



Light Infantry Club Members

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## NEWSLETTER 2019

This is gradually becoming the Easter letter rather than a Happy New year one, but as long as the details of this year's Club events get to members in reasonable time I will not feel too guilty!

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of our Regiment presented us last year with the opportunity to meet in a number of different fora to mark or to ignore the passage of time and I must at the outset thank Edward Chamberlain and Chris Topham for their key roles in delivering a well-attended and very well catered Club Dinner and Summer lunch respectively. The dinner was a particular success with a record number of attendees and I hope that members were sufficiently encouraged by the experience to come back regularly and keep it on a sound footing.

The Salisbury lunch at The Wardrobe was blessed with good weather and numbers were quite respectable when taking account of the Association gathering in Shrewsbury the previous month which was clear competition. Of course the unique setting is a significant attraction and it even finishes in time to allow attendance at Evensong in the Cathedral! As I said at the lunch, it is our intention to continue with both events for as long as there is a demand, and to subsidise both as much as it is prudent to do so. I am very conscious that too high a ticket price will deter some members and am therefore happy to offset costs for as long as our account allows us to do so.

Chris is keen not to be left holding the Wardrobe lunch 'baby' for ever, so if anyone is happy to help him with a view to relief in the line in due course please get in touch – or volunteer someone who is too shy to nominate himself! Geographical proximity would be an advantage but it is not essential. The comprehensive programme of former Regimental and Rifles events in the counties will again compete for your support, but this year's Club dates are:

**Saturday 1 June** – LI Reunion, Shrewsbury Town Football Club.

**Sunday 14 July** - LI Club Lunch, The Wardrobe, Salisbury.

**Thursday 10 October** - LI Club Dinner, The Cavalry & Guards Club, London.

The success of each event is largely determined by members arranging tables of friends and those of shared experience across our Regiment so don't wait to be invited – pick up the phone or send an e-mail and arrange a table yourself.

The Light Infantry Website ([www.lightinfantry.co.uk](http://www.lightinfantry.co.uk)) includes a Club page and I hope that many of you will read this newsletter there. As usual, Ian Foster continues to deserve special mention with his sterling work running the Club and our account: if you have received a hard copy of this letter and have an email address please register the latter with us at [liclub@lightinfantry.co.uk](mailto:liclub@lightinfantry.co.uk) and help us to reduce costs further.

With my belated best wishes to you all for a peaceful and healthy 2019.... And we'll meet the other side of Brexit I hope!

*Mark Elcomb*