



Gunner Sunday at the Royal Hospital Chelsea will take place on Sunday 16th April 2023. Branches and Regiments are strongly encouraged to send representatives and bring along their friends and relatives.

If you wish to attend this event, please inform the RAA Assistant Secretary by completing the form below and return to cas.thoburn603@mod.gov.uk by 31st March 2023.

Timings:

1000hrs: Assemble and meet in the Octagon Colonnade by the chapel.

1015hrs: Pensioners and RAA Standard Bearers Brief and form up.

1040hrs: Parade finishes

11.00hrs Chapel service begins.

Dress: Suits or blazer with Gunner/Regimental/Battery tie.

Standard Bearers are to wear officially awarded medals and only 3 lapel badges.

Lunch: After the service, a curry lunch will be served at Royal Hospital Chelsea where a cash bar will also operate. Tickets for the lunch cost £12.00 per person and will be issued by this office on a first come basis as numbers are limited. To book your place at lunch please fill in the attached return and send back to this office with your payment.

Parking: Limited parking is available in the grounds of the Royal Hospital. If you intend to park there, we need your vehicle details: (see form below). **Failure to provide vehicle details may result in parking being denied.**

*We are especially keen to see as many Standard Bearers as possible on parade and so they will receive assistance to cover their travel expenses as will those RAA branches that hire minibuses or coaches.

Minibus Pick up/Drop off Arrangements

PICK-UPS:

Dave Scott to pick Darryl and Michael Hobden up from St Marys' Supporters Club at 07:30.

Dave to then drive his car over to Jerry's at 15 Woodcrest Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex. RH15 9JW where he can leave his car and collect the minibus.

Tex, Carly and Paul to make their way to Queens Crescent Car Pak, Queens Crescent, Burgess Hill, RH15 9DP (free parking on Sundays) where the minibus will collect all remaining Members no later than 08:00.

Drive to the event at RHC.

DROP-OFFS:

Drop Lee, Budge and Lynda at Portslade/Shoreham.

Return to Queens Crescent Car Park to drop-off Tex, Carly and Paul.

Return to Jerry's to drop the remaining and the minibus and collect his car, and then return to Lewes with Darryl and Michael.

At the final drop off with the minibus, I will liaise with Jerry to get it back and fill the fuel tank. I will pay for this on the Lewes Branch debit card which we will discuss this during the day at RHC.

Please note that there is a £500.00 excess. It was agreed that should an event happen where we have to pay for this, this will be divided equally between all Members attending.

Turning now to the meal costs, the lunch is £12.00 per person (Dave Scott not to pay). When I confirm details and numbers to RAAHQ, I will pay for all using the Lewes Branch debit card. Members will then be required to transfer this back to the branch account please.

I hope this fits in with all that was agreed, but if anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Mark

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