

## AN ETERNAL DEBT OF GRATITUDE

One of the taxi drivers who took war veterans to Normandy on 7th May was David Clegg. He said of the trip: "The French people came out into the streets waving and cheering whenever the cabs carrying the veterans drove by. Wherever we stopped the veterans were applauded, their hands shaken and were asked for their autographs and to allow having their photographs taken. It is an incredible experience and a sight to behold. The whole outing was filmed for posterity with lots of local camera crews also recording the events. We were given a 6 motorcycle police escort (Gendarmes) to help move the 86 cab convoy wherever it went throughout the 4 days.

"It was a very humbling experience which I shall never forget for as long as I live. All the highly-placed dignitaries said in their speeches that they owed our veterans an eternal debt of gratitude and would always pass on to their younger generations what had happened. We don't seem to be doing enough of this in our own country - at least not to that extent.

"There is so much to tell and I feel I could write a whole lot more from what I experienced with a full and busy Itinerary. This was a punishing schedule for some of the older gentlemen, the youngest of whom was around 83 years old, but not a word was said by way of complaint – they took it all in their stride.

I can only put this down to their military training. This was a trip of a lifetime that had an incredible effect, I suspect, on nearly all the London cab drivers involved and instead of being invited to attend I would have gladly paid for it."

## GOLF DAY FOR LTBFWD

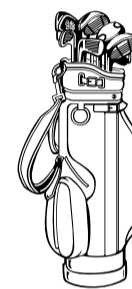
Another driver who took part in the Normandy trip was John Rowland. He said: "This outing is the cab trade at its very, very best. So many tears and so many laughs and so many new friends were made, we didn't want it to end. The memories will live with us ever more. God bless all our Vets and the ones they left behind."

John is organising a Golf Day to raise funds for the London Taxidriers Benevolent Fund for War Disabled, who made the Normandy trip possible. It will take place on 30th June 2008 at Woolstan Manor Golf and Country Club, Epping.

John said: "We have many prizes - one is a brand new TX4 for a hole in one at the 17th hole, donated by the L.T.D.A. There is also a holiday and a large sum of money, donated by Westminster & Tradex Insurance. There is even more to win this year than previous years. Dave Levy of Dave's Cabs has put up a Taxi Overhaul free of charge in a charity auction. The day will start off with bacon rolls & coffee before heading out for 18 holes of golf, followed by a 3 course meal. The first Tee time 12.03. On the 1st & 8th tees the last tee time is 13.30."

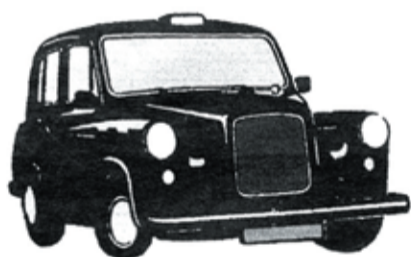
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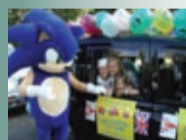


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