

THE KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS' ASSOCIATION
London and Southern Counties Branch

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Dear Member

Very Happy New Year and decade! A big thank you to all members for the support you have given the Branch in 2019 through your subscriptions, donations and the support you give our events.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the deaths of the following members of the Branch in 2019: Graham Allt, David Dickinson, Peter Hogg, Laurie Leslie and Rab Perry.

In March, we held our AGM at the Warwick Pub in Pimlico, a venue which has served us well since 2015 and where we will be returning this year on 7th March. They look after us well, at reasonable cost, and its location is conveniently central. Our annual Service at the Royal Hospital Chelsea in late April / early May has become a special event in our diary. In 2019 they again gave us a great welcome and we look forward to returning there on Sunday 3rd May. The Branch was represented at Founders Day at the Royal Hospital Chelsea in June and we will be applying for tickets again this year although with no Borderer In-Pensioners our allocation has been reduced.

I am pleased to report that on Saturday 6th June we will be returning to watch the Colonel's Rehearsal of the Trooping from the Scotland Office. In 2019 this event was as popular as ever and since numbers are limited please let me know by Friday 22nd May, with names, if you wish to attend.

We are again booked in to London Scottish House in Horseferry Road for our Branch meetings in May and October. In addition to providing an opportunity to get together these meetings also enable us to discuss upcoming events. They are held on Thursday evenings (please see the diary of events) which coincide with the rehearsal nights of the London Scottish Pipes and Drums. I do encourage members who are in London to come along but I please check with me beforehand in case we have had to change our plans.

In November we again had a very good attendance at our Regimental plot at Westminster Abbey for our Service and Cross Planting after which we moved to the Victory Services Club for our annual autumn lunch.

DIARY OF EVENTS 2020: Details of this year's events are attached.

MEMBERSHIP: Please will you let me know if you no longer wish to be kept on our mailing list or if the details I have for you are incorrect. We appreciate that not all members are able to attend the functions but we are keen to keep in touch with as many Borderers as possible. It is important to appreciate that by joining the London Branch members do not automatically become members of the Regimental Association and separate subscription payments are required as follows:

1. **Association Membership:** Members of the Branch are requested to fill in the relevant form (attached and available on line), and send the necessary fee to Association HQ in Berwick. This will entitle you to a copy of the Chronicle.
2. **Branch Membership:** We encourage **all** Borderers, especially those living south of the Border to join the Branch and when possible attend our activities. If you know of Borderers living in the South please put them in touch with us.

DONATIONS: We are very grateful to all those who generously send donations for the Branch either with their subscriptions or in support of particular events. Thank you very much.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Please find attached the following papers covering the Annual General Meeting which will be held at **The Warwick Public House, 25 Warwick Way, Pimlico, London SW1V 1QT at 11.30 am on Saturday 7th March 2019:**

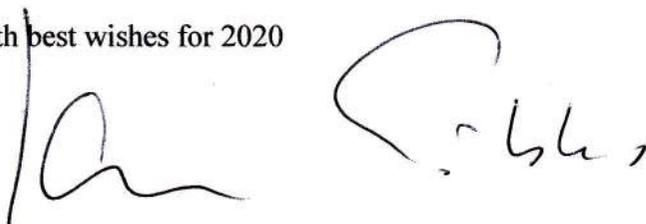
- Annex A:** Notice of meeting and Agenda.
- Annex B*:** Nominations for election of officers and committee.
- Annex C*:** AGM attendance sheet, lunch and subscription forms.
- Annex D:** Diary of events 2020.

* To be completed and returned to the above address by 28th February 2020 please. **(If you wish to attend the AGM and lunch please advise me by 21st February.)**

MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTION 2020: This is being held at £5.00. Payment may be made on line (Bank details on the form). Please give your name as the reference with the payment and post / email your form to me. Cheques are to be made payable to "The KOSB Association - London Branch" and returned to me. Please return the form at annex C with your subscription.

Thank you again for your valuable and much appreciated support. I do hope we will see you at all or some of our events this year.

With best wishes for 2020



Ian Gibbs

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ANNEX A

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Branch Annual General Meeting will be held at **The Warwick Public House, 25 Warwick Way, Pimlico, London SW1V 1QT** on **Saturday 7th March 2020** commencing at **11.30 am** and to be followed by lunch.

