



ROYAL SIGNALS ASSOCIATION EAST LONDON BRANCH



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Chairman's Report

Dear All,

Well, doesn't time fly. It's already the middle of February. So although a bit late, to all of you I haven't seen, may I wish you a belated 'Happy New Year', I hope you are all keeping well.

I'm sure you will agree that 2015 was a great year for the Branch. It started quite hectically, with us busily preparing for the Standard Dedication Service. The event was an overwhelming success, with even the weather being picture perfect for the big day. We received much positive feedback and compliments from the many guests who attended and we should be rightly proud of how the day went. Once more I would like to thank everyone for the enormous effort put in to create this memorable occasion.

Of course the Standard Ceremony wasn't the only activity we did last year. We had two games evenings, which due to their popularity have become a permanent feature in the Branch calendar. And who can forget the Great RSA Bake Off, which brought out the competitive spirit in many of you. No less than a dozen very different cakes were presented for judging, and scoffing. Some say the voting was rigged, but at the end of the day they were all tasty creations.

We were again lucky with the weather for the garden party held in the sprawling grounds of 'Le Chateaux Keen'. An easy going day with everyone who attended bringing something tasty to the table. A special mention must go to Melvyn and Rose who brought some wonderful Indian nibbles, albeit enough to feed a regiment! Thank you.

As we were busy earlier in the year we moved the traditional Dinner and Dance to July and rebranded it as a Summer Ball. Although a number of you couldn't make it, those that did had a great time. The entertainment was provided by 'High Frequency', an energetic band which proved popular with the guests. Our thanks to Malcolm and Laura Langwith for introducing them to us (their son is the drummer of the band!)

In January we held a committee meeting with some extra members invited to help formulate some new ideas for this year's calendar. We have plenty more activities planned for the year ahead. So on behalf of the committee I hope that we get to see many of you at these and we thank you for your continued support.

Neill Keen
Chairman