

# **BEACHLEY OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION**



## **Objectives and Rules**

**1994**

**(Revised 2014)  
(Updated & Reprinted 2020)**



## **Presidents**

1926	Col VTR Ford DSO - Robots Society
1934 - 1949	Brig VTR Ford DSO - BOBA
1949 - 1958	Maj Gen. PJ Shears CB
1958 - 1965	Brig P.B. Cudden CBE MC
1965 - 1971	Col WJ Shoolbred OBE
1971 - 1974	Col JR Cordy-Simpson CBE MC
1974 - 1978	Col G Morgan OBE (Ex Boy)
1978 - 1981	Col GS Thomas OBE
1981 - 1984	Col JW Tomes OBE
1984 - 1989	Col PN Keymer MC
1989 - 1992	Col JGT Polley
1992 - 1994	Col EC O'Callaghan MBE MC

## **New BOBA**

1994 - 1995	Col EC O'Callaghan MBE MC
1995 - 1997	Brig NMR Addison
1997 - 2002	Col AGR Holman OBE
2002 - 2004	Lt Col S Thomas (Acting President)
2004 - Present	Lt Col S Thomas

For latest details please check our website.

## **Notable Dates**

**25 Sep. 1923**

Central Training School for boys set up at Aldershot.

**28 Feb. 1924**

Moved to Beachley and name changed to  
Boys' Technical School.

**May. 1926**

Old Robert Society formed.

**1929**

Name changed to Army Technical School (Boys).

**Sep. 1931**

A school flag adopted - a red, green and blue horizontal  
tricolour from which came the  
Association tie and later the School tie.

**May. 1939**

Beachley Old Boys' Association formed.

**Sep. 1946**

First Reunion held at Beachley Camp.

## **Notable Dates (Contd)**

### **Sep. 1994**

First reunion held at the Old Course Hotel.  
(renamed The Chepstow Hotel)

### **Sep. 1999**

Celebration of 'Beachley - 75 Years'  
(Message from H.M. The Queen)

### **Nov. 1999**

BOBA Veterans first London Cenotaph Parade  
(Now an annual event)

### **Sep. 2011**

Reunion held at Chepstow Racecourse

### **Sep. 2012**

Reunion held at Senior Ranks Mess Beachley Barracks  
and Chepstow Racecourse

### **Sep. 2017**

Reunion held at Beaufort Hotel and Chepstow Racecourse

### **Sep 2019**

Reunion held at Beaufort Hotel, AAC Heritage Centre  
and Mounton Lodge

## **Chairman**

Up to the formation of “New BOBA” in 1994 the Commandant was Chairman of the Association.

1994 - 1995	Lt Col Ron Overd
1995 - 2004	Lt Col Syd Thomas
2004 - 2017	Maj Brian Henderson TD
2017 - Present	Mr Chris Ricketts

## **Honorary Life Members**

(For outstanding service to BOBA)

2003	Mr M Murtagh	43B
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## Objectives of the Association

To encourage ‘esprit de corps’ by uniting all old boys of Beachley Camp and to maintain friendships by means of social gatherings.

## Rules

1. The Association will be known as “Beachley Old Boys’ Association.”
2. The Headquarters will be at The AAC Heritage Centre, Beachley, Chepstow, Monmouthshire. NP16 7YG
3. Membership will be of *two* classes only - that of Full Member open to: (*AGM 2002*)
  - a. All ex-boys who have served at Beachley
  - b. Any serving or ex-serviceman/servicewoman having served on the Military Staff at Beachley Camp for at least 12 months.
  - c. Any civilian having served on the Staff at Beachley Camp for a period of 3 years, and
  - d. Honorary Member – Members may bestow Honorary Membership on any person, at an AGM, for services rendered to the Association. They do not have voting rights. (*AGM 2002*)

#### 4. Executive Committee

a. The Executive Committee will be responsible for the general management of the Association.

b. The Executive Committee will be members of the Association under the Chairman and consist of the following members:

Chairman

Hon. Secretary

Hon. Treasurer

Hon. Membership Secretary

Up to six (6) elected members (*AGM 2002*)

Four members of the Committee will form a quorum.

c. The chairman will be elected at an AGM for a period of three years, with the option of being extended for further three year periods.

d. A Vice Chairman can be elected from within the Executive Committee.

e. The Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer will be volunteers whose positions will be confirmed at the AGM.



## 5. Other Officials

a. The President of the Association will be elected at the AGM for a period of two years and may be extended by two year periods. (*AGM 2001*)

b. Past Presidents - All Presidents on standing down will be designated a Past President.

c. Honorary Vice Presidents - All past Commandants and Chairmen will be invited to become Honorary Vice Presidents.

d. Honorary Life Members - Members may bestow Honorary Life membership on any Full Member at an AGM, for services rendered. Such a member is exempt from payment of subscriptions.

