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GBA CHURCH CROOKHAM GURKHA STATUE UNVEILLING CEREMONY 10 JULY 2016 - INSTRUCTION

1. **General.** The Church Crookham Parish Council (CCPC) has commissioned a bronze statue of a Gurkha Soldier to be placed in the Gurkha Memorial Orchard at Crookham Park. Following a period of public consultation, Mrs Jemma Pearson (www.jemmapearson.com) was selected from a short list of three sculptors to complete the project. The CCPC has organised the unveiling ceremony at Crookham Park for Sunday 10 July 2016, and has invited the Gurkha Brigade Association to participate.

2. **Aim.** The aim of this instruction is to confirm the HQBG and GBA participation at the Unveiling Ceremony of the Gurkha Statue on Sunday 10 July 2016 at 1030 for 1100, ending by 1300.

3. **Location.** Church Crookham Community Centre, Naishes Lane, Church Crookham, Fleet GU52 8AQ. See Enclosure 1 for directions and site map. Entrance is via Wakefords Park, not the original entrance off Sandy Lane.

4. Concept.

a. **Coordination.** The CCPC will coordinate the event programme. HQBG will coordinate the serving Brigade and GBA attendance.

b. **Arrival.** Guests to arrive at Church Crookham Community Hall (CCCH), via Wakefords Park entrance. The Gurkha Statue is 5 minutes walk from the CCCH.

c. Opening addresses:

(1) The Council Chairman will welcome everyone to the unveiling.

(2) Lieutenant General Sir Peter Duffell KCB CBE MC will say a few words on the Gurkha presence in Queen Elizabeth Barracks (QEB) followed by a speaker from the local community.

d. **The Unveiling.** Capt Rambahadur Limbu VC MVO is to unveil the Gurkha Statue.

e. **Act of Remembrance & Laying of Wreaths.** The Col Brigade of Gurkhas will lead the Act of Remembrance:

- (1) Turner's Tribute to a Gurkha.
- (2) Act of Remembrance. Last Post – one minute silence – Reveille
- (3) Laying of Wreaths by the Chairman, General Sir Peter Duffell & Col BG.

f. **Conclusion & Refreshments.** The council will provide Gurkha snacks for the Band Brigade of Gurkhas and military guests. Tea and coffee will also be provided.

5. Tasks.

a. **HQBG.** HQBG is to provide the following support:

- (1) Col BG. Col BG will lead the Act of Remembrance.
- (2) Bde Sec. Coordinate attendance from the serving Brigade, GBA & VIPs.
- (3) XO HQBG. Coordinate the Band Attendance.
- (4) QGOOs. To attend in No1 Dress.

b. **Massed Pipes & Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas.** The massed Pipes and Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas will provide music during the event.

c. **Gurkha Units.** Gurkha units wishing to attend are asked to confirm numbers their numbers attending to the Bde Sec by Fri 24 Jun 16.

d. **Regimental Associations.** Regimental Associations are asked to publicise this event to their membership. Members attending are asked to inform Mrs Elizabeth O'Neil of their attendance by Fri 1 Jul 2016.

6. Coordinating Instruction

a. **Outline timings.**

- (1) 24 Jun 16. Units to confirm numbers attending to Bde Sec.
- (2) 25 Jun 16. Gurkha Statue placed in position.
- (3) 30 Jun 16. Bde Sec site recce at 1400 hrs.
- (4) 1 Jul 16. RA final date for attendance to Mrs O'Neill.
- (5) 4 Jul 16. Bde Sec to confirm numbers to CCPC.
- (6) 10 Jul 16. Unveiling Ceremony.

b. **Sequence of Events.** See Enclosure 2.

c. **Programme.** A programme of the Unveiling of the Gurkha Statue will be available on the day.

d. **VIPs.** The following military VIPs have been invited:

- (1) Captain Rambahadur Limbu VC MVO, escorted by Captain Bhaktabahadur Limbu to unveil the Gurkha Statue.

(2) Field Marshal Sir John Chapple GCB CBE KStJ DL. Will make an informal visit at 1100 hrs.

(3) Lieutenant General Sir Peter Duffell KCB CBE MC.

(4) Colonel J Robinson. Col BG will lead the Act of Remembrance

7. Administration.

a. **Attendance Booking Form.** See Annex A. In order to determine the numbers expected, units and GBA members are asked to inform the Bde Sec and Mrs Elizabeth O'Neil by 24 Jun and 1 Jul 16 respectively.

b. **Dress.**

(1) **Uniform.** No 1 Dress will be worn by Col BG, QGOOs & Band.

(2) **Civil Dress.** Civil dress (Suits, Regimental Mufti or smart casula) to be worn by the remainder (Brigade Units and GBA).

(3) **Medals & Decorations.** Full size medals/decorations may be worn.

c. **Transport.** Under unit/individual arrangements.

d. **Access to the Gurkha Statue.** See Enclosure 1. To access the Gurkha Statue you access the old barracks via Wakefords Park entrance and not from the traditional Sandy Lane entrance into QEB.

e. **Car Parking.** There is car parking for 60 vehicles available at the Church Crookham Community Hall.

f. **Refreshments.**

(1) **Gurkha Snacks.** The CCDC have order Gurkha snacks from a local Gurkha Restaurant for uniformed military personal, VIPs and CCDC Guests

(2) **Tea, Coffee and Biscuits.** Tea coffee and biscuits will be available from the community Centre.

g. **Equipment.** Bde Sec to bring the following:

(1) RGR flag to cover the Gurkha Statue. (Bde tape and vecro for fixing).



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Major (Retd)
Bde Sec






Annexures:

A. Attendance Booking Form.


Enclosures:

1. CCPC Site Map
2. Sequence of Events

Distribution:

HQBG – for Internal Distr 
All Gurkha Major Units 
All Gurkha Minor Units 
All BGA Hon Secs 
Gurkha Museum 

Information:

President GBA 
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