



The Cavalry Club

NEWSLETTER - January 2008

Dear Member,

Greetings and every good wish to you and yours for good health, happiness and prosperity in 2008.

Well, 2007 finished with the **63rd AGM and Annual Dinner** in Ceannt Officers Mess, The Curragh on November 10th last. Attendance at the dinner was 68, which included members and their guests. Guests of the Club on the night were Maj Gen Pat O'Sullivan, D COS(Sp) and his wife Vera, Brig Gen Dave Ashe (GOC DFTC) and his wife Sheila, HCF Msgr Eoin Thynne and Col Richard Gordon, Honorary Colonel North Irish Horse, and his wife Louise. The AGM was attended by a disappointingly low number of members again last year - just 18! Of this number 5 were Committee members and a sixth was our webmaster. Regional breakdown of the remaining attendees was 3 West, 4 South and 5 East/Curragh. The last edition of our Club Membership Directory (issued in 2005) listed 219 names and your Committee would appeal to each member to consider making the 2008 AGM (08 November '08) an "I will attend" New Year resolution!!

Committee 2007/2008

President	: Lt Col Ken Kelly (Retd)
Vice-President and President-Elect	: Col Dick Heaslip (Retd)
Hon Secretary	: Lt Damien O'Herlihy
Hon Treasurer	: Comdt Bob Carroll (Retd)
Member	: Capt Mick Bohan
Member	: Col Brendan Mc Cann (Retd)
Member	: Comdt Rory Mc Corley

Club Auditors

: Comdt Eamon O Briain (Retd)
: Capt Peter O'Kelly

Club Subscriptions

Yes, it is that time of year again!! Our rules require payment of the same to be effected by 01 February each year. As you no doubt appreciate, subscriptions constitute the Club's working capital. AGM 2005 voted the current €25 subscription rate and some members have yet to amend their Standing Orders (SO) to effect the change from the old €12.70 rate. Many members in the past year have sent their two-year arrears of €24.60 to the Hon Treasurer and notified their banks of the SO amendment to €25 w.e.f. 01 Feb '08. If you have not updated your subscription status yet it would be appreciated if you could do so as soon as possible. Bob will be happy to help with any request you might have for info on your subscription payment record. You can call him at 044 - 9344740 or 087 - 7731044. E-mail to rdc9581@iolfree.ie

Club Archive

Our President informed members, attending both the 2007 AGM and the Annual Dinner, that a “**Cavalry Club Archive**” had been set up in Military Archives, Cathal Brugha Barracks, Dublin in the week preceding the AGM. He emphasised that the Club, entering its 64th year, had no central repository of Club documentation and said the incoming Committee would see it as a priority objective to gather as much material as possible into this archive in the coming year. Lt Col Eamonn Cullagh and Cavalry School Staff had given the first “donation” of material to the archive which included Club minute books of the periods January 1949-April 1956 and October 1965- January 1984. This was a great start to the project and now all members are asked to see if they, or their families or friends, can add to the archive. Of particular historic significance would be the location of the original minute books covering the formation of the Club in 1944 to Jan 1949 and for the period Apr 1956 - Oct 1965.

Club Events 2008

The Club website has had preliminary information on events being planned for the year ahead. The latest update is as follows:-

Theatre Night. Disappointment on “**The Marriage of Figaro**”! On 21st Feb the Club initiated a booking request for a block of €45-priced tickets for **Saturday 05 April** next. Unfortunately, the booking office informed us all those tickets had been sold but tickets @ €70 were available. These were considered too expensive and the booking request cancelled. Apologies to all our members who had wished to enjoy this Opera Ireland Spring Season offering. However, should you wish to see “Figaro” the contact details are:- Telephone bookings ROI 0818 – 205 205, International + 353 – 1 – 4487777. Tickets available from the Opera Ireland Box Office at the Central Ticket Bureau, Liberty Hall, 33 Eden Quay, Dublin 1 or the Opera Ireland website www.operaireland.com Maybe next year we will fare better.

