

Gordon Pointer 1936 - 2024



Gordon was a huge character in the Oxted & District Branch and RBL Club. Over the years he volunteered and filled most posts on the committees.

His veteran years began in the early 1950s when he joined the Queen's Royal Regiment as a cadet prior to his National Service engagement with the Royal Artillery in 1954. His initial training was at Park Hall Camp, Oswestry in Shropshire. On completion of training he was selected to join The Kings Troop Royal Horse Artillery based in St John's Wood.



He served his 3 years National Service until 1957 and signed on for another 8 years, until 1964. During his service he traveled widely with the Troop on horseback bivouacking overnight en-route when required. Some of those locations were Woolwich, Okehampton, Aldershot, Ogbourne St George, Bovington and the Isle of Wight. He loved his riding and was extremely competent.

On leaving the Army he joined the warranted Mounted Parks Police for the City of London and Metropolitan in which he served for 31 years.





In his retirement years he was an active member of the Legion. In 2023 when the Veteran's group was formed he was one of the first to join in. He helped on the Poppy desk, regularly attended the Veteran Meet ups and joined in on the day trip to the D-Day Museum.



His knowledge of the history of the Legion, Oxted and Master Park was well known.



When this standard was found in the club, he responded on WhatsApp "That R.A. Association, standard, was the only thing that survived the Hurst green church fire when it was laid up some years ago, when I was chairman it was handed in to my custody for Safe keeping to remain in the club, Gordon."

In December 2024 Gordon sadly passed away and as was fitting the Oxted Branch helped provide a good send off. A trumpeter from the RHA was organised by Rob Cogan our Branch Chairman. The Branch standards preceded his coffin and the Last Post was sounded.

