

# The Northern Mick

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## Annual Dinner—2007

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The Annual Dinner was held at the Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool on 19th May and over 120 diners enjoyed a great evening. The guests included The Colonel of the Regiment, The Duke of Abercorn, The Regimental Lieutenant Colonel, Major General Sebastian Roberts, The Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, Dame Lorna & Ronald Murihead and the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Councillor Joan Lang, with her consort, Son Graham Seddon. Canon Anthony & Rosemary Hawley, together with Father John Thompson were also in attendance. Major General Roberts gave a his customary rousing speech on the Regiment, who are now serving in Iraq. This year saw some new faces attending the dinner, amongst them Drummer Luther-Davis who brought along Fergal, the Regimental Mascot, who attracted his usual high level of fans.

and below Fergal and guests, including Maj Kelly, Ken Owen, Maj Gen Roberts, Duke of Abercorn, Canon Hawley, Ronald Muirhead, Lt Col Bullock-Webster, Capt McElin. Front: Arthur & Charlotte French, Lord Mayor Joan Lang, Consort Graham Seddon, Dmr Luther Davis, Lord Lt Dame Lorna Muirhead, Rosemary Hawley, Doreen Hyland and Fergal in front.



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The Irish Guards Singers have organized a series of church service for the safe return of the Irish Guards from Iraq. The service will be held on the following dates and places:

Saturday 14th July—7pm at St Francis De Sales RC Church.

Sunday 19th August—9:30pm at St Nicholas CE Church Pier

Head. There is an invitation to attend HMS Eaglet afterwards.

Sunday 1st September at 10am at St Oswalds CE Church, Netherton.

Saturday 6th October at 6pm. St Aloysius Church, Huyton.

Saturday 17th November at 7pm at St Francis De Sales RC Church.

Sunday 2nd December at 10am at

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, in the crypt.

Sunday 20th January at 10:30 am at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, in the Lady Chapel.

The Singers will perform at all these services. All are welcome to show support to the Regiment whilst they are in Iraq.

## Canon Anthony Hawley Trophy



“Canon Anthony Hawley Trophy” and is a thank you to Canon Hawley for his continued support and assistance to the Branch. Canon Hawley assists at the Fallen Comrades Service held in St Francis De Sales RC Church every year and this year on hearing that we wished to celebrate St Patrick’s Day offered his and the Anglican Cathedrals services, inviting Father John Thompson to assist in conducting the Service.

The branch has recently presented a trophy to Huyton with Roby C of E Primary School. The trophy is named the

The trophy was present to Canon Hawley by Knowsley’s Deputy Mayor, Councillor Michael Foulkes and the Irish Guards Recruiting Team, with Fergal were in attendance and Branch members.

The Trophy will be presented to the “The Best All Round Pupil” at the end of every year, whereupon the Branch will give the winning pupil a book voucher. RHQ provided signed copies of the “First Hundred years” book to be presented to Canon Hawley, Father John Thompson and both St Francis De Sales and Huyton with Roby schools.

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## ELVIS HAS ENTERED THE BUILDING AND JOINED THE IRISH GUARDS SINGERS.

## Local News

On 2nd April, two units of the Lancashire Cadet Force were badged as Irish Guards. The parade took place at Fulwood Barracks and was the outcome of two years hard work by Lt Col David Stewart, of Lancashire Cadets. Captain Nick Ferrier took the parade and presented the cadets with their new berets and badges and welcomed them to the Irish

Guards. Dmr Colin Luther-Davis attended with Fergal. Colin & Fergal seem to appear in the Echo as often as Rafa nowadays.

Sergeant Paul Patterson has taken over from Sergeant John Parkinson, as the Recruiting Sergeant in Derby Square, Liverpool and Sergeant Paul Conlon, continues to serve in the

St Helen’s Recruiting Office, there is no truth in the rumour that Paul is a “woolly back”, JC’s being vicious.

