



THE WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION

Founded by John Giles. Inaugurated 11th November 1980.

Patron: Sir Hew Strachan FRSE FRHistS
President: Professor Peter Simkins MBE FRHistS

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Notification of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the thirty seventh Annual General Meeting of The Western Front Association will be held at **2.45pm on Saturday 21st April 2018** at the offices of Norton Rose Fulbright, 3 More London, Riverside, London SE1 2AQ

Mr Steve Oram, Honorary Secretary
21st January 2018

AGENDA

Apologies for absence

To receive brief remarks from the President

To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 6.5.17

To receive the report of the Committee from the Chairman

To approve the audited accounts for the financial year ended 31.10.17

To reappoint Martin & Co as auditors

Election of Trustees

Trustees' recommendation that future Vice Presidents be elected for a fixed three year term

Trustees' recommendation to elect Jack Sheldon as a Vice President ^

Any other business

^ Educated at Inverness Royal Academy, the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and the Universities of Lancaster and Westminster, Jack Sheldon completed a thirty-five year career as a member of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment.

In 1982 he graduated from the German General Staff course at the Führungsakademie, Hamburg and went on to fill international staff appointments and to command an infantry training battalion. His final post before retirement in 2003 was as Military Attaché Berlin.

He now lives in France and has rapidly established himself as an expert in German First World War history. He was an honorary researcher for the Thiepval Visitor Centre Project, is a member of the British Commission for Military History and is the author of the highly acclaimed *The German Army on the Somme 1914 – 1916*, *The German Army at Passchendaele* and a number of Battleground Europe titles.

Jack is a regular contributor to both WFA magazines and guides the 2 WFA Chairman's tours each year.

PLEASE NOTE: we request that items for 'Any Other Business' (to be raised by WFA members only) are notified in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least seven days beforehand to guarantee an answer at the AGM. Items later than this or written in the Attendance Book at the registration desk at Norton Rose Fulbright may not be answered on the day but instead the response will be published in the subsequent issue of the Bulletin.

Programme for the Day

From 9.30am	tea, coffee & biscuits**
10.15am	Welcome by the President
10.20am	lecture, George V in the Great War by Alex Churchill
11.20am	lecture, Veteran Contributions to the Shaping of the Imperial War Museum by Catherine Long
12.20pm	Buffet Lunch <i>for those having pre-paid within the 7th April 2018 deadline.</i>
1.20pm	lecture, The Zeebrugge Raid-St George's Day 1918 by Clive Harris
2.20pm	teas/coffees**
2.45pm	AGM
4.30pm	finish of proceedings

After the AGM conclusion there will be a drinks reception kindly arranged by Rich Hughes

****tea, coffee & biscuits ONLY for those notifying attendance to Secretary no later than 7th April 2018 (it costs the WFA and we do not wish to waste members' money by over-ordering)**

WFA Trustees 2018/19

Other than those below, no nominations were received by the 20th January 2018 deadline and, in accordance with paragraph 7(n) of the Constitution; the following named members will be deemed elected:

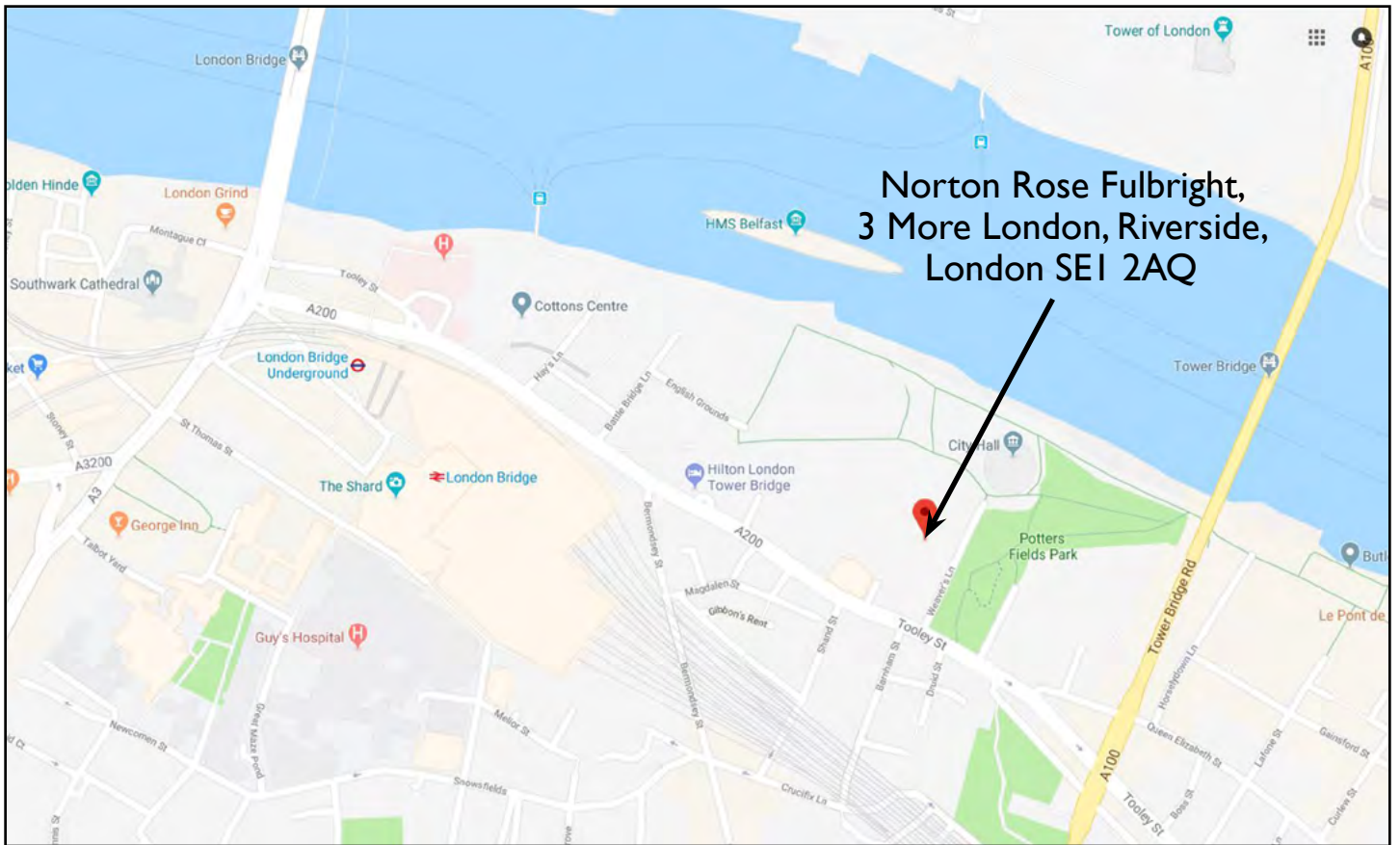
Chairman	Colin Wagstaff
Vice Chairman & Development	David Tattersfield
Hon Secretary	Steve Oram
Hon Treasurer	Richard Lloyd
Branch Co-ordinator	Garry Trown
Education Trustee	Martyn Hale
Universities Officer	Dr Phylomena Badsey
European Officer	Andrew Tonge
Legal Officer	Richard Hughes
Press & Publicity Officer	Tom Thorpe
Outside Events Officer	Jane Backhouse
Branded Goods Officer	Mark Macartney

