



# A DAY TO REMEMBER

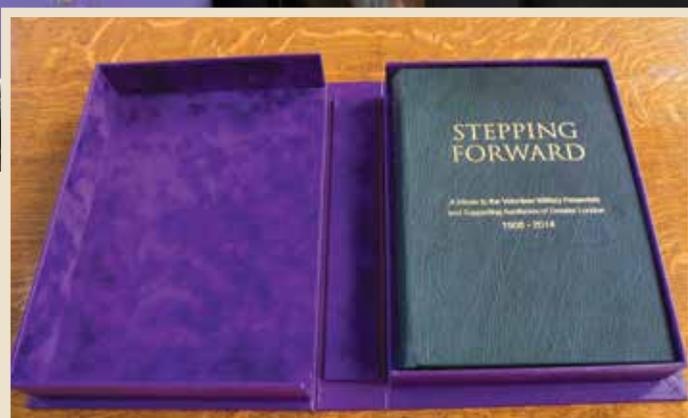
The Solemn Drumhead Service of Remembrance  
for those who Volunteered to Serve  
in the First World War

Royal Hospital Chelsea  
Saturday 28 June 2014

Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association for Greater London

# STEPPING FORWARD

The presentation of a special leather-bound copy of 'Stepping Forward – A tribute to the Volunteer Military Reservists and Supporting Auxiliaries of Greater London 1908-2014' was made to HM The Queen in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital.



*"I am sure that like me you must have felt that the Queen was impressed by the ceremony and she certainly showed enormous interest in 'Stepping Forward'"*

Sir Michael Craig-Cooper CBE TD DL



PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

4th July, 2014.

Dear Michael,

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh have asked me to thank you and Colonel Hugh Purcell for your excellent help and support in making the Solemn Drumhead Service, held at The Royal Hospital Chelsea on Saturday 28th June, such a remarkable and memorable occasion.

The crowds in Burton Court were a delight and the service itself proved to be an extremely moving tribute to all those men and women who lost their lives in the Great War. It was also a wonderful opportunity for Her Majesty and His Royal Highness to meet those who have been involved with the production of 'Stepping Forward', a copy of which The Queen was delighted to receive.

Her Majesty and The Duke of Edinburgh are ever mindful of the huge amount of effort that goes into the organisation of an event of this kind and have further asked me to thank all those at the Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association for Greater London who were involved.

With kind regards,

As ever,

Edward Young  
The Deputy Private Secretary to The Queen

Sir Michael Craig-Cooper, CBE, TD.



## YOUTH ORGANISATIONS IN UNIFORM

Burton Court was transformed into an exhibition area for some 550 cadets and adult volunteers, with members of the Royal Family and other guests enjoying the displays based on the theme of the First World War, as well as the cadets' current activities.

Air Training Corps

Army Cadet Force

The Boys' Brigade

Community Fire Cadets

Girlguiding

The Girls' Brigade

Sea Cadet Corps

St John Ambulance

The Scout Association

Volunteer Police Cadets



*"I was particularly impressed by the full representation across the YOU member organisations, this was absolutely brilliant and the demonstration of the future through youth, a very fitting balance against 100 years of commemoration of those that served and sacrificed their lives to ensure peaceful futures for us all"*

*Martin Coles, Chief Executive Marine Society and Sea Cadets*





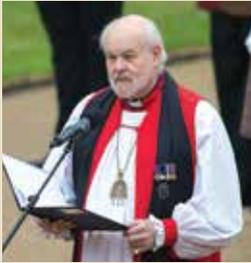
## THE SOLEMN DRUMHEAD SERVICE

The Service took place in Figure Court attended by HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, HRHs The Earl of Wessex, Prince Michael of Kent, Princess Alexandra, HIRH The Archduke von Oesterreich-Este and over 900 invited guests. Prior to the start of the Service, a contingent comprising The Honourable Artillery Company Band, HMS PRESIDENT, The Royal Yeomanry and the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry marched to the Court followed by a second contingent of The Pipes and Drums of the London Scottish and The London Regiment. Despite the rain, heavy at times, the service was a moving tribute to those who volunteered to serve in the First World War.



*“What a fabulous occasion, the right balance of remembrance for those that had volunteered in the past with recognition of those that continue to do so”* Commander John Herriman Royal Naval Reserve

# DRUMHEAD SERVICE INTRODUCTION



BY THE BISHOP OF LONDON, THE RIGHT REVEREND AND  
RIGHT HONOURABLE RICHARD CHARTRES

This is a unique occasion; a commemoration to the very day of the event which eventually detonated the First World War. The assassination in Sarajevo of the heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife, was not immediately recognised as the historic turning point it undoubtedly was. Europe had surmounted a number of crises in the preceding years and there were many people who agreed with 'The Great Illusion' the book published by Norman Angell in 1910 which argued that war in an inter-dependent international economy no longer made sense. Yet just after a month, at the beginning of August 1914, Europe was at war and the Armed Forces of the Crown, not only from Great Britain but from other realms and territories were called upon to make great sacrifices.

We salute the courage of those who during the past hundred years have served under the British flag, especially those who volunteered from every part of London; we remember with sorrow, pride and gratitude those who have given their lives in the Great War and the other wars of the past century and we honour those from every part of our diverse community who have volunteered to serve in today's Armed Forces.

We commit ourselves to play our part in upholding justice and peace among the nations, ready to defend our country and to serve the common good.



*"I found the ceremony at the Royal Hospital to be very moving. It is more than right to pay respects and remember those who have given their lives for their country"*

*HIRH The Arch Duke von Oesterreich-Este*



## RECEPTION AND MEDAL PRESENTATIONS

Following the Drumhead Service and the presentation of 'Stepping Forward', there was a reception in the grounds of the Royal Hospital during which 10 medals were presented by The Earl of Wessex (Royal Honorary Colonel of The London Regiment), Prince Michael of Kent (Commodore-in-Chief of the combined Maritime Reserves and Royal Honorary Colonel of the Honourable Artillery Company) and Princess Alexandra (Royal Honorary Colonel of the Royal Yeomanry).

