

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION



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All Regional/District and Branch Secretaries

ROYAL ARTILLERY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE **SATURDAY 22nd July 2023 NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM**

The Royal Artillery Association will conduct a Service of Remembrance at the National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas on Saturday 22nd July 2023 commencing at 1100 hrs. The detailed timings and events are listed below.

Ser (a)	Time (b)	Event (c)	Location (d)	Remarks (e)
1.	1100 hrs	Arrival of guests		
2.	1100-1130 hrs	Refreshments – Tea/Coffee/Biscuits	Visitor's Centre	Under own arrangements
3.	1100 hrs	Standard Bearers' briefing	Aspects Centre	RASM/RABSM
4.	1115 hrs	Standards form up - Inspection	Outside Aspects Centre	RASM/RABSM
5.	1130 hrs	Guests are asked to make their way to the Aspects centre		
6.	1145 hrs	Congregation to be seated	Aspects Centre	
7.	1200 hrs	Service begins	Aspects Centre	
8.	1245 hrs	Guests make their way to the garden	Memorial Garden	
9.		Standard Bearers' march to the RA Memorial Garden		RASM/RABSM
10.	1300 hrs	Wreath Laying Ceremony begins	Memorial Garden	
11.	1330 hrs	Refreshments & bar area reserved for all attendees.	Aspects Centre	Bar/Lunch under own arrangements
12.	1400 hrs	Band Performance	Heroes Square	

Wreath Laying: Following the Service in the Aspects Centre there will be a short wreath laying service at the Royal Artillery Memorial Garden. Branches, serving units and individuals are very welcome to lay their own wreaths during this service.

Dress: For members of the Serving Regiment, No2 Dress with medals and leather.

For veterans and guests: RAA Blazer with RA Tie. Officially issued medals or suits and RA tie. Female equivalent.

DIRECTIONS

The Arboretum is situated in the centre of England on Croxall Road, Alrewas in Staffordshire. It is easy to reach from any part of the country and is close to all the Midlands motorways.

ACCESS BY CAR

M1 (southbound) – exit at Junction 28 and take the A38 south bypassing Derby and Burton to the A513 Tamworth then local directions.

M1 (northbound) – exit onto M6 north then after Corley Services follow signs for M6 (Toll) & M42 then leave at next junction (Junction 9 M42) signposted A 446, then follow A446 Lichfield to A38 Lichfield, then A38 Derby to A513 Tamworth then local directions.

M6 (southbound) – exit Junction 15 follow A50 Derby then A38 Lichfield to A 513 Tamworth then local directions.

M6 (northbound) South of Birmingham – follow signs for M6 (Toll) & M42 then leave at next junction (Junction 9 M42) signposted A 446, then follow A446 Lichfield to A38 Lichfield, then A38 Derby to A513 Tamworth then local directions.

M6 (northbound) & M6 North of Birmingham – leave M6 at Junction 11, follow A5 then A38 Derby until A513 Tamworth then local directions.

M54 (eastbound) – leave at Junction 1 and take A460 Cannock passing over M6 continue towards continue then follow A5 (Tamworth), then A38 Derby until A513 Tamworth then local directions.

Local directions: from A38 at Alrewas follow Brown Signs to the National Memorial Arboretum following A513 towards Tamworth after about half a mile turn left at the roundabout following the road round to the Arboretum entrance.

For sat nav the post code is DE13 7AR.

PARKING

Parking is available for cars, coaches, motorcycles and bicycles.

Car parking is £3 per day (pay and display) with lower prices applying during winter months. There is no charge for blue badge holders, coaches or motorcycles.

Coach Operators should always book their arrival times with the NMA on 01283 792333 to avoid disappointment.

ACCESS BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Trains: Lichfield Trent Valley is the closest railway station (5-6 miles). Burton Railway Station is about 8 miles away.

Buses: Bus route 12 runs up to every 60 minutes daytime Monday to Saturday, from Burton Railway Station (ideal for customers making connections to and from the Cross Country Rail Network) to Lichfield via Burton on Trent, New Street, Branston, Barton under Needwood, Alrewas and the National Memorial Arboretum, with connections to Birmingham via Hill Hook, Sutton Coldfield and Erdington. Bus route 7E between Burton on Trent and Lichfield via Branston, Barton, Yoxall, Alrewas and Fradley, calls at the Arboretum on Sundays. Bus timetables can be found on the Arriva Town Linx website.

Taxis: City Cars, 01543 254999 to book.

Accessibility: there is level access to the Visitor Centre where disabled toilet facilities are available. There are also firm level paths giving good access to much of the site.

Mobility: for less mobile visitors, wheelchairs and electric scooters are available on loan from the visitor centre. To ensure availability they should be booked in advance. They respectfully ask that a suitable donation is made for use of a manual wheelchair and individual will incur a small charge for a motorised scooter.

There is a transport subsidy available to branches who travel by coach/minibus, and standard bearers who qualify. The current subsidy rate can be obtained from Artillery House. Those wishing to claim the subsidy should apply with their invoice to the RAA Office by **31st August 2023**.

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SATURDAY 22nd July 2023 NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

Branch/Regional/District

Numbers attending.....

The Branch Standard will/will not be paraded*

The Standard Bearer is

Travelling: (Please tick)

Coach/Minibus

Car

Train

Subsidy to be claimed Yes/No*

*Please delete as appropriate

Please complete and return to Cas Thoburn, Artillery House, Royal Artillery Barracks, Larkhill,
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