



THE LIGHT INFANTRY CLUB

(Founded 1934)

ORIGIN RULES & ACTIVITIES

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MEMBERSHIP LIST

1. *A database of Members is kept updated by the Honorary Secretary.*
2. *Members are asked to notify any corrections or changes of address to:*

*The Honorary Secretary,
The Light Infantry Club,
The Rifles Office, Shrewsbury,
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PATRON

Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, The Hon. Mrs. Angus Ogilvy
(Formerly Colonel-in-Chief, The Light Infantry)

CHAIRMEN OF THE CLUB

1934/35

Major-General Sir John Hanbury-Williams, GCVO, KCB, CMG.Oxf. and Bucks.

1936/37

General Sir Walter Braithwaite, GCB. Somerset LI.

1938/39

Lt.-Gen. Sir Walter Yenning, KCB, CMG, CBE, MC. DCLI.

1946/47

General Sir Charles P. Deedes, KCB, CMG, DSO. KOYLI.

1948

Major-General J. M. L. Grover, CB, MC. KSLI.

1949

Brigadier J. A. Churchill, CBE, DSO, MC. DLI

1950

Lt.-General Sir John Swayne, KCB, CBE. Somerset LI.

1951

General Sir Daril Watson, GCB, CBE, MC. DCLI.

1952

General Sir Bernard Paget, GCB, DSO, MC. Oxf. and Bucks.

1953

Lt.-General Sir Harold Redman, KCB, CBE. KOYLI.

1954

Major-General J. M. L. Grover, CB, MC. KSLI.

1955

Lt.-General Sir Terence Airey, KCMG, CB, CBE. DLI

1956

Major-General V. Eveleigh, CB, DSO. DCLI.

1957

Major-General Sir John Winterton, KCB, KCMG, CBE. Oxf. and Bucks.

1958

Field-Marshal The Lord Harding of Petherton, GCB, CB, DSO, MC. Somerset LI.

1959

Lt-General Sir Harold Redman, KCB, CBE. KOYLI.

1960

Major-General W. R. Cox, CB, DSO. KSLI.

1961

Major-General R. F. K. Goldsmith, CB, CBE. SCLI.

1962

Lt-General Sir Roger Bower, KCB, KBE. KOYLI.

1963

Major-General W. R. Cox, CB, DSO. KSLI.

1964

General Sir Nigel Poett, KCB, DSO. DLI.

1965

Major-General C. L. Firbank, CB, CBE, DSO, DL. SCLI.

1966

Lt.-General Sir Geoffrey Musson, KCB, CBE, DSO. KSLI.

1967

Major-General A. H. G. Ricketts, CBE, DSO. DLI.

1968/72

General Sir Geoffrey Musson, GCB, CBE, DSO. KSLI.

1972/77

Major-General D. N. H. Tyacke, CB, OBE. DCLI.

1977

Major-General P. J. Bush, OBE. LI.

1982

Major-General B. M. Lane, CB, OBE.

1987

Major-General J. D. G. Pank, CB.

1990

Major-General A. Makepeace-Warne, MBE.

1992

Major-General M. D. Regan, CB, OBE.

1996

General Sir John Deverell, KCB, OBE

Year?

Lieutenant General R V Brims, CBE, CBE, DSO

Year?

