

Sunday 8th September 2019

CADET CORPS REUNION – 2019

Successful Cadet Corps 5th Reunion 2019

We are delighted to report that this year's 2019 Cadet Corps Reunion was a great success. Held as per usual at the Georgian House Hotel on Ashbourne Road in Derby, the local hostelry, a most enjoyable lunch time was a success, whilst numbers this year were slightly down, it was considered by all those who attended to be well worthwhile.

On display for the first time was the recently acquired second officer's swagger stick, complete with the original OTC Derby School Cadet Corps, and which can be seen in the attached old photograph from our archives. For newcomers to this site, they are Captain 'Lardy' Gillard and also Captain Jacques.



**Captains Jacques (left) and Gillard (right)
with old School Chapel as background**

Andrew Polkey gave those attending an update on the latest news appertaining to the possible reinstatement of the Cadet Corps at Derby Grammar School, including that a joint meeting with the new Head Dr Ruth Norris and Senior Master Paul Hilliam had taken place in June and further investigations were to take place.

Part of the programme focused around the recent findings in the archives of a very old Scrap Book created by a pupil at Derby School from 1910 to 1913 named Richard B. Wilmshurst. Within the detailed record were found sixteen (16) previously unseen OTC photos, particularly relating to his attendance at the summer Camp in the year 1912 and 1913. Arrangements were made for these newly found photos to be shown using a digital projector and screen.



Front page of recently discovered Scrap Book

For the record all those attending had a group photo to be taken and a detailed examination shows that everyone is named. A close examination of the photo reveals on the right hand side, that both the Cadet Corps Mace used within the Band and the Commanding Officer's Ceremonial sword, now within our archives, were out on display.



Derby School Cadet Corps Reunion, 3rd Sep 2019, Georgian House Hotel, Derby

**1 - Maurice Cass, 2 - Rodney Gallagher, 3 - Bob Pettigrew, 4 - Ralph Holden,
5 - Andrew Polkey, 6 - David Zydzienowski, 7 - Barrie Sheard, 8 - Barrie Barber,
9 - Harry Bodkin, 10 - Barry Chambers, 11 - Stephen Walker**

