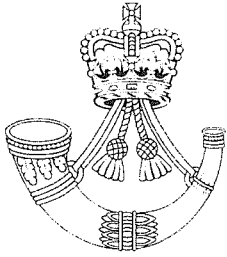


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THE RIFLEMAN'S GATHERING – 22 JULY 2017 ALLIANZ PARK, LONDON

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the formation of our Regiment. Since 2007 over 3000 Riflemen have joined the Regiment and this year is an appropriate time to re-invigorate our Association. The Association has been re-named 'The Rifleman's Association'; it represents all five pillars of the Regiment – the Regular, the Reserve, Cadets, Associations and the Communities from which our Riflemen are recruited, which sustain throughout their service, and to where they return on retirement.

The 10th Anniversary also offers an excuse to have a party! The Rifleman's inaugural Gathering will take place at Allianz Park in London (home of the Saracens Rugby Club) on Salamanca Day - 22 July. Gates will open at 1600 hours – there will be an inter-Battalion football competition, Sounding Retreat by the Massed Bands and Bugles of the Rifles, a live band and plenty of food and drink. The whole Regimental family from across the five pillars including our forming Regiments will be welcome to attend. I would also encourage families to come too. Further details will be published on The Rifles Website (www.therifles.co.uk), but I would ask you to save the date now.

I intend for the Gathering to be an annual event on the Saturday closest to Salamanca Day and, on the success of this year's Gathering, that all Riflemen will earmark future Gatherings.

Tim Radford

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