

## CHAIRMANS REPORT FROM WAR DISABLED CHARITY *by Richard Hudd*

The Annual General Meeting of The London Taxi Benevolent Association for War Disabled was held on 10th November 2008 at The Royal Hospital Chelsea, S.W.3.

In 1948, when this Association came into being, I doubt if anyone dreamt, that the Chairman would be making his yearly report in 2008 60 years later. This year being the 60th Anniversary has been a very busy and successful year, in which we held three events. In May, our 5 day Return to Normandy trip, with 85 cabs taking 171 Normandy Veterans back to France. We took Veterans from Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and all parts of England. It was a resounding success.

In June our annual visit to Worthing, once again, was a great event. This year was exceptional in that we loaned a painting to Worthing Council. This painting depicting our Association now hangs in the Worthing Council Offices.

During the summer, we gave our support to the George Cross Island Association, by way of transport both to and from their annual service at Tower Hill. Also to the F.A.N.Y'S, the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry, with the transport and help for their annual service and meeting. It was with great pleasure, that we gave our services to the GHURKAS, in their Fight for Justice, at The High Court, by way of transport for the two V.C's and their helpers when required. Our last event was a reception, held at The Royal



Hospital Chelsea, for the people who have supported us, over the years. In other words, the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Cab Trade. It was a memorable success.

It should be noted, that the committee of the LTBAWD, are fully aware of the fact, that without the support of the London Cab Trade we would accomplish nothing.

On a sad note, we lost a hardworking member of the committee this year, with the death of Alan Hooker. Alan was a great supporter and worker on the committee, and will be sorely missed. We also lost the services of Janet Fox, our Assistant Secretary. Jan, we thank you for all your help over the years, and wish

you every success in the future. Many Thanks. Also Martin Noble M.B.E. has resigned from the position of Appeals Officer. A position he has held for 10 years. He was awarded his M.B.E. for all his hard work for this charity. Martin will still retain his committee position, of Vice President.

In closing, I must thank all their hard work, and for their time and effort in making 2008, a fantastic success, and on a personal note, for not making my time as Chairman too hard.

The Annual General Meeting of The London Taxi Benevolent Association for War Disabled was held on Monday 10th November 2008 at The Royal Hospital Chelsea, S.W.3. THOSE PRESENT Doug Sherry M.B.E Richard Hudd, Paul Davis, Michael Husk, Terry Ward, Gary Belsey, Trevor Clarke, Dennis James, Derek Leone. Also present Mr. Reg Hay. The Chairman opened the meeting at 15-15pm a minutes silence was held. The Chairmans report was then handed to the committee members which was read and approved. Mr. Trevor Clarke the charity auditor then gave the financial report and thanked the committee for the good work that they are doing for the charity and thanked the treasurer Mr. Michael Husk for keeping the books in such good order. ELECTION OF OFFICERS The following officers were re-elected unopposed CHAIRMAN Mr. Richard Hudd SECRETARY Mr. Paul Davis TREASURER Mr. Michael Husk TRANSPORT AND DIARIES Mr. Terry Ward. VICE PRESIDENT Mr. Doug Sherry M.B.E. VICE PRESIDENT Mr. Martin Noble.M.B.E. VICE PRESIDENT Mr. Jerry Cooper. VICE PRESIDENT AND APPEALS OFFICER Mr. Richard Goodwin PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER Mr. Derek Leone



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