## 6. Subscriptions

- a. A fee will be paid on joining which will in part be a joining fee and part of the first year's subscription.
- b. The rate of subscriptions will be agreed by the AGM.
- c. In the event of a member failing to pay their subscriptions they will automatically be suspended from the Association and will only be reinstated on renewal of their subscription payments. Reminders will not be automatically sent to suspended members.

## 7. Funds and Accounts

- a. An account and records of the Association will be kept by the Treasurer.
- b. Adequate indemnity is to be maintained for the Executive Committee.
- c. The Executive Committee will submit to an AGM any proposals to invest funds; likewise, any proposal to withdraw such investments must be approved by the AGM.

## 8. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

a. The AGM will be held at a time and place to be decided at the previous AGM. (Normally the Saturday of the third weekend in September.)

b. An Emergency Meeting may be called by the Executive Committee or by 25% of the members.

c. Notice of the AGM or Emergency Meeting will be widely published by means of the newsletter and/or the Press and appropriate Corps and Regimental Journals.

## 9. Membership Cards, Badges and Ties

a. This Rule Book will act as a membership card and be supplied to all members on joining. Revised Rule Books will not be issued to existing members, they are requested to check the website for updates.

b. Association badges and ties may be obtained from the BOBA Shop on prepayment.

## 10. Expulsion

a. The Executive Committee will be empowered to expel from the Association any member for proven misconduct.

## 11. Branches

- a. A branch may be formed on the authority of the Executive Committee, which will consider any application supported by not less than six current members of the association.
- b. Branches may be wound up by resolution of a General Meeting of the Branch concerned, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.
- c. Branches are to be self-supporting and will not hold functions that clash with Association meetings.

## 12. Rule Changes

- a. These rules may only be altered or amended with the approval of an AGM. Proposals for any such alterations, in the first instance, be submitted to the Executive Committee.

## 13. General

- a. Members are particularly requested to notify any change of address to the Membership Secretary by using either his home address or his email address.
- b. All general correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary either at his home address or his email address.
- c. Amendments approved by an AGM are portrayed in - *dated italics*

## **Rules for the Treasurer**

1. There will be one main account, to be known as The Beachley Old Boys' Fund. The accounting year will run from 1st January to 31st December annually.
2. This fund will be divided into sub accounts, the main sub-accounts being:
  - a. The General Purpose Fund
  - b. The Benevolent Fund
  - c. Reunion
  - d. Investment Fund
  - e. Capital Property
  - f. Building Society
  - g. Shop
  - h. Heritage Centre
  - i. Golf Society
3. The fund will be maintained by joining fees and subscriptions, the amount of which is to be decided at the AGM.
4. All social events should be self-supporting.
5. Funds will be credited to the Benevolent Fund as recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the AGM. The fund should be maintained above Five Hundred Pounds.

6. The Treasurer is charged with the correct maintenance and accounting of the fund. It should be prepared for audit, annually, before the AGM.

7. Each cheque is to be signed before encashment by two of the three nominated signatories, who are normally the Treasurer, Chairman and either the Secretary or Membership Secretary. The Treasurer is authorised to use 'online banking' facilities.

8. The Treasurer will present a Financial Statement at each Executive Committee Meeting and at the AGM.

9. The Treasurer is empowered to hold a cash float of an amount to be determined by the Executive Committee, to enable him to carry out his day to day business.

10. The fund shall be audited by a member of the Executive Committee, nominated by the Chairman.

Final Dispersion of the Fund. The final AGM shall approve the dispersion of the remaining funds. The Soldiers Charity (formally The ABF) and SSAFA should be the main beneficiaries.

## The Benevolent Fund

1. The Benevolent Fund was established for charitable purposes only and may be used for making grants but, under no circumstances loans.
2. Grants may be made to Members of the Association, their wives and dependants who may be in distress or want, providing the applicant has applied to the DSS and/or other military charitable organisations such as SSAFA, The Soldiers Charity, Regimental Associations, etc.
3. All monies are to be accounted for in the nominated sub-account of the Association's main fund.
4. The Trustees of the Benevolent Fund will be:

The Chairman of the Association  
The Treasurer of the Association  
The Secretary of the Association  
A nominated member of the BOBA Executive  
Committee

5. The administration of the fund will be vested in the Executive Committee who should approve and forward applications for benevolence to the Trustees.
6. The Association secretary will be the Secretary of the fund and will keep records of each case which will be available to all members of the Executive Committee.
7. Grants, of up to two hundred pounds (£200.00) may be made by the Chairman of the Executive Committee. Sums over this amount may only be made on the authority of the Trustees.
8. All grants made will be reported to the AGM.



## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

For current details of the BOBA committee members please check our website.