Monthly meetings are commencing at The Adelphi on the 3rd Wednesday. The committee will be there every other Month, from 18:30 hours. July 18th being their next meeting. All are welcome to attend.

## Irish Guards Golf Society

The Irish Guards Golf Society will be holding their annual golf meeting on Friday 31st August 2007 at the Army Golf Club, Catterick. The cost for the event is £40 for members and £50 for guests, this will include coffee and bacon roll on arrival, 27 holes of golf, lunch and a three course din-

ner with wine and the prize giving. You must be a member of the Irish Guards Golf Society to enter, membership is £10 initially and £5 annual thereafter. Accommodation will be provided in Paive Lines, Catterick and is available from Thursday pm, meals are on a pay as you dine, with

Lizzies Bar nearby

Please contact Trevor Gregg on 01483 833818 or email [trevorgregg@hotmail.com](mailto:trevorgregg@hotmail.com)

Returns to Trevor by 21st August, book early these events sell out well in advance. Email for returns if not on the mailing list.

## Your Committee

The Branch can be contacted through the Secretary,

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shifts.

The Committee consists of:-

Chairman—Arthur French

Vice Chairman—Major RAD Kelly MBE

Secretary—Ken Owen

Treasurer — John Roche

Welfare—Eric Roberts

PR—Ron Scott

Standard Bearer—Joe Worth

Serving member—Sergeant Paul Patterson

Membership—Peter Lee

Gerry O'Neill

The committee meet alternative months on the 3rd Wednesday at the Britannia Adelphi Hotel. At 18:00 hours, the next meeting being

## Regimental News—Op Telic—The CO'S Report

1IG's main role in Iraq is to develop the Iraqi Army through monitoring, mentoring and training and in doing so are in the Brigade Commander's Main Effort. We currently have a number of detachments. No 1 Company Group, consisting of 2 Platoons and 2 Troops of Warrior (WR) are working with 4 Rifles in Basra Palace. On their first patrol from the Palace one of the Warriors was struck by IED. The Warrior armour did the trick and apart from ringing in the ears there were no Mick casualties. Subsequently, a WR while driving at night turned over into a canal. Sadly despite the heroic efforts of those following, the driver LCpl Cartwright RTR was drowned. Those in the back of the vehicle were rescued. More recently in an attack on 4 Rifles, when three soldiers were killed and one seriously wounded, a Mick WR was also hit. Lt N Solly and LCpl Lomas were wounded (not

listed). They will be casevaced to Birmingham shortly. No 2 Company is in Baghdad providing the protection force for the Senior British Military Representative in Iraq and Deputy Commanding General of the Multi National Force. No 4 Company is running Iraqi Divisional Training Centre where we train the Iraqi Army companies to a number of levels. We are currently training rifle companies through one or two week basic packages. It is amazing to see how well the Micks are taking to working with the Iraqi jundi (soldiers) and the way even down at Guardsman level they have taken on the responsibility of teaching lessons and overcome the difficulties of working through interpreters—I have been most impressed.

The routine of MS and report writing continues. Recently the results of the LSgt—Sgt board were published and no

fewer than 14 Micks were selected for promotion, the highest in the Division. It does not surprise me that we did well; we are blessed with some very able non commissioned and warrant officers all of whom are rising to the myriad challenges facing them here on operations.

Morale remains high in the Battle Group. There is a feeling that we can influence and make a real difference, in the short time that we are here, developing the Iraqi Army. We are lucky to be apart of it.

Lastly I would like to pass on my thanks and the thanks of the rest of the Battle Group to the overwhelming support we have received from the Regiment, families and friends back home, it is very special and very comforting to know we have such loyal backing. Should anyone wish to be in touch with the front line the most effective way is through the e-bluey system which can be found at [www.bfpo.mod.uk](http://www.bfpo.mod.uk) Our address is: 1 IG BG, Alexander Lines, COB Op Telic 10, BFPO 641

Quis Separabit