Brigadier T J Gregson, MBE

2007/12

Major General M D Regan, CB, OBE

LIGHT INFANTRY CLUB

ORIGIN OF THE CLUB

1. In 1928, thanks largely to the interest taken by the Adjutant-General, General Sir Walter Braithwaite, KCB, The Somerset Light Infantry, official recognition was given to Light Infantry Drill in the training manuals of the Army. Having in mind the difficulties that had been experienced in gaining this concession, and realising the ever increasing importance of securing unanimity of opinion within all Light Regiments for the perpetuation of Light Infantry ideals, Colonels of the seven Regiments in 1933 expressed their approval of the suggestion to create a Light Infantry Club, and the first meeting of Regimental representatives was held at the War Office on December 6th, 1933, under the Chairmanship of Lt General Sir Charles P. Deedes, KCB, CMG, DSO, Colonel, The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, for the purpose of putting the project into effect.
2. The following resolutions were proposed and carried unanimously. These were subsequently ratified by Colonels of Regiments and accepted by Battalion and Depot Commanders:
 - (a) The Club be formed.
 - (b) Title - Light Infantry Club.
 - (c) Headquarters - that the Headquarters be, if possible, in London.
3. The constitution of the Club was stated as follows: "The Club is formed for social and sporting purposes and to further the common interests of Light Infantry Regiments."
4. In 2007 the aims and objectives of The Light Infantry Club were reviewed and revised subsequent to the decision by the Army Board that The Light Infantry was to be merged with a number a number of other infantry regiments to form The Rifles and would cease to be an independent regiment within the British Army order of battle.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB

5. Aims and Objectives:

The aims and objectives of the Club are as follows:

- a. To encourage and maintain contact between former officers of The Light Infantry and its antecedent Regiments through a well established regimental network and the organisation of reunion events.
- b. To ensure that former regimental officers and/or their dependants who are in need, are speedily identified and provided with informal assistance and where necessary, guided towards sources of appropriate support.
- c. To help develop and foster the image and interests of the successor regiment, The Rifles, with particular emphasis on officer recruiting.

MEMBERSHIP

6. Eligibility:

The following are eligible for membership of the Club:

- a. ***Officers who held a regular or territorial army commission in The Light Infantry or its antecedent Regiments of the British Army.***
- b. ***Officers commissioned into The Light Infantry who subsequently converted to another Arm or Service, are eligible to remain, or become, members of the Club.***
- c. ***The Committee have the power to elect other individuals, as they think fit after being duly proposed and seconded, as honorary members.***
- d. ***Widows of deceased members become automatic honorary members.***

THE COMMITTEE

7. Committee:

The Committee will consist of the following elected officers:

- a. ***Chairman (ideally a former Colonel or Deputy Colonel of The Light Infantry)***
- b. ***Honorary Secretary***
- c. ***Honorary Treasurer***
- d. ***Three co-opted members to chair sub committees (see paragraph 20)***

8. ***Confirmation of Officers***

These appointments will be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

9. ***Meetings:***

The Committee will meet when called upon to do so by the Chairman.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

10. ***Trustees***

The affairs of the Club will be overseen by the Chairman of The Light Infantry Committee in conjunction with the Chairman of the Club.

11. ***Funds***

The Funds of the Club will be administered by the Finance Officer, RHQ Rifles in conjunction with the Hon Treasurer

12. Subscriptions.

Members will be encouraged to pay a Life Subscription (£100). The annual subscription, will be kept under review

13. Financial Year:

The Club Financial Year will run from 1st April to 31st March of the following calendar year.

14 Bankers.

It is assumed that this will remain as at present, with a staff officer at RHQ Rifles being responsible, in conjunction with our treasurer?

15.AGM.

The AGM will take place before the Club Dinner, normally held in October in London each year. A suggested Agenda is set out below:

- a. Apologies
- b. Minutes of the previous meeting

- c. Election of officers
- d. Finance and Treasurer's report
- e. Any other business

CLUB COLOURS

16. The Club tie and buttons may be purchased from *[Regimental Headquarters?]*. Blazers may be purchased from approved regimental tailors or the cloth may be purchased from RHQ The Rifles.

SOCIAL EVENTS

17. Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner in London will normally be held in October.

18. Annual Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies Luncheon will normally be held in Salisbury in July.

19. The Light Infantry Association Weekend

An officers' luncheon sponsored by the Club will be held on the Saturday of the Association Weekend in June.

20. Other social events may be organised from time to time to mark special events or if sufficient support is apparent. The three main annual social events will be organised by sub committees chaired by a designated co-opted member from the main club committee.

21. Sporting Activities

The Club no longer organises any sporting activities. The Challenge Cups for golf, squash and skiing presented by the officers of the antecedent regiments of The Light Infantry have been incorporated into the sporting events calendar of The Rifles Officers Club.