

*Regional Colonel (Midlands)*  
BRIGADIER T B RADFORD DSO OBE

*Herefordshire County Colonel*  
MAJOR J N HEREFORD DL

*Shropshire County Colonel*  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL R N R JENKINS OBE MA

*Birmingham City Colonel*  
COLONEL T F L WEEKS OBE

*Liverpool City Colonel*  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL I J SAWERS



RIFLES OFFICE  
COPTHORNE BARRACKS,  
SHREWSBURY,  
SY3 8LZ

*Tel:* Shrewsbury (01743) 262425 or 262430  
Shrewsbury Military (94461) 2425 or 2430

*Fax:* Shrewsbury (01743) 262542  
Shrewsbury Military (94461) 2542

*Email:* [aoshrewsbury@the-rifles.co.uk](mailto:aoshrewsbury@the-rifles.co.uk)

*Regional Secretary*  
MAJOR N A de C JONES

SH/130

To all Members and Affiliated Members

18 February 2011

**THE RIFLES, LIGHT INFANTRY (SHROPSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE)  
AND KSLI OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION**

**NEWSLETTER SPRING 2011**

**GENERAL**

1. The enclosed Newsletter, already sent out to our 1,500 Association Members, gives advance notice of the main events due to take place in 2011. You are invited to note in particular:
  - a. **Sat 12 Mar 11.** Herefordshire Officers' Dinner (Suvla Bks, Hereford).
  - b. **Thu 07 Apr 11.** Bligny Officers' Club AGM and Buffet Supper (Cophthorne Barracks, Shrewsbury).
  - c. **Thu 12 – Wed 18 May 11.** KSLI Peninsular Battlefield Tour. Details in the KSLI Newsletter.
  - d. **Thu 26 May 11.** KSLI & Hereford Officers' Club Ladies Luncheon (Cavalry and Guards Club, London). Details in the KSLI Newsletter.
  - e. **Sun 05 Jun 11.** Annual Shropshire Regiments' Trail (Wentnor Area).
  - f. **Fri 10 - Sat 11 Jun 11.** LI Regimental Reunion Weekend & Bligny Church Service (Shrewsbury).
  - g. **Sun 12 Jun 11.** Dedication of LI Memorial at the National Arboretum (Alrewas).
  - h. **Mon 13 – Tue 14 Jun 11.** The Rifles Regatta (Seaview, IOW).
  - i. **Sat 16 Jul 11.** Freedom of Leominster; Sounding Retreat and Reception (Leominster).
  - j. **Sat 08 Oct 11.** LI Association Shropshire Autumn Dinner (Greenhous Meadow Football Stadium, Shrewsbury).
  - k. **Thu 13 Oct 11.** LI Club Dinner (Cavalry & Guards Club, London).
  - l. **Fri 18 Nov 11.** Bligny Officers' Club Annual Dinner (Cophthorne Barracks, Shrewsbury).

## **BLIGNY OFFICERS' CLUB**

2. The Club has had a very active 2010. In May, Club members were entertained to Dinner at Hodnet Hall by the Lord Lieutenant and enjoyed the beautiful gardens. Bligny Saturday Church Service and Luncheon was held in glorious sunshine in June. In September twenty six members visited the Bligny battlefield in France, led by Major Jeremy York, where they enjoyed the hospitality of the Mayor and citizens of Chambrecy. The Guest of Honour at our Annual Dinner in November was Capt Astrid Sprong, of the Norwegian Army. This year we shall be celebrating our Church Service and Luncheon on Saturday 11 June. The High Sheriff of Shropshire will be our Guest of Honour, at the Annual Dinner on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, at the Officers' Mess, Copthorne Barracks. We are always very pleased to welcome new members to our increasingly active Club. You can obtain membership details from the Membership Secretary, c/o The Rifles Office. **The Bligny Club AGM will be held at 7pm on Thu 07 Apr in the Copthorne Barracks Officers' Mess, followed by a Curry Supper (£17.00). Please contact Capt Chris Breeze (tel: 01952-541597) if you wish to attend and have not received a proforma.**

## **KSLI & HEREFORD LI OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION LADIES LUNCHEON – THURSDAY 26 MAY 2011**

3. The Ladies Luncheon is to take place on Thursday 26th May in the Cavalry & Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly. If you wish to attend and have not received a proforma you are asked to contact Capt Ron Gittings on 01584 831767 or e-mail: [honsec.kslio@btinternet.com](mailto:honsec.kslio@btinternet.com)

## **RIFLES SHROPSHIRE COUNTY COCKTAIL PARTY AND SOUNDING RETREAT - FRIDAY 10 JUNE**

4. Cocktails, hosted by the Shropshire County Colonel, Lt Col Nick Jenkins will start at 7.00 pm. Regimental Officers, past and present, are encouraged to bring their children (over 16). Sounding Retreat by the Rifles Band and Bugles will follow at 8.30 pm. Invitations (which will serve as passes allowing cars to be parked inside Copthorne Barracks) should be applied for **by 21 Apr 11** using the proforma at Annex B to this letter.

## **LIGHT INFANTRY REGIMENTAL REUNION WEEKEND - FRIDAY 10 AND SATURDAY 11 JUNE 2011**

5. Applying for Tickets and Passes. A summary of the Weekend events is given in the enclosed Association Newsletter. To obtain your own tickets and passes you are asked to use the Officers' version of the proforma which is at Annex B to this letter. Please return your application to the Rifles Office (Shrewsbury) **by 21 Apr 11** at the latest.

