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Ex Boys' Association

Membership now stands at almost 300

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Welcome

Dear Members welcome to our eighth newsletter. The good news is that Bill Chamberlain is well and has been hard at it, retrieving Ex Boys' names from every source known to man. Bill as you probably know, is responsible for tracking down ex boys', and helping ex pals get back in touch with one another whenever possible. He was responsible for the ROLL and keeping it up to date, which is no mean feat. However by the time this is printed it is hoped that we will have another Member on Board as part of the Admin Team to take on this task. George Tether is our man at the front, so to speak, with his hands firmly involved in dealing with everything to do with the website. Both of these two ex boys deserve a lot of thanks!

Thank you Gentlemen for your input, because without it, the site would not be able to exist!

Membership

We can report that membership has grown continually at a steady pace just short of 300 members, but we still need more members and Bill needs more leads from you guys, including former permanent staff other ranks and officers. So if you happen to know any, please let us know their name's addresses, telephone number and email addresses!

Please remember that membership is a one off payment of £10.00, which all goes towards helping us fund software hosting the site and other associated costs.

What is amazing, are the number of ex boys that have recently been found, or who have found and contacted us.

We have attached a Site Application Form for those addressees, who are not yet members please complete the form and forward it with a cheque (a one off only payment) made out to JLB RAOC in the sum of £10 to Paul Jones whose address is: 181, Titchfield Road, FAREHAM, Hampshire. PO14 3EN.

FREE Trial-Membership is available by **hitting the button "Application Form", on the left side of the front page.** If you are in contact with any Ex Boy please ask them to take a look.

Membership Only

£10

Well Spent

The Ex Boy's Association offer a scanning service for those unable to scan photos. Any photos that you wish to have scanned and placed on the site should be sent by post to:
Paul Jones, 181 Titchfield Road. Fareham, Hampshire PO14 3EN Tel No: 01329 517517

Please send a stamped addressed envelope with your photos.

Reunion 2008



Reunion 2006

We are currently planning another reunion in August 2008 and we could do with some help in trying to organise a venue capable of taking the anticipated numbers of 100 – 200 and the organisation. Our first reunion was organised almost solely by Major John Matthews (and his family). If you would be willing to assist in anyway, such as acting as a year representative, which basically means that you would be responsible for co-ordinating five years in terms of time. So therefore, you could be a representative for years 1960 – 1965. You would be passed information on members and none members and would try your best to organise tables and numbers from that year group! We would probably have a couple of meeting to discuss progress and any help required or any other matters such as who will have to "Beat Retreat" and any other entertainment

Here are a few photos from some of our "mini reunions" last year!



Nostalgic visit to Tregantle Fort



Reunion in Canada



1983-84 Ardennes Platoon Reunion

Remember if you have any photos please email them to:
george.tether@juniorleadersraoc.co.uk
and please remember to put as much details with the photos as possible

New Photos on the Web Site







Competition Time

This Newsletter competition is Caption Quote. All you have to do is make up a funny quote for the photograph of the three lads with their helmets on.

To submit your entry log onto the web site and go to the Humour Forum and submit your quote, you can have as many goes as you like.

The Winner will be announced in the next Newsletter

Last Post



Junior RSM Rodney Ian Craigie.

A great shock was the recent passing of my Junior RSM Rodney Ian Craigie, I had been in contact with Rod since the first Reunion back in September 2006. Rod threatened to play a round of golf with me last year, but just before Christmas he felt unwell, four weeks later, Rod died of Cancer.

The funeral was a sombre occasion, a gathering of family and friends, both George Hendley and me attended on behalf of our Association and Rods coffin was draped with the Ceremonial Silk Corps flag. It was a beautiful service of which he would have been proud of both his wife Silvia and his two sons and the dignity that they showed. A very sad day, the loss of a great friend!



23881711 Sgt. Trevor Hallett

RAOC Boy Soldier from 9 January 1962 to August 1964

Passed away at his home in Devon on 12 September 2007



23240193 B/Cpl John Bassindale

Boy Soldier and member of Tope Platoon/House from 1956-59

His son David writes:
On the morning of the 12th November 2007 John Bassindale suffered a heart attack whilst at the wheel of his car. He steered the car to the side of the road avoiding others, but did not survive the heart attack.



More than 600 mourners turned up yesterday to grieve for an ex-soldier who was said by his family to be 'proud to be British'.

Ex-Royal British Legion chairman John Bassindale was given a full military send-off - just nine days after he organised the annual Remembrance Sunday parade in Scunthorpe. *"Excert from the Suncunthorpe Telegraph"*

Listing of ex Junior Soldiers, and Permanent Staff, whose names have recently been notified to us, for entry on the Roll of Honour.

