



John Buckley VC Memorial Service – 14th July 2026

On 14 July 2026, members of the Conductors' Guild joined soldiers from 94 Squadron RLC at Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, London, to attend the John Buckley VC Memorial Service. The service was led by the Reverend Andy White, Officiating Chaplain at the Royal Artillery Barracks, Woolwich. During the service, Guild Chairman Dave Patterson had the privilege of laying a wreath in memory of John Buckley VC and all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country.



Padre Maj Andy White, Officiating Chaplain

Following the service, the group made their way to the Union Jack Club (UJC), where the Guild presented a Conductors' Guild plaque to Hugh Player, CEO of the UJC, in recognition of the Club's continued support for serving personnel and veterans.



Hugh Player CEO UJC receiving a Conductors' plaque from Dave Patterson

We all enjoyed some well-earned refreshments and the opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues. It was a fitting tribute to a remarkable soldier and a memorable day that reflected the values of remembrance, camaraderie, and fellowship.



Maj Alexander Stahlmann and soldiers from
94 QOGLR, 9 Regt RLC



Bob Le Vaillant and Tia Gregory



Hugh Player and Dave Patterson



Daz Garwood and Les Arnold

As Bob Le Vaillant was the only member staying overnight at the UJC, he offered to lead an evening walking tour along the Whitechapel Road, taking in some of the famous and infamous landmarks of the 'old' East End. With our Gurkha contingent more fascinated by the bright lights of the West End, it left Bob and Daz Garwood to follow in the footsteps of General Booth of the Salvation Army, the Elephant Man Joseph Merrick, Jack the Ripper, and the Kray Twins. The evening ended with a curry in a Bangladeshi Restaurant on Brick Lane, in the shadow of Brick Lane Jamme Masjid (Mosque) and the old Truman Brewery.

A great day was had by all!