



## **Gurkha Brigade Association Membership of The Oriental Club**

Many of you will know that negotiations for special membership arrangements with the prestigious Oriental Club have been underway since last year. These are now complete.

The Oriental Club have offered membership to the four pillars of The Brigade of Gurkhas – The Gurkha Brigade Association (which incorporates both retired and serving personnel), the staff and trustees of the Gurkha Welfare Trust and the Gurkha Museum. Members of British Gurkhas Nepal are also included. The Oriental Club will:

Waive the Entrance Fee of £1,500.

Apply the current Associate Membership fee of £250 per annum (normal fees vary widely but average about £600 per annum)

For those joining in 2016, no renewal will be raised until 2018 – effectively a free year.

Grant Honorary Membership of the Club to the two Officers holding the posts of Queen's Gurkha Orderley Officer for their full tour.

The Oriental Club is a vibrant organisation boasting an eclectic range of members, many with close ties to the Far East, and it has reciprocal arrangements with a growing number of similar clubs worldwide. It provides an excellent location for Regimental functions and conferences, as well as a convivial meeting place in the heart of London - located just off Oxford Street and within 100 yards of Bond Street tube Station. I urge you to visit their website at [www.orientalclub.org.uk](http://www.orientalclub.org.uk) and read the attached information sheet.

The Club have offered to host a Welcome Evening on Tuesday, 22 March, from 1900 to 2100 hrs, for everyone eligible for membership. This will also incorporate the regular 'Gurkhas in the City' event. Please do come along and see and hear what this club has to offer, and please book-in with their Events Team by no later than 1000hrs 21 March on [events@orientalclub.org.uk](mailto:events@orientalclub.org.uk) - simply so that the Club knows for how many to cater.

Should you wish to apply for membership now, download the membership application form from the Club website and enter either "GBA", "GWT", "Gurkha Museum" or "BGN" as appropriate in box 7 of the application form. You will not need to nominate a Proposer or Secunder, as all applications will be vetted by the Brigade Secretary. You will also be asked to meet the Election Committee of the Oriental Club.

I look forward to seeing you on 22 March at The Oriental Club!

John Anderson