AGENDA

Act of Remembrance

1. To receive apologies for absence and to welcome any new members.
2. To confirm the minutes of the AGM held on 9th March 2019 and to discuss any matters arising. (Should you require a copy of the minutes before the meeting, please let us know when you send in your subscription.)
3. To receive the Honorary Treasurer's report for 2019 and to approve the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2019. (Should you require a copy of the accounts before the meeting, please let us know when you send in your subscription).
4. To receive the Chairman's report for 2019.
5. To elect the following officers and committee:

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Hon. Treasurer
Hon. Secretary
Committee Members x 4
6. To appoint the Independent Reviewer for 2020.
7. To appoint delegates for the Regimental Association AGM.
8. To note and approve the Diary of Meetings and Events for 2020.
9. To discuss any resolutions and/or proposals received in writing.
10. To elect any Associate Members.
11. Any other business

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ANNEX B

BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

AGENDA ITEM No 5 Election of Officers and Committee

In accordance with the Branch Constitution and Rules, all Officers and Committee Members are required to retire at each Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election.

The existing incumbents are:

Chairman:	Major I D H Gibbs
Vice Chairman:	Lt Col M J Reynolds
Hon Treasurer:	Mr M H P Falk
Hon Secretary:	Mrs Jean Robinson
Committee:	
	Major A K Forman
	Mr M A McDonald
	Mr I N Whiteley

NOMINATION FORM

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Honorary Treasurer
Honorary Secretary
Committee-

In accordance with the Branch Constitution and Rules (Rule 13) all nominations, resolutions and/or proposals for discussion must be submitted in writing. Please could you let me have these by 21st February 2020.

Date.....

Signed.....
Name.....
(IN CAPITALS)

ANNEX C

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2020

Please complete the form below with details of your payment. Subscriptions (£5 per year) are due January 2020 and payable before 31st March 2020, together with any arrears in respect of earlier years please.

Please advise any change in address, telephone number and your email address, or any other information which may require an amendment to Branch records.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I will/will not* be attending the Annual General Meeting at The Warwick Public House, 25 Warwick Way, Pimlico, London SW1V 1QT on **Saturday 7th March 2020**.

I will be accompanied by..... and we will/will not* require lunch.

Please complete the payment form below. (* Please delete as appropriate)

If you are attending the AGM and lunch please also advise us of any special dietary requirements.

If not attending the A.G.M. this form can be used to record your apology.

Associate Membership: Members wishing to nominate associate members are asked to forward details of the nominees to the Chairman by 21st February.

Tickets for future events: Members wishing to attend any of the events listed on the enclosed forecast of events are asked to let me know as soon as possible.

PAYMENT DETAILS

NAME.....
(CAPITALS PLEASE)

Enclosed please find: cheque/postal order/cash* / payment has been made on line* (please use your surname as reference when paying on line) (*please delete as appropriate)

Arrears for	(letters enclosed where applicable)	£
Subscription for current year		£ 5.00
Donations - Optional - General/Welfare Fund		£
AGM and Lunch – (.....lunches at £25 each)		£

	Total	£
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Bank details for payments made on line:

Bank	Lloyds, Threadneedle St Branch
Sort Code	30 00 09
Account Name	The King's Own Scottish Borderers Association, London Branch
Account Number	01824427

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ANNEX D

Diary of Events 2020

Saturday 7 th March	Branch Annual General Meeting and Lunch 11.30 am at The Warwick Public House, 25 Warwick Way, Pimlico, London SW1V 1QT.
Sunday 3 rd May	Gallipoli Service at The Royal Hospital Chelsea (Parade at 10.30 am).
Thursday 14 th May	Branch General Meeting, TA Centre, 95 Horseferry Road, London SW1 at 6.00 pm.
Thursday 4 th June	Founder's Day Parade, Royal Hospital, Chelsea
Saturday 6 th June	Colonel's Rehearsal of Trooping the Colour, Scotland Office, Whitehall. (Arrival recommended between 10 and 10.15 am.)
Thursday 8 th October	Branch General Meeting, TA Centre, 95 Horseferry Road, London SW1 at 6.00 pm.
Thursday 5 th November	Official Opening of the Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey - 11.00 am. (Ticket only event; entry before 10.30 am.)
Saturday 7 th November	Service and Cross Planting, KOSB Regimental plot, Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey at 11 am.
Saturday 7 th November	Branch Autumn Lunch at 12 noon
Sunday 8 th November	Remembrance Sunday