, MBE, Rosebank, Hindon Lane, Tisbury, Wilts, SP3 6PU or email to: [andebcarter@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:andebcarter@tiscali.co.uk)

I wish to attend the Gurkha Brigade Association Dinner:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Regt/Corps: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to bring the following guest(s): Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Corps/Regt (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose my cheque for £ .....£50.00 per head) Cheques should be made payable to `GBA Trust`.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name in Capitals: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPLICATION FOR LECTURE TICKETS FOR THE GURKHA MUSEUM 2010**

From: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Indicate In Boxes The Number Of Tickets Required.

**FRIENDS OTHER**

**Thu 18 Mar 2010**

*"The Devil's Wind"*

£12.00  £15.00

**Fri 16 April 2010**

*"The Assault on Kanchenjunga 1955)*

£25.00  £30.00

**Fri 11 June 2010**

*"Pakistan's Regional Role Today with Afghanistan and India Post Mumbai"*

£25.00  £30.00

**Fri 8 October 2010**

*" Slaughter with a Smile".*

£25.00  £30.00

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU MUST ENCLOSE PAYMENT TO SECURE BOOKING - Cheques payable to "The Gurkha Museum**  
"The Curator, The Gurkha Museum, Peninsula Barracks, Romsey Road, Winchester Hampshire SO23 8TS