North-West Muster 2008. Weekend 25/27 April '08 has been booked for this event, to be centered on Comdt Brendan Rohan’s **Corcreggan Mill, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal**. The week-end programme:-

Friday evening 25 April: Arrival - Reception from 2000 to 2200 hrs.

Saturday morning 26 April: Choice of activity - horse-riding on local beach, golf at Dunfanaghy Golf Club (approx €40), local area walk.

Saturday afternoon: Visit Fort Dunree Museum or Glenveagh National Park.

Saturday night: Dinner (jacket and tie) in the Corcreggan dining room followed by entertainment in-house.

Sunday morning 27 April: Church services are available locally in Dunfanaghy on Sunday morning. Departure, either before or after lunch, as individually preferred.

Costs: Twin/Double Room (En-Suite) - €40 per night, one person occupancy.
- €55 per night, two person occupancy.

Family Rooms (En-Suite) - €70 per night, three person occupancy.
- €80 per night, four person occupancy.
- €100 per night, five person occupancy.

Dinner on Saturday night - Per person..... € TBC

Bookings: To **Brendan or Angelique** at **074 – 9136409**.

E-mail millhouse@corcreggan.com or visit www.corcreggan.com

Cavalry Cup Golf Outing. The **Curragh Golf Club** is again the venue for this outing and it will take place on **Wednesday 04 June '08**. Details will follow.

Bookings: To Damien 01- 4949705 or 087- 6486901. E-mail doherlihy@eircom.ie

4 Cavalry Squadron BBQ. Members are welcome to attend the Squadron's annual BBQ in **Connolly Barracks, Longford in August**. Date to be confirmed later.

Bookings: To Rory 090- 6485429 or 087- 2628930. rory.mccorley@defenceforces.ie

Cavalry Memorial Day: This will be held on the traditional first Saturday in September, this year **Saturday 06 September '08**. Members are encouraged to attend the ceremonies and wear medals. Details will be notified when received.

64th AGM and Annual Dinner. Ceannt Officers Mess in the Curragh will be the venue again this year on **Saturday 08 November '08**. For those who wish to avail of overnight accommodation in the Curragh, the facilities in Connolly Officers Mess will be available to Club Members and their guests, as for the 2007 occasion.

WW1 Battlefield Tour . The Committee is considering the organisation of a **Western Front WW1 Battlefield Tour** in **Autumn 2008**. Initial enquiries would indicate that, within certain planning constraints, a 4 day "self-help" tour could be conducted for **approx €600 per person**. This figure would include flight cost (Ryanair), minibus hire for duration, and 3* tourist hotel B&B cost for 3 nights.

Money will be needed for daily lunch, dinner and other personal expenditures.

Tour period under consideration – August Bank Holiday weekend.

Organisation of the tour will proceed **ONLY** on the basis of expressions of interest on a "first come first served" basis.

Minimum number required (one mini-bus quota) – **9 persons**.

Contact: Dick at 045 – 866657 or 087 – 9049323. E-mail rheaslip@eircom.net

Club Members Directory. The last Directory was compiled and issued at AGM 2005. The Committee has commenced update work with a view to issuing a revised Directory to AGM 2008. Accurate contact details are essential to maintaining contact with, and between, our members. Apart from postal addresses we are trying particularly to get, where applicable, mobile phone numbers and e-mail addresses for members as contact by these means helps minimise Club postage costs. **If you have changed address, got or changed your home or mobile phone numbers or have an e-mail address, please let us have the details so that we can "keep you in the loop"**. Any Committee member will take your update details. If you know of any member not getting Club communications, whether by post, phone or e-mail, please pass on the contact details of any Committee member so that they can get in touch with us.

We look forward to seeing you at a Club event during the coming year! We would hope particularly that you might make the **Club's AGM and Annual Dinner on the 8th of November** next a date for your diary - to meet with, and enjoy, an evening in the company of fellow "Ironsidés", serving and retired.

With our very best wishes to all,

Your Committee Ken, Dick, Damien, Bob, Mick, Brendan and Rory.