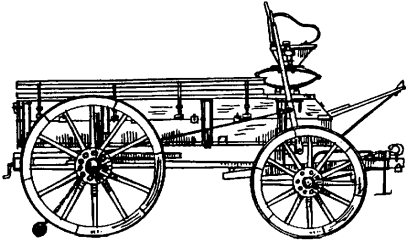


# THE WAGGON CLUB

(Formed 1971)



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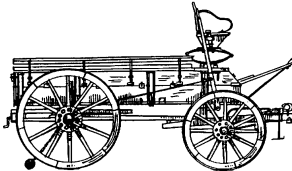
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**Application for  
Membership**  
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## WHAT IS 'THE WAGGON CLUB'?

The Waggon Club is a members' club for serving and retired TA/Regular Army officers with service in TA Transport Units so that they can continue to meet their contemporaries and foster and enjoy the bonds of friendship formed whilst on military service. Their shared experience can contribute to the development of RLC doctrine.

The origins of the Club lie in the **TROIKA** dining club, an organisation of a small group of RASC Reserve Officers who used to meet in the early 1960s - with the aim of entertaining regular officer colleagues. Upon the formation of the Royal Corps of Transport in 1965, the **TROIKA** club was disbanded. In due course, the Waggon Club was formed by – as the name implies – a small group of transport officers. We still have a few members who attended the first Waggon Club meeting in January 1971.

## WHAT ARE THE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES?

The Annual Members' Dinner is held after the AGM in the Officers' Mess, Headquarters RLC TA (former home of RCT Specialist Units) in Grantham. It is the Club's 'Regimental Night' and overnight accommodation is usually possible for an extra charge. Other events (e.g. curry lunches, site visits and lectures) are organised by the Committee from time to time in various parts of the country. These are of a social nature - for members and their partners.

## WHO MAY JOIN THE CLUB?

You are eligible for Ordinary Membership if you are a serving or retired officer of RCT (V) or predecessor RE (V) and RASC (TA) units; a serving or retired officer of RLC (V) units; or a serving or retired officer of other corps, having served with RCT (V) or predecessors. Officers of all ages are welcome – and members' ranks range from Lieutenant to Major-General.

Membership is also open by invitation of the Committee to serving or retired regular officers who have served or have had a close association with Units of the RLC (V), RCT (V) or predecessors - RE (V) and RASC (V).  
*(These notes are a summary of the relevant Rules of the Club)*

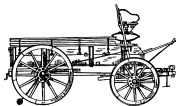
Annual Subscription is a low nominal sum. Set up a Standing Order on joining, the first year includes the club tie.

## THE CLUB'S LOGO

### The GS Wagon Mark X

GS Wagons Marks V and VI were claimed to embody most of the recommendations of the 1883 Committee on Military Land Transport, but failed by having too wide a turning circle. In 1888, the Mark VII Wagon also conformed generally to the recommendations of 1883, the bodywork being light, strong and flexible, built mainly of wood, to minimum ironwork. However, it had a bevelled front locker which allowed the fore carriage a greater sweep and gave an improved turning circle of 39ft. The Mark VIII included more improvements and cost just £95. It was used in large numbers during Boer War. When a follow-on version evolved in line with the 1901 War Office recommendations (requiring a strengthened and improved perch), the Mark IX in 1903 cost £72.

Introduced in 1905, the Mark X was a modification



of the Mark IX, but used cheaper materials for economy, resulting in a cost of about £60. It had a slightly shorter body and loading platform. The perch pin was connected directly to the axle tree, dispensing with both check chains and stay. The footboard was extended beyond the box seat and supported from underneath on each side.

The Mark XI was identical with the Mark X - except that it had dust caps. As the last horse-drawn GS wagon used by the British Army, it was in service until the 1920s – when the army's wheeled transport became fully motorised.

### THE CLUB TIE

The tie features the Club's logo on a traditional military dark red background. A tie is included in the Joining Subscription - choose Bold or Feint Narrow design. You can obtain additional ties at ten pounds (plus p. & p.) from the Membership Secretary.

The joining subscription is £12.00 which includes a Club tie. The subscription thereafter is £4.00 p.a.

## THE WAGGON CLUB – APPLICATION FORM

**Detach this part and send to:** John M Lilley TD.  
*(Hon. Treasurer)* **The Plantation, Badingham Road, Framlingham, SUFFOLK IP13 9HS**

I wish to apply to join The Waggon Club. I enclose a Standing Order Mandate for the Joining Subscription (£12 due now) and £4 for future Annual Subscriptions.

Please send me my Club Tie - Bold or Feint Narrow pattern  
(delete as appropriate)

### Rank - Initials - Surname - Decorations:

*(Note: correspondence will normally be addressed without rank)*

**Preferred first name:**

**Address:**

**Postcode**

**Tel.nos:**

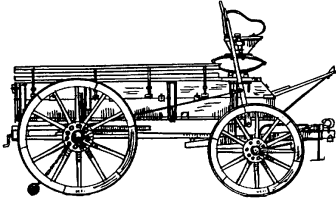
**I am agreeable to the club communicating via e-mail.  
e-mail address:**

**Proposer:**

**Seconded:**

**Reserve Units** in/with which I am serving or served with or with which I am / or was associated with as Regular/Reserve officer:

*Signature and date*



# THE WAGGON CLUB

## Standing Order Mandate

To:(Bank):

Branch:

Sort code:

Address:

Please pay Barclays Bank plc, Lymington (sort code 20-53-53), to the credit of The Waggon Club (account 00908010) the sum of **£12.00 Now and £4.00 (four pounds) on 1st January** annually thereafter (until you receive notice from me/us in writing) – and debit my/our account accordingly.

From (Name):

Bank Account No :

Address:

Post Code:

Payment Ref:

(your name & initials)

Signature:

Date: