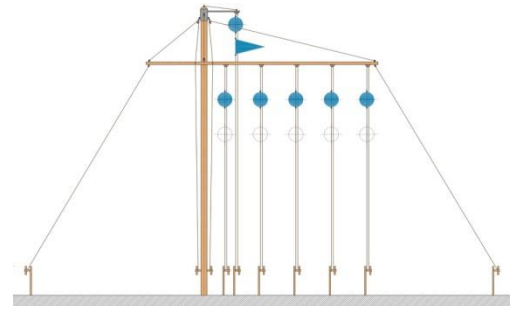


# **The Friends of the Lines of Torres Vedras**

## **Summer 2015 Newsletter**

### **CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION**

First of all, welcome to this summer newsletter. Having been involved with the Friends from the start in 2009 it is a real privilege now to be your new Chairman. I am sure you will join with me in thanking my predecessors Lord Roper and Lord Boswell and also to the retired Secretary, Gerald Napier who has carried much of the work recently, too. I look forward to working with the new officers and committee.



The autumn will be busy with the Lines of Torres Vedras Day event at Apsley House in London on Tue 20<sup>th</sup> of October, at which I hope to see you. We have ambitious ideas for the future, including talks and visits locally as well as a visit to Portugal in 2016. We also want to spread the membership net wider, so please feel free to pass this newsletter on to anyone you think might be interested in participating.

### **RECENT EVENTS**

#### **Lines of Torres Vedras Ultra Marathon.**

This year's event proved to be a long day for all. The Friends' Secretary, Seán Scullion entered a team which completed the whole distance of 100km. A similar event is planned for 2016.

**Annual General Meeting.** This year's AGM was held at Withers LLP in London at the end of July. We are very pleased to announce that Mr Andrew Dismore has now become our new Chairman taking over from Lord Roper this summer. We were also very privileged to have a presentation on the Royal Engineers and the Lines by Dr Mark Thompson who has recently written the book "Wellington's Engineers". The meeting finished off with an excellent drinks and canapés reception. Our thanks go to Withers LLP for hosting the event. Minutes of the AGM will be sent out to members and placed on the website.

### **2015 EVENTS**

There are two key events remaining this year that will be of interest:

**Lines of Torres Vedras Day 20<sup>th</sup> October Event.** Following the Portuguese Government's announcement to designate the 20<sup>th</sup> of October as National Lines of Torres Vedras Day, an event has been organised at Apsley House in London. There will be a guided tour of Apsley House followed by a lecture on post-Peninsular War Portugal by Prof Malyn Newitt followed by a meal at the Cavalry and Guards

Club. The flyer for this event will be sent separately.

**David Mynett Memorial Lecture 2<sup>nd</sup> November.** The Anglo-Portuguese Society will be holding this annual lecture at the Cavalry and Guards Club with an illustrative talk by Marcus de la Poer Beresford. More at [DAVID MYNETT LECTURE 2015](#)

### **FUTURE PROPOSED EVENTS**

Two events are proposed for 2016 and we would welcome feedback on them:

**Summer 2016** – Proposed Friends visit to the Royal Engineers Museum, Chatham.

**October 2016** – Proposed Friends Visit to the Lines of Torres Vedras in Portugal to coincide with Lines of Torres Vedras Day. Please contact the committee if interested in being part of a four day visit.

### **2015 – 2016 PROPOSED EVENTS**

Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 15 - LTV Day at Apsley House.  
Early Dec 15 - Committee Meeting.  
End Feb 16 - Committee Meeting.  
30<sup>th</sup> Apr 16 - LTV Ultra Marathon in Lisbon.  
Summer 16 – LTV Day event in Chatham.  
Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 16 - Visit to Portugal.  
Early Dec 16 - Committee Meeting.

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