

April 2021

# ASSOCIATION NEWS

*Great things are happening*

## Update from the Chairman

### Our first year as an association

Firstly, let us begin by thanking you all for your support throughout the last year, and what a tough year it has been for us all. As you may well know, the Rifleman's Association North East was launched at the beginning of what was to become a very long and tiring year that saw us faced with many set backs, challenges and event cancellations along the way that left us struggling to showcase the association for what it really is. Thankfully we are now beginning to see light at the end of a very long tunnel and we are becoming increasingly more enthusiastic as we see an increase in membership requests, event ticket sales and general interest throughout our armed forces community.

We greatly value each and every one of our members therefore everyone that paid for a membership subscription in 2020 will have their fees waived for the 2021 period.

The committee have been working hard in the background to ensure that the coming year(s) are filled with events and meetings that we hope you will all be looking forward to filling your social diaries with.

Member packs are in the process of being ordered from our suppliers along with membership cards in both digital and hard copy formats. Have a browse through the rest of the newsletter to find out more information on our membership, plans for 2021/2022 and our association meetings.

## What's happening:

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# Membership

Be part of something great...



The Rifleman's Association North East was launched in March 2020 at the beginning of what was to become 'Lockdown 1.0' and was immediately flooded with membership requests. These requests understandably slowed over the lockdown period however we are now starting to see a positive increase in requests from not only veterans but serving personnel and their partners. Our current membership fees are £15.00 for the year however all members that joined the association and paid their fees in 2020 will have this carried forward across the 2021 membership period.

All members will be personally contacted in the coming days to advise as to their current membership periods.

Membership cards are currently at print and will be distributed to all paid members once we have received them from our suppliers. Digital membership cards are now available and again will be emailed to all members in the coming days.

As we greatly value each of our members we have created membership packs containing gift items that each member will receive. Again these packs are with our suppliers and will be distributed once received by the association.

To assist us in updating our membership database please could we gently remind everyone who has submitted a membership request to pay their annual subscription fees.

# Reminders & Announcements

Don't miss out...

With the easing of government restrictions we are now seeing a significant increase in demand for tickets to our Oktoberfest and Remembrance Dinner events.

Tickets are limited and are priced at only £20.00 per person so please don't miss your chance to attend two fantastic nights.

Tickets can be booked via the website at [www.riflemansassociationne.com](http://www.riflemansassociationne.com).

We would like to remind all members to download the association app where you can view and book events, chat to other members and keep updated in our forum.

For further information please contact our marketing team at [riflemansassociationnortheast@gmail.com](mailto:riflemansassociationnortheast@gmail.com)



# Events

## Something to look forward to...

We have a fantastic line up of events heading your way, Take a look at what our current 2021/2022 social calendar looks like.

### 2021

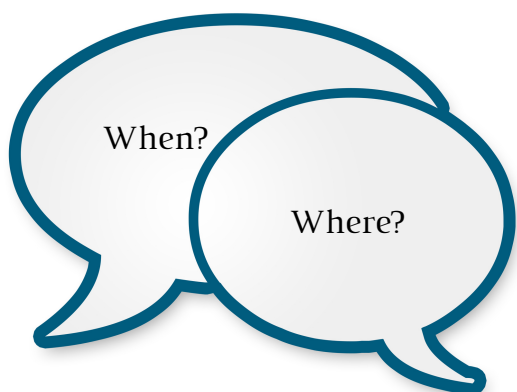
RGJ Op Banner Gathering at NMA	Sat 11 Sep
Oktoberfest	Sat 02 Oct
Remembrance Dinner	Sat 06 Nov
Association Christmas Party	Sat 04 Dec

### 2022

Saturday Night Social & Pub Quiz	Sat 01 Jan
Saturday Night Social & Pub Quiz	Sat 12 Feb
Association Anniversary Dinner	Sat 12 Mar
Easter Family Fun Day	Sun 17 Apr
Regimental Dinner	Sun 01 May
Jubilee Garden Party	Fri 03 Jun
Association Golf Day	Thurs 07 Jul
Summer Ball	Sat 13 Aug
Saturday Night Social & Pub Quiz	Sat 10 Sep
Oktoberfest	Sat 01 Oct
Remembrance Dinner	Sat 05 Nov
Association Christmas Party	Sat 03 Dec

To ensure that we host a varied range of events, and that there is something to suit everyone's taste our events team are always looking to add further events to the calendar such as Tough Mudder, Three Peaks Challenge and Gin or Whisky tasting days, Clay Pigeon Shoots plus much more so keep your eyes peeled.

All future events will be available to book on our website at [www.riflemansassociationne.com](http://www.riflemansassociationne.com)



## Association Meetings

### It's good to catch up...

Once confirmation has been received from our venue, which is located centrally in Durham City, we will be looking to formally announce our full schedule of association meetings.

With the slow easing of restrictions now starting to come into force we are hoping that our first face to face meeting of 2021 will take place on the evening of Friday 04 June with monthly meetings then following on the first Friday of every month.