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GURKHA BRIGADE ASSOCIATION EVENTS 2022 – WARNING ORDER

BACKGROUND

1. The Gurkha Brigade Association (GBA) organises a number of events during the year at which Regimental Associations (RA) are asked to contribute towards/participate in. Attendance at the Bhela requires no prior booking, but the remainder require RA members to “book in” if they wish to attend the events.
2. At this time of year, Editors of RA Journals will be preparing their final draft before going to the printers. I would be grateful if the information below could be included in your respective Journals so that your members are aware of when events are taking place.

AIM

3. The aim of this letter is to give the dates and outline timings in order to allow RA members to register their interest in attending events.

EVENTS

4. 14 Mar 22: COMMONWEALTH MEMORIAL GATE SERVICE

- a. **Location:** Commonwealth Memorial Gate, Constitution Hill, London SW1A 1AA
- b. **Timings:** 1000 – 1230 hrs including tea/coffee and snacks.
- c. **Attendance:** Col BG, Chairman GBA and the two QGOO will be attending; others are to inform Bde Sec by 4 Mar 22.
- d. **Admin:** RAs who wish to lay wreaths are to inform the Bde Sec by 21 Feb 22.

5. 4 Jun 22: GBA MEMORIAL SERVICE AND LUNCHEON

- a. **Location:** The Royal Memorial Chapel and Old College, RMAS, GU15 4NP.
- b. **Timings:** 1000 – 1500 hrs including service, pre-lunch drinks and luncheon.
- c. **Booking:** RAs are to confirm attendance by 20 May 22.
- d. **Admin:** Cost £35.

6. 14 Jun 22. FALKLAND ISLAND 40TH ANNIVERSARY.

- a. **Location:** The National Memorial Arboretum (NMA), Staffordshire, DE13 7AR
- b. **Timings:** The NMA will be open from 0900 – 1500 hrs
- c. **Booking:** RAs are to submit names and email addresses to Bde Sec by 31 Mar 22.
- d. **Admin:** No entry without tickets (Free)

7. 9 Jul 22: GBA BHELA

- a. **Location:** Queens Avenue, Aldershot, GU11 2LE.
- b. **Timings:** 1000 – 1800 hrs.
- c. **Booking:** No booking required.
- d. **Admin:** Bookings for individual RA marquee are to be submitted by 20 May 2022.

8. 15 Sep 22: GBA GOLF

- a. **Location:** Weybrook Park Golf Club, Basingstoke, RG24 9NT
- b. **Timings:** 0900 – 1800 hrs.
- c. **Booking:** RAs to book in teams with SO2 Plans HQBG. Email: dammarbahadur.shahi826@mod.gov.uk
- d. **Admin:** SO2 Plans will issue separate instructions.

9. 10 Nov 22: FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE SERVICE (FOR), GURKHA STATUE SERVICE (GSS) AND AGM

- a. **Locations:**
 - (1) FoR - Dean's Yard, Westminster Cathedral, SP1P 3PA
 - (2) GSS - Horse Guards Ave, London SW1A.
 - (3) AGM - Army & Navy Club, 36-39 Pall Mall, SW1Y 5JN.
- b. **Timings:**
 - (1) FoR: 1000 – 1100 hrs.
 - (2) GSS: 1130 – 1200 hrs
 - (3) AGM: 1300 – 1500 hrs.
- c. **Booking:**
 - (1) FoR: RAs to book members in with Bde Sec – details to follow.
 - (2) GSS: No booking required.
 - (3) AGM: This is for RA Hon Sec, GWT and Gurkha Museum reps only.
- d. **Admin:** Entrance to FoR will not be permitted without a ticket.

10. 10 Nov 22: GBA DINNER.

- a. **Locations:** Army & Navy Club, 36-39 Pall Mall, SW1Y 5JN.
- b. **Timings:** 1745 – 2300 hrs, including "4 Pillar" updates.
- c. **Booking:** RA Hon Sec to submit bids to Bde Sec.
- d. **Admin:**
 - (1) Cost £65
 - (2) Dress Black Tie with miniatures.
 - (3) Seating, where possible, will be by Regiments.

11. 12 Nov 22: GURKHA CHAUTARA MEMORIAL SERVICE.

- a. **Locations:** Gurkha Chautara, NMA Croxall Road, Staffordshire, DE13 7AR
- b. **Timings:** 1000 – 1300 hrs.
- c. **Booking:** RA Hon Sec to submit bids to Bde Sec by 28 Oct 22.
- d. **Admin:**
 - (1) Parking charges will apply.
 - (2) Light refreshments will be provided.

12. **13 Nov 22: CENOTAPH PARADE**

- a. **Locations:** Cenotaph, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2ET
- b. **Timings:** 0900 – 1300 hrs.
- c. **Booking:** Bookings and ticketing will be done electronically.
 - (1) **Early Jun 22:** Link to RBL Registration Portal will be sent to RAs.
 - (2) **Late Jun 22** – Application deadline.
 - (3) **Aug 22** – Application will re-open for additional participants. *This will only occur if all 10,000 tickets have not been allocated from the previous stage.*
 - (4) **Oct 22:** Tickets/Joining Instructions will be issued electronically to individuals.
- d. **Admin:** Lunch will be provided after the Cenotaph Ceremony at St Andrews Club, 12 Old Pye St, London SW1P 2DG

CONCLUSION

13. Hon Secs are requested to give the above dates/details wide publicity in order to ensure maximum participation at all the events.



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Action:

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