

THE WAGGON CLUB

(Formed 1971)

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Dear Member

5 October 2020

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT THE CAVALRY & GUARDS CLUB, LONDON - SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER 2020

2020 has been a dreadful year in so many ways, and for clubs and organisations such as our it has meant scheduling, cancelling, re-scheduling, and so far to no effect, except that we did manage a successful virtual AGM. We are now approaching our last planned event of the year, our ever popular annual Christmas Luncheon at the Cavalry & Guards Club, due to take place on **Saturday 5th December**. Because of the Covid-19 situation your committee and myself have given this function a great deal of attention and have consulted a number of relevant bodies, not least the Cavalry & Guards Club. Contact with quite a few members has indicated that they would like to have something to look forward to and have the opportunity to meet up with old friends even within the latest "Rule of Six" restrictions. However, because the situation is changing so rapidly it is difficult to say definitely that we go ahead, which is what I would prefer to do, but I feel strongly that our members should be given the opportunity to say whether they also wish to or not.

In order to assist us the Cavalry & Guards Club have agreed exceptionally to accept a cancellation without penalty of one week notice, i.e. by **27 November**. Therefore, I propose that we go ahead as if it were a normal situation and ask you to submit your bids accordingly. If we do not receive sufficient numbers to make it worthwhile and enjoyable by the **20th November**, then we will cancel and quickly notify members. No cheques will be banked until after a decision has been made

Within the restrictions as they apply at present, extensive discussions have taken place with the C&G to ensure that we could safely enjoy the occasion, and the result is that the Coffee Room (overlooking Green Park and the Bomber Command memorial) has been risk assessed for 72 persons in 12 tables of 6 on a socially distanced basis. Pre-lunch drinks will be served in a suitable adjoining room laid out in a similar fashion but with smaller "poseur" tables. Each lunch table will have a named "host" and each guest will have provided an e-mail or 'phone contact detail to comply with track and trace requirements. Intermingling of individuals or groups will not be permissible.

Your Committee has once more decided to underwrite some of the costs and again maintain the charge at £65.00 per member and wife/partner, and £70.00 per guest, which really does represent marvellous value in such a prestigious central London location. The details are as follows:

Venue The Cavalry & Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, London. W1J 7PX tel. 0207 659 0905

Date **Saturday 5th December 2020**

Reception **12.15** in The Ante Room for Lunch at **12.45** in The Coffee Room

Menu A traditional three course Christmas turkey meal with usual trimmings
(a vegetarian alternative is available if ordered in advance)

Wines Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. New Zealand & Soldiers Block. Shiraz. Australia

Our Christmas Luncheon has always been a most enjoyable festive season social gathering, which could still be so even in these difficult times. The Cavalry & Guards Club is in an excellent location and I do hope that we can indeed go ahead. It would be a pleasure to meet up once again before we all forget what our friends look like.

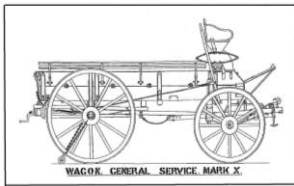
Please complete the associated booking form as soon as possible by **20th November** at the absolute latest, and send to Lt Col Bob Pow, together with your remittance.

Yours ever

Len Clifford

Lt Col L Clifford TD
Chairman

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To be returned by **20 November 2020** at the **very latest** to:

Lt Col R A Pow TD, **6** Croft Close, TONBRIDGE, Kent, TN10 4LA
Tel. 01732 364110: e-mail robertpow@blueyonder.co.uk

(It would be helpful if you could print all names)

From:

Tel:

(Mandatory if no e-mail)

Address:

e-mail:

(Mandatory)

Please reserve _____ places for me at the Christmas Luncheon.

I enclose cheque for £_____ (made payable to the Waggon Club) at £65.00 per member and per wife/partner and £70.00 per guest.

Guest name and decorations (if applicable)

Tel No or Email Address of guest(s) –

(Mandatory if guest(s) present)

Seating will probably be round tables of six. Please indicate any seating preferences. No visiting other tables whatsoever – **stay with your own group of SIX at all times.**

Any special dietary requirements

Signed..... Date.....

