

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

The Notts Branch Seaforth Highlanders/Queen's Own Highlanders will be attending the National Memorial Arboretum's seated event again this year on Remembrance Sunday, 13th November 2022. Members of antecedent and successor regiments, including The Highlanders and Royal Regiment of Scotland – indeed, past and present members of all the Scottish Division Regiments – and families and friends are very welcome to join us. The seated Remembrance Sunday event continues to grow in popularity with groups attending from various armed forces units and organisations, so early booking is highly recommended to avoid disappointment.

The National Memorial Arboretum is an amazing place to visit and provides a fitting alternative for those who cannot attend the Cenotaph or one of the all-important parades in our regimental areas. The seated group package is particularly suited to those with limited mobility, and in the event of inclement weather the venue provides a warm and dry base for our visit to the Arboretum and to observe the Service of Remembrance.

Groups booked in on this Remembrance Sunday lunch package have access to the 'Aspects' events venue (which is handy for the close-by Queen's Own Highlanders, as well as other Scottish regimental memorials). The interior of Aspects is warm, light and airy, and with glass walls enabling views over the main Armed Forces Memorial and Arboretum grounds. The Service of Remembrance, held at the base of the Armed Forces Memorial, is live-streamed to wide drop-down screens within Aspects, enabling guests to take part in the service whilst seated inside at their table, should they so wish. Alternatively, guests may wish to join those gathered outside by the Armed Forces Memorial.

A short march past *may* be held after the service (subject to any Covid conditions prevailing at the time). If so, it's optional for those wishing to participate, but those able are encouraged to take part. It's only a short distance on level ground and gives us an opportunity to display our Highland presence.

Included in the package is tea and coffee on arrival. There's a hot buffet and dessert, with tea and coffee for guests from 12.30pm once the service and parade have concluded. The food is of a high standard with choices of fish, meat and vegetarian dishes. Aspects also has a bar and drinks can be purchased. Drinks are reasonably priced (beers are bottled but a good selection is available) – and it's nice to know that 100% of the profits go back to the upkeep of the Arboretum.

After lunch, we will gather at our respective regimental memorials (which, as stated, are very near). The names of our Roll of Honour will be read out and wreaths laid (other regiments may wish to do the same). Attendees are invited to lay their own personal wreath or Poppy Cross if they so wish. A piper will play a short lament.

It's a much gentler Remembrance Sunday than most of us are used to – particularly as none of us are getting any younger and are becoming less able-bodied – with the option of joining the main throng or participating from a warm and dry base. Whichever you choose, the atmosphere will be social and one of camaraderie, but also remembering the solemnity of why we are there.

It is group bookings only. The venue is subject to a maximum capacity. Please book early to ensure your seat. **Cost is £23.50 and payment should be made electronically to:**

Name: MR MICHAEL BIRD  
Bank: LLOYDS BANK  
Account: 26837560

Sort Code: 30-99-83

(Please include your name as reference)

**Please note: In accordance with revised NMA T&C's for the Remembrance Sunday group booking, payments must be made by 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (28 days prior). It is regretted that monies are non-refundable after this date. This supersedes any advice for event bookings given on the NMA website.**

Those wishing to pay by cheque should first message or email me for my home address details: [mickeymucker@btinternet.com](mailto:mickeymucker@btinternet.com) or you can phone me: 07985 067048