



## BACK BADGE REUNION - CALLING NOTICE SATURDAY 22nd MARCH 2025

1. **Introduction.** The past year has been all about the building, launching and unveiling of the Gloucestershire Regimental Memorial. It would only seem fitting that this year's Back Badge reunion theme should celebrate this magnificent work of art standing proudly at the NMA.
2. **The Reunion will be held in the WOs & Sgts Mess Imjin Barracks Innsworth Gloucester GL13 1HW on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025. Anyone who wore the Back Badge and their guests are most welcome to attend.**

**Please Note:** To gain access to the barracks it is planned to have a block booking for speedy entrance. It is therefore requested to add the details of your vehicle.

2. **Background.** Some key points for the day include:

- **Church Service at St Mary de Lode.** The service will be conducted by Canon Nikki Arthy who will be accompanied by ex-members of the Glosters band and Standard Bearers. All are welcome to attend and please be seated by 11.15am, the service will commence at 11.30.
- **March through Gloucester.** Form up under parade marshal outside the West door on Archdeacon Street and proceed up Westgate Street. A salute will be taken on the steps of the Shire Hall. The march continues up to the cross wheeling right into Southgate Street and right into Longsmith Street where the participants will fall out.
- **Transport.** Mr Andy Casey has kindly donated his minibus ably driven by his wife Shirley also a car for those of you who are disabled, to transport people from Archdeacon Street and Longsmith Street to Imjin Barracks. There will be a slight delay between the two, so marching Veterans requiring a lift (please annotate the proforma). Please be patient.
- **Gathering.** The Mess caterers are arranging a three-course luncheon at a cost of £25.00 per head, same price as 2022/23&24 this includes tea//coffee on arrival in the bar assembly point (drinks can be purchased at the bar). A bottle of red and a bottle of white wine will be on each table, the lounge bar will remain open after lunch for those wishing to partake, a finger buffet will also be provided,
- **Widows.** The committee wish to encourage our regimental widows to come and join us. Please try to bring one along with you, they are still part of our Regimental family
- **Standard Bearers.** There will be a brief rehearsal at 10.45 in the church
- **Numbers.** Due to last year's successful event, there is a lot of interest shown. So please get your seat booked early

This year tickets will be issued on receipt of payment electronically.

*Yours sincerely*

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**Please pay by electronic transfer to: The Gloucestershire Regimental association**

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**PLEASE E-MAIL THIS PROFORMA BY 16<sup>t</sup> MARCH 2025.**

**Your Name:**

**Name of Guests:**

**E-Mail:**

**Telephone:**

**Car Registration & Description:**

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**All are encouraged to attend the Church Service beginning at 1130 am and then participate in the march through Gloucester.**

Will you attend the Church Service? Yes/No

Will you be marching? Yes/No

Do you need transport and if so, how many seats are required to Imjin Barracks:

Do you have any special dietary needs? If so, please make this clear and we shall do our best to meet your requirement.

I look forward to seeing you all there.