In accordance with paragraph 8 (b) of the Constitution, the Trustees have asked the following members to serve in the positions indicated and they have consented so to do:

Bulletin Editor	Ralph Lomas
Review Editor— <i>Stand To!</i>	David Filsell
Stand To! Editor	Jon Cooksey
Digital Editor	Jonathan Vernon
Overseas Links Development	Kathy Stevenson
Social Media Co-ordinator	Lyndsay Knight
Website: www.westernfrontassociation.com	

The WFA Administrator is Sarah Gunn, The Western Front Association, BM Box 1914, London WC1N 3XX, Tel: 020 7118 1914; email office@westernfrontassociation.com

The Association expresses grateful thanks to Matt Lucas for his valuable contribution over many years and also to Dan Hill.



Norton Rose Fulbright,
3 More London, Riverside,
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Sat 21st April 2018 AGM ATTENDANCE & LUNCH

Yes I/We would like lunch and enclose cheque (payable to the Western Front Association) for the subsidised price of £15.00 each. (please also provide address to send receipt-SAE welcomed)

Nos

No I/We would not like lunch but will attend AGM.** **please confirm if you are attending (for our pre and post lunch refreshments ordering purposes)

Names of all attendees and membership numbers where appropriate.

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No I/We are not attending AGM and prefer to vote by proxy.

Please apply for your lunch ticket no later than Saturday, 7th April 2018 so arrangements can be finalised. After this date no lunch applications can be accepted.

And send it to Steve Oram,
Hon Secretary, The Western Front
Association, Spindleberry, Marlow Road,
Bourne End, Bucks SL8 5NL.

- **Even if you do not want lunch, but wish to attend, please let Steve Oram know by indicating above.**
- **For administrative reasons we need to know the names of all attendees**
- If you do not intend coming and prefer to vote by proxy then please complete the Form of Proxy and send to Steve Oram.
- If you would like a copy of last year's **AGM Minutes**, prior to this AGM, please apply with a stamped addressed envelope (**Large letter stamp**) to Steve Oram.
- It was suggested by Branch Chairmen at a previous Conference, that those interested in sharing car transport to the AGM, might wish to contact their Branch Chairman to explore any possibilities, and this is left to members to take up should they wish it (please remember any insurance complications though).

Membership Information Update

PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

From (old address)

To (new address)

Email address

PLEASE ADVISE YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

Please return to: WFA Administrator, BM Box 1914, London WC1N 3XX

The Western Front Association Form of Proxy

For use at the 37th Annual General Meeting.

I, being member, No..... of The Western Front Association ("the Association") hereby appoint..... as my proxy or failing him/her, the Chairman is to vote for me as indicated below at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held on Saturday 21st April 2018.

Full Name (block capitals):.....

Address:.....

Signed:..... Date:2018

Please indicate how you wish your proxy to vote with a **cross where indicated opposite each resolution**. If no specific indication as to voting is given the proxy will vote or abstain in his/her discretion as he/she will on any other matter to arise at the meeting.

Resolution	FOR	AGAINST
1. To confirm the Minutes of AGM 6 th May 2017		
2. To receive the Chairman's report		
3. To approve the audited accounts for the year ending 31 st Oct 2017		
4. To reappoint Martin & Co as auditors		
5. To approve EC recommendation:		
(a) For future Vice Presidents to be appointed for a fixed three year term		
(b) To elect Jack Sheldon as a Vice President		

NOTES:

*This form of proxy should be completed and sent to
The Hon Secretary, Spindleberry, Marlow Road, Bourne End, Bucks, SL8 5NL*

Please ensure your name and membership number have been inserted.