6. Officers' Mess. Please note that no Officers' Mess overnight accommodation will be available in Copthorne Barracks or at Nesscliff Training Camp. There will be a Buffet Lunch in the Copthorne Officers' Mess at 12.30 pm on Saturday 11 June and from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm that day tea will be available in the Officers' Mess.

## **BLIGNY CHURCH SERVICE - SATURDAY 11 JUNE 2011**

7. Please note that the traditional Bligny Church Service will take place this year on Saturday 11 June. The provisional programme will be:

0945	-	Transport from Copthorne Barracks.
1015	-	Congregation seated.
1030-1130	-	Bligny Service
1130	-	Return to Copthorne Barracks
1200-1230	-	Pre-lunch drinks in Officers' Mess
1230-1400	-	Lunch in marquee
1430-1600	-	Association Parade and Sounding Retreat.

8. Please apply by **21 Apr 11** using the form at Annex B to this letter.

**DEDICATION OF THE LI MEMORIAL AT THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM (ALREWAS) – SUNDAY 12 JUNE 2011**

9. Please read the instruction at Annex B in the enclosed Association Newsletter.

**THE RIFLES REGATTA – MONDAY 14 – TUESDAY 15 JUNE 2011**

10. Please contact this office if you require further information.

**FREEDOM OF LEOMINSTER, SOUNDING RETREAT AND RECEPTION - SATURDAY 16 JULY 2011**

11. Full details of the day's programme are not yet finalised but will be sent to those completing Annex A. Please apply by **Fri 1 Jul 11**.

*N A de C JONES*

N A de C JONES  
Maj (Retd)  
Regional Secretary

Annexes:

- A. Shropshire and Herefordshire Events Proforma 2011.
- B. Light Infantry Regimental Reunion, Shrewsbury 10-11 June 2011.

Distribution:

All Officers  
RHQ Rifles – Capt II Foster  
Rifles Battalions  
Rifles Offices: Bodmin, Durham, Exeter, Gloucester, London, Oxford, Pontefract, Salisbury and Taunton.  
E(Rifles) Coy 4 MERCIAN

ANNEX A TO  
SH/130  
DATED 18 FEB 11

To: RIFLES OFFICE  
COPTHORNE BARRACKS  
SHREWSBURY  
SY3 8LZ

FROM:  
NAME: .....  
ADDRESS: .....  
.....  
.....  
POSTCODE: .....  
TELEPHONE NO: .....  
E-MAIL: .....

**LI CLUB SHROPSHIRE COUNTY COCKTAIL PARTY AND SOUNDING RETREAT, COPTHORNE BARRACKS - FRIDAY 10 JUNE 2011**

I **will** be attending the Shropshire County Cocktail Party. I **will/will not** be accompanied by my spouse.

I wish to invite ..... guests whose names are:

(1) ..... (2) .....

I require a total of ..... invitations/passes (£18.00 per person) and I enclose a cheque for

£ ..... made payable to: **RIFLES ADMIN A/C (SHREWSBURY)**, and a stamped addressed envelope for my tickets.

**Please reply by Thu 21 Apr 11.**

---

**FREEDOM OF LEOMINSTER; SOUNDING RETREAT AND RECEPTION (LEOMINSTER) SATURDAY 16 JULY 2011**

I **will** be attending the Herefordshire County Cocktail Party. I **will/will not** be accompanied by my spouse.

I wish to invite ..... guests whose names are:

(1) ..... (2) .....

I require a total of ..... invitations/passes (£18.00 per person) and I enclose a cheque

for £ .....

Made payable to: **RIFLES ADMIN A/C (SHREWSBURY)**, and a stamped addressed envelope for my tickets.

**Please reply by Fri 1 Jul 11.**

To: RIFLES OFFICE  
COPTHORNE BARRACKS  
SHREWSBURY  
SY3 8LZ

FROM:  
NAME: .....  
ADDRESS: .....  
.....  
.....  
POSTCODE: .....  
TELEPHONE NO: .....  
E-MAIL: .....

**LIGHT INFANTRY REGIMENTAL REUNION, SHREWSBURY - 11 JUNE 2011 (OFFICERS)**

**NAMES OF REGIMENTAL GUESTS (INCLUDING SPOUSE/PARTNER):** .....

**NAMES OF NON-REGIMENTAL GUESTS:** .....

**CAR MAKE AND REGISTRATION NO:** .....

**NAME OF DRIVER:** .....

**MY REQUIREMENTS ARE:**

TICKET	NO REQD	PRICE EACH	TOTAL COST
Sat 11 Jun – Day Ticket		No Charge	-----
Car Pass for Copthorne Barracks		No Charge	-----
Sat 11 Jun - Bligny Service - Coach from Copthorne Bks to St Chads and return		No Charge	-----
Sat 11 Jun – Church Attendance		No Charge/No ticket issued	-----
<b>MEALS</b>			
Sat 11 Jun – Buffet Lunch (Marquee behind Officers' Mess)		£26.50 EACH	
Sat 11 Jun - Tea in Officers' Mess		£9.00 EACH	
Sat 11 Jun – Reunion Dinner (including wine at the table) (Shrewsbury)		£28.00 EACH	
<b>TOTAL COST</b>			£

I ENCLOSE A CHEQUE FOR £ ..... **MADE PAYABLE TO: "RIFLES ADMIN A/C (SHREWSBURY)"**

**Please return this form WITH A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR YOUR TICKETS to reach this Office NO LATER THAN 21 APRIL 2011.**