

Commemoration Programme – 11 November 2015

GCR Rolling Stock Trust

The dedication of the newly restored MSL 6-wheel Carriage no.946
by
the Trust to the memory of those killed or injured of
The Royal Scots Regiment at Quintinshill, 1915

Ceremony at the Nottingham Transport Heritage Centre, Ruddington,
11 November 2015

Programme

12.00 hours Honour party assembles in No 1 Building at Nottingham Transport Heritage Centre, Ruddington.

12.10 hours Arrival of Deputy Lord Lieutenant and Party

12.15 hours Introduction by Chairman of GCR Rolling Stock Trust.

12.20 hours Address and Commemoration by Chaplain to Royal British Legion.

12.30 hours Unveiling by Deputy Lord Lieutenant of the Memorial Plaque on the vehicle, followed by the Citation by Royal Scots representative and

One Minute's Silence

12.40 hours Dismissal and Blessing by the Chaplain.

12.45 hours Invitation by Chairman of GCR Rolling Stock Trust.

13.00 hours Reception and light buffet

Background: Very few railway carriages of the type involved in this disaster remain. At Ruddington, members of the GCR Rolling Stock Trust have been rebuilding such an example over the last 15 years, with completely restored interiors as originally constructed in 1888. Spurred by the Neil Oliver and BBC TV's investigation into the crash, the Trust can now reveal the completed vehicle, destined for exhibiting around the Heritage Railways and especially at the National Railway Museum and the Main Line GCR Museum projected for the City of Leicester.

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The Royal Scots - 7th (Leith) Battalion

Wednesday 11 NOVEMBER 2015



Order of Commemoration

Interlude – Dolly Grey Suite – RHR Corps of Bugles and Drums – Band Major Russ Jones

Introduction – Chairman of GCR Rolling Stock Trust - Richard Tilden Smith

Muted Drum Roll – RHR Corps of Drums

Address by Celebrant Revd. Andrew Buchanan, Vicar of Ruddington, Chaplain to
The Royal British Legion (Ruddington Branch)

The Commemoration

Let us remember those whom we commemorate today.

(Prayers by the Celebrant)

Unveiling of Memorial plaque – by Deputy Lord Lieutenant Martin Rowen LB, flanked by Lt Col Brian de La Haye OBE (right) and Colour Sergeant Matthew Learmouth (left), representing The Royal Scots Regiment

Citation – by Lt Col Brian de la Haye OBE

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Last Post – Bugler – RHR Corps

One Minute's Silence

Reveille – Bugler – RHR Corps

Dismissal and Blessing – Revd. Andrew Buchanan

Invitation - Chairman GCR Rolling Stock Trust - Richard Tilden Smith

From VIP Guest – Lt Col Brian de la Haye OBE – 12 November 2015

I thought you put on a great show - you are clearly born to event management!

I thought the event was well supported and for my part, it was great to meet up with an old colleague in James Valentine for whom the whole event was an enormous boost as he has had to deal with a lot of challenges whose source was a particularly tragic incident in the early days in Northern Ireland in which he was involved.

I wish you well with your restoration work and planning for the launch. We will stay in touch.

Kind regards and thanks again,

Brian de la Haye

Attendees:

Mr Martin Rowan LB - Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire
Chairman - Nottingham County Council
Chairman – Rushcliffe Borough Council

Lt Col Brian de La Haye OBE
Colour Sergeant Matthew Learmouth
Stuart and Vicky Copson
and others to come