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## Fundraising News

### [The Big Walk](#)

With more than 200 people taking part, this major fundraising challenge was organised by JTI, one of our most loyal corporate supporters, who have helped to fund our popular programme of Christmas lunches for the last few years.

### [Donation From Aspen Insurance](#)

A huge thank you to Aspen Insurance UK Limited for their generous recent donation of £30,000.

Since Aspen began supporting The Not Forgotten Association, they have raised an incredible £185,000 for our charity.

### [St George's Day Club Lunch](#)

We were delighted to be chosen as the benefiting charity of the St George's Day Club Lunch which was held at London's Grosvenor House Hotel in April. Some 1,800 guests, including several of our injured beneficiaries, attended this prestigious event and our Chairman David Cowley gave a stirring speech. Thanks to the generosity of the guests and the St George's Day Club the fantastic sum of £50,000 was raised.

### Welcome to our first newsletter!

Barely a day goes by without a Not Forgotten Association activity happening somewhere, from climbing mountains and canoeing down rivers to tea concerts and day trips, there is always something going on. We have therefore produced this short newsletter - our first ever - to keep you informed.

Whether you want to take part or support us, I hope this newsletter will give you a flavour of what we do and will encourage you to join us, or help us, and spread the word that The Not Forgotten Association, in its 96<sup>th</sup> year, is in great heart and continues to support those who deserve it most. Working with and complementing other charities, we support individual recovery pathways and ensure no one is forgotten. **Brigadier James Stopford CBE, Chief Executive**

### [Our Summer Garden Party At Buckingham Palace](#)

This year's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace was held on Thursday 26 May. We were honoured that HRH The Duke of York and his daughters, TRH Princess Beatrice of York and Princess Eugenie of York, joined us, chatting to so many of our guests and delighting them with their keen interest. The charity's first Royal Patron, HRH The Princess Mary, established the tradition of this prestigious event for our charity in 1921 and we are very proud to have



HRH The Princess Royal as our current Patron.

We organise the Garden Party on behalf of all the Armed Services, including the Merchant Navy, and some 2,000 beneficiaries, carers and supporters represented all the Services. We were also pleased to share the day with many other Service Charities whose participation reflects the special place this event holds for the entire Service Community.



## Carp Fishing Weekend

We recently organised our first ever carp fishing trip at Woodlay Holidays in Cornwall. The peaceful surroundings helped to create a relaxing atmosphere which enabled our seven guests to forget the challenges of their injuries for a while. By the end of the weekend they were all great friends and 'hooked' on fishing.

Our sincere thanks to Woodlay for helping to make the weekend so successful and to FOX International Ltd for their very generous donation of the fishing equipment.

## Iceland Trek Challenge

Our motto 'From Comradeship to Challenge' reflects the diverse range of activities and opportunities we offer for younger injured men and women. Following on from last year's hugely successful inaugural expedition to Mount Kilimanjaro, when 12 injured servicemen successfully reached the summit, this year we are organising a five day trekking challenge in Iceland for a group of 24 injured men and women.



The trip will give injured beneficiaries the chance to develop self-confidence by overcoming many of their fears and doubts about their capabilities post injury. They are able to focus on what they can achieve rather than what they cannot.



## NFA Rockettes Commando Challenge

A group of military wives and partners have formed a fundraising group called the 'NFA Rockettes', who in October will take on the renowned 10K Royal Marines Commando Challenge at Woodbury Common, Devon. Do you have what it takes to join them and brave the infamous 'sheep dip'? If so, please get in touch on [volunteer@nfassociation.org](mailto:volunteer@nfassociation.org)

## Solent Boat Trip

In late June, some 100 veterans and carers gathered together in Southampton for a boat trip on the Solent. A hearty fish and chip lunch, along with a raffle (and a visit from a local seal!) ensured that a good day was had by all. For one WWII veteran, a member of the Royal Tank Regiment Association, this was a special day; it was the first time he had been on a ship since taking part in the D-Day Landings.



## The Marathon des Sables

Rosie Thompson, the NFA Head of Events, has secured a place in the so-called 'Toughest Footrace on Earth', the Marathon des Sables. She will be joined by injured veteran Martin Wilson, whose place was generously provided by Walking With The Wounded. Look out for more news about their training and fundraising efforts.

# Future Events

Each year we put together a busy programme of events, holidays, outings and concerts. The following are just some of our planned activities for the rest of this year.

### July

- White Water Canoeing Holidays, France (Supported by Help For Heroes)
- Iceland Trek Challenge
- Reginald Fessenden Sailing

### August

- Brands Hatch Track Day
- Country House Sports Weekend, Buckinghamshire

### September

- Great Glen Way Walk (Supported by Help For Heroes)
- Farmhouse Holidays, Majorca

### October

- Concert & High Tea, Henley
- Brandenburg Concert
- Battlefield Tour, Normandy (Supported by Help For Heroes)
- Carp Fishing Weekend, Devon

### November

- Remembrance Weekend
- Ascot Race Day

### December

- Christmas Lunches with Entertainment (Supported by JTI)

For further info on any of the above please email: [info@nfassociation.org](mailto:info@nfassociation.org)

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