

WOMEN'S ROYAL ARMY CORPS DINNER CLUB

*Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re
'Gentle in manner, resolute in deed'*



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Dear Friends

Annual Dinner - 2008

Preparations are now in hand for this year's dinner and some of you will already know that we will be holding the dinner over the weekend of 2nd, 3rd and 4th October, again at the Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool. This is because we had difficulty finding anywhere in the midlands to take our numbers this year. However, the committee has decided that because of the problems encountered in trying to find a venue to accommodate all our ladies within a short space of time, - realistically, between just after Christmas and the February mail-out when we send out the application forms - this year we must also look towards 2009 and consequently we have provisionally booked a couple of hotels in the Birmingham area for next year. We must stress that the midlands is the designated area in which we will hold our dinners and that Liverpool is purely a fall-back situation. Having said that we had so many nice comments about the Adelphi after last year's dinner that we had no hesitation in booking it this year when we couldn't find a hotel. The Adelphi is looking very smart since the refurbishment and I'm sure you will be pleased with the result. Our disabled members will be happy to know that there are now 8 designated 'disabled' rooms and 5 wet rooms rather than baths or showers and the stair lift to the restaurant is in full working order.

Tickets

We will no longer be issuing tickets and, as last year, your programme will serve as your ticket and will be given to you at the committee desk after you have booked into the hotel. As your tickets usually serve as your 'receipt' for your application please remember to check your bank statement to ensure that your cheque has gone through.

Rooms will cost **£40** per person, per night, with a single room supplement of **£15**. As a resident of the hotel you will also be entitled to free entrance to *Spindles* Health Club. Car parking will be £5 per night and spaces must be booked with the Adelphi at the same time as your room. If you cannot get a space at the Adelphi, don't worry, there is an NCP car park over the road, however, as the Adelphi is only a short walk from the railway station you may wish to travel by national rail.

European Capital of Culture 2008

Liverpool is this year's European Capital of Culture and the City Council has many events and exhibitions lined up to interest every visitor to the City. It's an exciting year to be visiting Liverpool and I'm sure you will take every opportunity to see some of the sights. Visit <http://www.liverpool08.com> for details.

Email addresses

Those of you who posted Christmas presents and cards last December will know that there has been a restructuring of

the post office size and weight regulations and it now costs more to post letters and packages. Our February dinner club mail-out comes into the 'large' category and therefore costs more to send out. We would really appreciate it if those of you who have email addresses could let us have them in order to keep our mailing costs down. Please email your details to Carole Austin - jazcaz@blueyonder.co.uk so that she can update the dinner club database.

Dinner Club Constitution

At the October 2007 Annual Dinner and Triennial Meeting the revised Dinner Club Constitution was ratified. The publication of this document has now been completed and all members will have received their copy with this newsletter. Any comments regarding the contents of the Constitution can be directed either to the originator of the document, Jackie Walton, (jawalton7@btinternet.com) or the chairman, Carrole Montessori-Gorman (legalangel@btinternet.com). For those of you without internet access telephone numbers appear in the block at the end of the newsletter.

Membership Numbers

We thought that you would like to know that the current dinner club membership now stands at a healthy 490 members. It looks like someone out there has been on a recruiting drive – you know who you are!

Finances

At the last meeting of the dinner club committee (16 Feb) Jackie reported on the current financial position which, in the spirit of openness, we would like to share with you.

	£
a) Current Account	140.85
b) Savings Account	2010.17
c) Petty Cash	100.75
Total	£ 2251.77

FOUND at the Adelphi after last year's dinner

A green WRAC Association sweatshirt. Contact Vee on 01827 69827.

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