

NEWSLETTER

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THE NOT FORGOTTEN ASSOCIATION

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Fundraising News

Rosie & Martin Take On The Marathon Des Sables

Rosie Thompson has undertaken many fundraising challenges in her 18 years as NFA Head Of Events. In April 2017 she is taking on her toughest challenge yet; running 270 kilometres through the Sahara Desert in the Marathon des Sables, dubbed 'The Toughest Footrace On Earth'. Joining her, as part of the Walking With the Wounded team, will be Martin Wilson who sustained life-changing injuries serving with 2 Para in Afghanistan (see below right). Inspired by Martin's spirit, courage and determination in overcoming his injuries, Rosie is taking part in this extraordinary race to raise funds for extraordinary people like Martin.



To sponsor Rosie, go to:
www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/rosiethompson6

Rosie's 'Kilometre Barometer'

TARGET TOTAL
 £27,000

TOTAL SO FAR
 £5,300



Keep up to date with Rosie's fundraising by visiting our website: www.nfassociation.org

In the last two weeks we have been privileged to deliver eight Christmas Lunches and our annual Christmas Party at St. James's Palace for over 1,100 beneficiaries and their partners/carers.

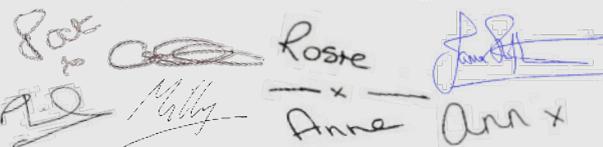
We were thrilled that the latter was attended by our Patron HRH The Princess Royal and Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence. The Party is one of the highlights of our year as it does so much to restore the confidence and boost the morale of those who attend. We are hugely grateful to our fellow service charities, especially ABF The Soldiers' Charity, the RAF Benevolent Fund and the RNRMC for supporting us in providing this event.

In bringing such cheer and happiness to injured men and women, I am aware that there are many more potential beneficiaries we need to help and for 2017 we have set our sights on reaching out to more of them. Can you help us by introducing someone you know who would benefit from the NFA touch? Why not make it one of your New Year resolutions along with eating, drinking and swearing less, but stick to this one!

James Stopford, Chief Executive



All of us at the NFA (pictured here with former chairman and son of one of our founders, John Brunel Cohen) wish you a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and thank you for your support throughout 2016.



Martin Wilson Nominated For The Sun's Military Awards

For his inspirational recovery from life-threatening injuries, NFA beneficiary and supporter Martin was nominated in the 'Overcoming Adversity' category at the recent Military Awards events. The Sun wrote: "Being shot in the head on tour in Afghanistan and battling a brain injury has not curbed Para Colour Sergeant Marty Wilson's drive or determination. As well as recovering, Marty has gone on to thrive with the support of military charity The Not Forgotten Association." Everyone at the NFA is immensely proud of Martin's achievements and of his support for us.

Ascot Race Day



Last month we hosted 40 guests on our annual race day at Ascot Racecourse, always one of the most popular outings in our calendar. The day provided some much-needed fun and a lift to the spirits for our beneficiaries who ranged from injured serving personnel undergoing rehabilitation at Headley Court to veterans of WWII. Thanks to the generosity of Ascot Trustees the tri-service group were treated to full corporate hospitality in private boxes with a bird's eye view of the track.

Christmas Lunches For 800

Over the last couple of weeks we have treated 800 veterans and guests to an afternoon of seasonal fare and fun. Eight Christmas lunches around the UK, from Maidstone to Dunblane, have brought much-needed companionship at what can be a difficult time of the year for those who are isolated as a result of their injuries or disability. Generously funded by one of our corporate supporters and with entertainment provided by the fabulous Swingtime Sweethearts, these lunches are truly happy occasions where old friendships are renewed and new ones made.



Bringing Generations Together In Remembrance



Once again we were honoured to be part of the nation's Remembrance commemorations at the Cenotaph in London. Our marching contingent of 37 included three generations of servicemen from one family; a 93-year-old Chindit veteran who had never taken part in the parade before, his son and his grandson. Afterwards the group were joined by family members and Association representatives for a 3-course lunch at the Royal Horseguards Hotel where memories, stories and experiences were shared.

Country Sports Week In Scotland

A small group of beneficiaries, including several undergoing rehabilitation, enjoyed a week at the Kildermorie Estate in Scotland where they took part in country sports such as clay pigeon shooting and walking. The trip was organised and funded by Army veteran and great supporter of the Association Graham Barlow and his wife Nicki. We are hugely grateful to them both and to their seven-year-old daughter Jess who collected £350.71 during the week.



A Big Thank You To



The Worshipful Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers for their donation of £4K raised by an evening of words and music starring actress and longstanding NFA supporter Hannah Gordon.

Shirley McLean whose latest fundraising event was a Murder Mystery Evening which raised £1,358.

Twelve-year-old Max Jones (pictured) who raised £1,075 by organising a classic vehicle event for the third year running.

Noreen Byrne for raising £814 through a 'Pamper & Shopping' evening in her local village hall.

Anna Rendell-Knight who organised an afternoon of festive choral entertainment in Harwich raising £600.

Some of the events we have planned for 2017:

January:

Skiing holiday in France

February:

Skiing holiday in the USA

April:

Concerts in ex-service care homes

May:

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Carp fishing weekend in Cornwall

June:

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July:

Wimbledon Tennis Championships
Alpine canoeing in France
Brands Hatch track day
Iceland trekking challenge
Battlefield tour to Ypres

August:

Family sports weekend

September:

Majorca farmhouse holiday

Want to get involved?

You can donate, set up your own fundraising page, or sponsor one of our existing fundraisers on our **BT My Donate Page**. Go to:

www.btplc.com/mydonate

...and search "**Not Forgotten**"

Or why not volunteer?

To join our amazing team and find out more about what we do please email:
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