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All Members, The Light Infantry Club

## NEWSLETTER

This year I am going to concentrate primarily on one event, **The Light Infantry Memorial Dedication at The National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) near Lichfield in Staffordshire on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June.**

In 2010 I appealed to you to support the Association Weekend. Last year we held a Light Infantry Club Lunch, in the main marquee prior to the Parade and Retreat on the Saturday and 60 people attended. We plan to repeat this as a club lunch this year. Tickets must be applied for individually on the Association Weekend Application Form, which is enclosed; however, if you wish to take the lead in persuading a party of friends to make up a table, please contact Ian Sawers (Tel 0151 7282041).

I hope that if you decide to attend the Association Weekend you will also attend the Light Infantry Memorial Dedication, which is on the following day. However, I fully appreciate that many of you - particularly younger members - lead very busy lives and might only be able to attend the Dedication Service. I trust you will agree that as members of the officer corps of The Light Infantry and/or its antecedent regiments, we should attend in large numbers for the dedication of a memorial, which also incorporates our antecedent regiments, and is in *'proud memory of all those who served in The Light Infantry'*. Therefore, I urge that, if you can only be present at one regimental event in 2011, you give the highest priority to attending on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June to be alongside and supporting our Association Members.

I attach an Outline Programme and wish to alert you to three major points. First, we are planning on up to a 1000 people attending and you will **need to obtain tickets from your nearest County Office**. I advise that you put down a 'marker' for tickets as soon as possible. Second, light refreshments will be provided, prior to the Dedication Service, in a marquee, and thus there will be an **opportunity to meet all ranks** with whom you might have served. Finally, all travelling by car will be **route signed to a separate 'Park & Ride' Car Park established for The Light Infantry at Catton Hall ([www.catton-hall.com](http://www.catton-hall.com))**, which is about 5 minutes from the NMA. I have ascertained that we will be able to have **picnics in the grounds of Catton Park after the Dedication Service** and so I do ask some members to take the lead in persuading friends to join together. The 12<sup>th</sup> June has the potential to be, not only a serious occasion of Dedication, Commemoration and Remembrance, but subsequently, **a great Light Infantry Club Reunion.**

*Mike Regan*

*10<sup>th</sup> February 2011*

# THE LIGHT INFANTRY MEMORIAL DEDICATION SERVICE

12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011

## OUTLINE PROGRAMME

*The NMA near Lichfield, lies close to the heart of England and can be visited on a day trip from every part of the country.*

0930 LI Park & Ride Car Park opens at Catton Hall

Coaches will ferry members continuously to the NMA Site

Security Staff will be on duty

There will be WC facilities on site

0945 LI 'Welcome Point' will be established at the NMA Site

0945 - 1130 Opportunity to Tour NMA Site

1130 - 1230 LI Light Refreshments Marquee Open

1230 -1330 **LI Memorial Dedication Service**

**Conducted by The Reverend Tim Daplyn (A former LI Officer)**

1345 Coaches commence ferrying members back to Park & Ride Car Park at Catton Hall

1400 Opportunity to have Picnic Lunches with friends

*Although there will be a limited amount of reserved car parking for The Light Infantry at the main NMA Car Park, Catton Hall will be the Car Park exclusively established for The Light Infantry and is, therefore, probably going to be the most reliable RV to arrange to meet friends for a picnic after the Dedication Service.*