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London and South East Branch

Retired Members Section

**A glimpse at Britain's military history – Sandhurst and the Royal Logistics Corps Museum
on Tuesday 18 October 2011**

This visit has been organised by Roger and Dianne Woodham.



The day consists of a morning and an afternoon visit, with lunch at the first venue.



Our morning visit will start with refreshments in the Old College Conference Room of the iconic Old College building in front of which the Sovereign's Parade happens each year.



We will then be given a tour lasting 1.5 hours, to include a historical perspective, the famous India Room, the other formal rooms, and the Sandhurst Memorial Chapel, in which many military conflicts are remembered. Our guide, Peter Miller, would be pleased to know in advance of any family or ancestral connections with the army, so that he can point out things of particular relevance (in the chapel, for example).

House Rules

- All guests (both mil and civ) **must** enter through Staff College Gate only. Signs will direct the cars from Staff College Gate to Le Marchant Square where it is a short walk to the Grand Entrance of Old College.
- All guests must bring photographic ID to gain entrance – passport, driving licence etc. The name on this document must match that given on the nominal roll. Anyone not possessing photographic ID must have their Mother's Maiden name put on the Nominal Roll to act as a password.
- Each guest will be given an Unescorted Restricted Pass that they must keep with them at all times and remain within those pass locations.
- Please note that this is a military establishment and as such subject to some last minute changes – we will of course endeavour to prevent any disruption to your event.
- Ensure that you park your vehicle in the designated parking area for your event.
- The maximum speed limit within the Academy is 20mph and in place this reduces to 5 mph, if you speed you may be asked to leave the grounds.
- Chapel Square parking is for residents **only** you may drop off and pick up but strictly **no** parking.
- Please note that the Academy has limited 'Disability Access'. Wheelchairs can only gain access to Old College from the rear of the building. Time needs to be allocated for wheelchairs to get into and out of the building. There is one 'Disabled' toilet in Old College and none at the Lakeside.
- Please note that the Academy Buildings are all Non-Smoking – no smoking is permitted on the Grand Entrance Steps or Parade Square – smoking is behind Old College in designated areas.

Where and when to meet

We will meet in Old College Conference Room for refreshments from 10:30. The tour will start at 11:00.

After lunch in the Old College Conference Room, we meet up again at the Royal Logistics Corps Museum, Princess Royal Barracks, Deepcut, Camberley GU16 6RW. The museum is well signed off the B3015, and is only a little way along Blackdown Road. From the RMA, you go along the A30 towards London, and turn right at the American Golf roundabout (signposted Deepcut) just past the fire station: carry on for exactly three miles, over three roundabouts, until the prominent RLCM sign is seen.

Getting there

By car

The official name is the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and the extensive grounds are entered through the Staff College Gate immediately off the A30 London Road in central Camberley. The landmark is a white colonnaded building standing a little back from the A30, on the right coming from the London direction. The official postcode takes you to a back entrance, but if you use GU15 3EY, and select number 227 London Road, on a satnav you will find it.

Once at the RMA entrance, your name will be checked against the list of participants (which we have to submit in advance) and your photo ID and you will be directed to Le Marchant Square (at the left of Old College, shown at the top), from which it is a short walk to the Grand Entrance of Old College. There will be IOP/REMS signposting.

In the afternoon, the RLCM car park is accessible without checks.

By train

Trains from Waterloo to Camberley are half-hourly but require a change at Ascot (from the Reading train). We can arrange a few lifts to the RMA from Camberley Station and onto the RLCM.

Lunch arrangements

Lunch will be taken in the Old College Conference Room dating from the early nineteenth century, pictured below.



On the booking form, please select a Main dish and a Dessert using the codes, or alternatively enter 'not required'. You may bring a packed lunch if you wish and consume in the Old College Conference Room, where drinks will be available.

code	Main dish
M1	Cajun Chicken
M2	Beef Stroganoff
M3	Mushroom & Vegetable Stroganoff

All main dishes are served with: Pilau Rice, Garlic Bread, and Side Salad.

code	Dessert
D1	Chocolate Torte with Mixed Berries and White Chocolate Sauce
D2	Passion Fruit Charlotte
D3	Apple & Blackberry Muesli Torte

Maximum and minimum, size of party: 26

Cost: £39.50 with lunch or £17.50 without lunch. Members will be allowed to bring a packed lunch if they wish.

Timetable

Time	Details
10:30	Assemble in Old College Conference Room and take refreshments
11:00	Tour of RMA
12:30	Lunch in Old College Conference Room
13.30	Make way to Royal Logistics Corps Museum
14:00	Assemble at Royal Logistics Corps Museum
14:15	Talk by Andy Robertshaw: The Long Bow to the SLR, 1415 to 1982, followed by an opportunity to handle weapons and look round the museum..
15:45	Afternoon tea
16:00	Museum officially closes but they will give us some leeway

Contacts before the day

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Late arrivals – who to contact

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Maps

The entrance to the Royal Military Academy is shown by the 'A' icon on the map below. The landmark is a white colonnaded building standing a little back from the A30, on the right coming from the London direction.



