



# 101 (City Of London) Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Regimental Association

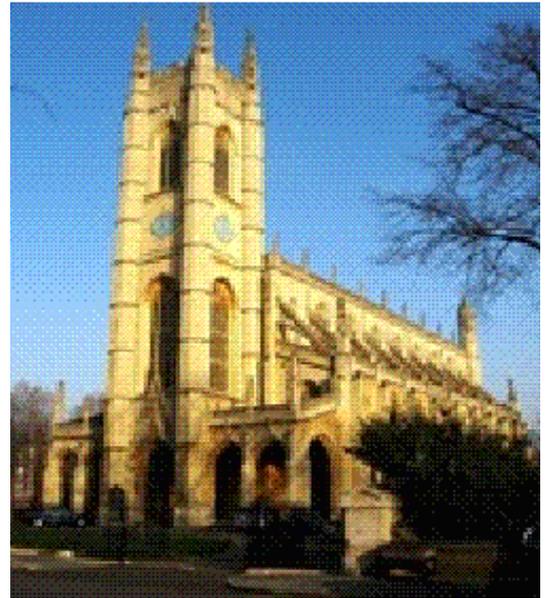


## OCTOBER '12 NEWSLETTER

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### We will remember them...

On **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November** members from the Regimental Association will be attending **St Luke's and Christ Church, Chelsea** for Remembrance Sunday (pictured to the right). Following a "poor show" last year we aim to get as many members to come along to the Remembrance Service and the "Social Drinks" afterwards as possible. So if you have not already thought about it, or committed to it, now is the time to do so by e-mailing Nigel Clark forthwith on [nigel842@btinternet.com](mailto:nigel842@btinternet.com). The church is the spiritual home of the Regiment. In the entrance to the church is the memorial plaque to the 2<sup>nd</sup> London Division Engineers the formation of which the regiment was part of as far back as 1908 and during both world wars. The dress code is Lounge Suits, or Blazers and Chinos with regimental tie, medals, poppies and pin badges et al.



#### Timings for the day are as follows:

- 10:00hrs – Meet at the church entrance steps.
- 10:15hrs - Be seated in the church.
- 10:30hrs – Service of Remembrance commences.
- 11:15hrs approx – Service concludes.
- 11:30hrs – Retire for social drinks – venue TBA.

#### **The church address is;**

St Luke's & Christ Church, Sydney Street, London SW3 6NH

#### **The nearest tubes are;**

South Kensington, and Sloane Square. Detailed directions can be found here

<http://www.chelseaparish.org/mapanddirections.htm>

### Dinner Success — On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>

September, 34 serving and ex-serving members of the Regiment attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Regimental Association Dinner. Held at the 579 Squadron TA Centre in Tunbridge Wells a good time was had by all. The event started with a gathering in the Squadron bar at 19:00hrs, followed by a three course dinner at around 20:00hrs with the obligatory port, cheese and biscuits to follow. The fund raising raffle in aid of the Regiments charity "The Injured Soldiers Fund" was a sell out. Further drinks were consumed in the bar after the dinner seeing the group finally head off in the early hours of Sunday.

### Confirmed Forthcoming Events

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Bomb Disposal Lunch – Carver Barracks Wimbish – contact Pete Markham – REA BD Branch via [graham101plumridge@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:graham101plumridge@hotmail.co.uk)**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday – St Luke's & Christ Church, Chelsea – see left for details.**

**Derbyshire High Peak – "Off-Piste" Aircraft Wreck Hill Walking (and drinking) weekend – March 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> 2013 – contact Brian Green.**

### Proposed Future Events

**Greenwich Naval College and Mean Time Brewery visit – TBA – contact Graham Plumridge**

**Black Cat Ball and Fundraiser 2013 – TBA – watch newsletter for details.**

**101 ERRA 2013 Battlefield Tour – TBA – watch newsletter for details.**

## Norfolk Landmine Clearance

While on a family holiday in North Norfolk during August of this year, two members of the Association, Maria and Graham Plumridge took time to visit the Landmine Clearance Memorial at Mundesley.

In 2002 Tommy O'Donoghue, the son of Lance Sgt Thomas O'Donoghue of a Royal Engineers Bomb Disposal unit who was killed while clearing British mines, made a visit to Dead Man's Hill, Weybourne expecting to find a plaque or memorial to honour his father.

Finding nothing Tommy contacted BBC Radio Norfolk to ask if they could help. He was put in touch with Noel Cashford, a retired RNVR Bomb & Mine Disposal officer, Noel was able to help and visited Norfolk many times from his Derbyshire home to carry out research. Investigation revealed that not only Tommy's dad died on the Norfolk coast but 25 others were discovered to have made the supreme sacrifice doing their duty.

Through an appeal on BBC Radio Norfolk a group of people came forward to form a committee and soon a design and site for the memorial was decided upon. It was agreed it should be in the form of a WW II Bomb carcass on a solid base clad in Norfolk flint. After months of fund raising and receiving generous donations it was possible to raise the memorial with the help of workman who gave their time freely.

Wyndham Northam, Chairman of the Norfolk Landmine Clearance Committee said, "The memorial will stand as a permanent tribute to the Royal Engineers Bomb Disposal Units. "it is thanks to their work and their ultimate sacrifice that our cliffs and beaches are now safe for everyone to visit and enjoy



### Committee Members

- Honorary President – Colonel Aidan Smyth QVRM TD RE (V)
- Chairman – Major Phil Webb TD RE (V)
- Honorary Secretary - Mr Nigel Clark
- Treasurer - Mr Dave Inman
- Membership Secretary – Mr Graham Plumridge
- Publicity Member – Mr Brian Green
- Non Serving Member – Mr Roy Holland
- Non Serving Member – Mr Dave Smith

### Association/Regimental Accoutrements



**101 (EOD) RE Regimental Tie £13.00**



**101 (EOD) Regt RE Association Pin £3.00**

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