Alan Clemow
RAOC Junior Leader 1959-1961
Passed away at his home in Newton le Willows in 1985

Ian Reoch Duffus
RAOC Boy Soldier from November 1953 to December 1954
Passed away following a short illness on 27th. February 2007

Roger Gilliatt
RAOC Boy Soldier from 1953-1956
Passed away at home in Lincolnshire in Dec 2005

Kelvin I "Titch" Godwin
RAOC Junior Leader 1965-1967
Passed away on 4th March 2007 in Cheltenham Hospital

Jason (Jack) Hack
RAOC Apprentice in Arakan Platoon – 1986-1987
No date of death (died in an MHE accident)

Steve Hanley
RAOC Apprentice in Benghazi Platoon - 1981-82
No information on date of death

Michael C Hinson
RAOC Junior Leader 1959-1961
Passed away on 4 November 2006

Hynes - Jamie (Oz)
RAOC Apprentice Soldier 1989 -1990
Passed away on 7 April 2007

Peter Jones
REME Apprentice Soldier in Arakan Platoon 1980 -1981
Date of Death unknown

John A Maddocks
RAOC Junior Leader 1958-1960
Aged 32, killed instantly on the 2 DEC 1974 when an IRA milk churn bomb exploded while he was examining it at Gortmullen, Derrylin, near the Monaghan border.

Errol John "Scouse" Martin
RAOC Junior Leader 1959-1961
Passed away Aug 2006

Roy (Paddy) Munce
RAOC Boy Soldier 1952-1954
Passed away in early 2006

Andrew J Murphy
RAOC Apprentice & A/Sgt in Alamein Platoon 1981-1982
(Date of death unknown)

Roy VR Martin
RAOC Boy Soldier 1939-43
(Date of death unknown)

Maurice Palmer
RAOC Boy Soldier 1950-53
(Date of death unknown) Information provided by David J Smith (Member)

Tony (Taff) Pascoe
RAOC Junior Leader 1969-1970
Passed away March 2006

Martin Perry
RAOC Apprentice in Arnhem Platoon 1981-1982
Passed away on Tues 13th March 2007

Kevin Roberts
RAOC Junior Leader 1972-73
(Believed tragically killed in car crash in Kenya) Information sent in by Nick Redg-well (Member)

Ronald Sherman
RAOC Boy Soldier and Armourer 1934-37
Transferred to the REME in 1942
Date of Death unknown

Edward Ralph Stratford
RAOC Boy Soldier and Armourer - 1934-37 - Transferred to the REME in 1942
Passed away c 2000

George A Thistlethwaite
RAOC Boy Soldier 1954-1955
Passed away on 24 May 1979

Alan Walter Waudby
RAOC Boy Soldier 1935-1937
Passed away in 1989 aged 68

William Bede Welsh
RAOC Junior Leader 1959-1962
Passed away August 2002

Peter West
RAOC Junior Leader 1971-1973
Died in a motor vehicle accident in Germany, in November 1975, when his Land Rover was hit by an articulated lorry.

Robert Weston
RAOC Junior Leader listed in the Intake of Sep 1971
Died in a fire at Devizes 1975/76

Donald Edward Wright
RAOC Boy Soldier 1943-1945
Died in service December 1986, aged 57.

G Xavier
RAOC Apprentice in Arakan Platoon 1988-1989
Believed to have died in a rail incident about c1998

Memories

Memories help us build up a picture of how time changes things, the old phrase "It was never like that in my day" is evidence that change happens, but somethings never change, the laughs, the comradeship, the highs and the lows. We ask you to share your memories with us. If you would like to tell us of your experiences please email us your story for inclusion in the next edition of your Newsletter.

"One of my ever lasting memories however is when on restriction of privileges which for some unknown reason I was on quite a few times, was going to the guardroom and Cpl Ginge Hazeldene giving me the Cocoanut Mat with a shoulder harness contraption to pull behind me, marching up and down the square for 2 whole hours to level out the gravel after Saturday morning parades, oh how I laughed" Ex J/Cfn NJ Hancock 1971-1973

"One of my lasting memories is being toothpasted out of bed by the Orderly Corporal at 6.30am every morning except Sundays where on this day you honoured one of the 3 religions open to us C of E, Catholic or for the athiest amongst us CF (Cookhouse Fatigues). How quickly we found religion." Ex J/Cpl KP Saunders 1971-1974

RAOC Association

If you are not already a member, try RAOConline who will put you in touch with the nearest Branch, or alternatively join the RAOConline Fellowship (its Free) which is a branch in its own right.

Help Required

We could do with some help in respect of keeping account of the finances. It is a really simple job of paying in fees into the Bank Account and rarely paying out cheques. Writing up a one page Accounts at the end of each year. Probably no more than one hour per month!

Anyone interested in assisting please telephone Paul Jones on 01329 517517
or email Paul.jones@juniorleadersraoc.co.uk

Your Admin Team

If you require any assistance or help please contact one of the folowing:



Paul Jones

All matters concerning the site especially Finances.

Email: paul.jones@juniorleadersraoc.co.uk



George Tether

All matters concerning photos and the Forum. Send your digital photos to George per email. Please don't forget to add all known details,especially dates and names.

Email: george.tether@juniorleadersraoc.co.uk



Bill Chamberlain

All matters concerning names of ex Boy's, Intake & Passing Out Dates - Nominal Roll, Roll of Honour etc.

Lost Pals
This section is also looked after by Bill, who spends many hours helping Lost Pals to find each other.

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