



THE 'NOT FORGOTTEN' ASSOCIATION  
NORTHERN IRELAND

*A Tri-Service Charity Founded in 1930*

ANNUAL REVIEW

*and*

**Financial Statements**

*For the period ended 31 March 2021*

**Providing entertainment and recreation for the serving wounded, injured or sick and for  
ex-service men and women with disabilities  
The Not Forgotten Association Northern Ireland**



**The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service**

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**Our motto:**

NE OBLIVISCARIS – Lest We Forget

## Origin, Role and Activities of the Association

The Not Forgotten Association is a unique national tri-service charity which provides entertainment and recreation for the serving wounded, injured or sick and ex-service men and women with disabilities. We do this through a wide and varied programme of Activities including outings, holidays, events and the provision of television sets and licences.

The Association was formed in 1920 by Miss Marta Cunningham CBE who was born in New Orleans in the United States. She received vocal training from some of the best singing teachers in Europe before making her first appearance as a soprano soloist in the Coronation concert at the Crystal Palace, London in 1901. In 1919 Marta was shocked to discover that there were thousands of wounded and lonely servicemen still in hospitals up and down the country.

After discovering that 600 injured patients were lying in one Ministry of Pensions Hospital alone, Marta was spurred into action. She went on to form The "NOT FORGOTTEN" Association for the 'comfort, cheer and entertainment' of the war wounded.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> August 1920 the Association went on to hold its first Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Within a year some 10,000 men had been entertained. Marta and her friends invited these men out for afternoon tea and entertainment to alleviate the tedium of their lives and to give them something to which they could look forward to.

The Association in Northern Ireland was formed in 1930 by Sir Frederick Money Penny.

### **We provide:**

- In-house entertainment and concerts for those confined to ex-service care homes, in our case The Somme Nursing Home in Belfast.
- TVs for those whose mobility is restricted or who are otherwise largely housebound. TV Licences are provided where a financial need arises.
- The provision of travel and holidays for disabled ex-service personnel. These include trips to Tattoo events, theatre outings, lunches and much more.

In addition to the above Her Majesty The Queen graciously allows the Association to hold a Summer Garden Party in Buckingham Palace and a Christmas Tea Party in St James's Palace each year.

Please note that the Association is not empowered to assist wives or widows, or undertake welfare casework, but it enjoys the support and close co-operation of all the major ex-service welfare organisations.

## Chairman's Report for 2020/21



It is again my pleasure to present the Annual Review during which it has definitely been a year to remember, a year like no other and hopefully a year that will never happen again. It has been a very difficult and challenging time for everyone with lots of demands, ever changing rules and social distancing even from our own families. It was also very disappointing that we were unable to properly mark and celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020.

Get-togethers were not possible and our last social gathering was on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at the Services Club in Limavady where we held a roadshow with over 50 veterans and carers in attendance. Our planned event in Antrim on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020 had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

Nonetheless, The Not Forgotten Association Northern Ireland has done whatever we could under these severe restrictions, to keep an important and vital link with our beneficiaries during these extremely difficult times. To help ease the boredom and soothe the mind during the lockdown days we introduced online quizzes and food/drink recipes, posted out jigsaws, creative colouring in books, CDs, 'Boredom Buster Booklets' filled with a range of topics such as word games, sudoku, spot the difference, to name but a few.

We also used social media or the old fashioned telephone, to chat to beneficiaries and encourage them to engage in other activities which could be achieved with very little effort. Possibilities included photographing the range of birds and wildlife that visited their garden, or make sure they took advantage of going for a walk around the town or to the local park or beach within the restrictions, to help them through the pandemic. Towards the end of 2020 we distributed a number of 'Forgot You Not Goody Boxes' to WW II Veterans, all of which were gratefully received.

During the year, wreaths on behalf of the Association were laid at the Belfast City Hall War Memorial on 1<sup>st</sup> July to mark the 104<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Day of The Battle of the Somme and on Remembrance Sunday in November.

A casualty of the pandemic has been that we were unable to hold both the 2020 and 2021 Annual General Meetings in the normal format. We have, however, managed to complete all the necessary mandates by electronic means to the agreement of our Trustees. I must add my grateful thanks to all office bearers who have readily agreed to continue in their roles.

It has been a strange year. Thankfully we have survived and hopefully we will soon be able to resume our normal programme of events and it will be great to be in the company of our beneficiaries again.

As most of you reading this review will be aware our main charity in London is now called The Not Forgotten, having dropped the word Association. Our organisation in Northern Ireland agreed at a meeting held in February 2020 to follow this course of action, however, the change cannot be completed at this time due to the need to clarify some administrative matters, including an intellectual property agreement.

In closing, I wish to acknowledge the help and support from my fellow Officers who have assisted me throughout the year. I am indebted to Yvonne Mulholland, our Events Organiser, not only for her help in compiling this report, but also for her sterling efforts in networking with our beneficiaries and keeping our activities going. My sincere thanks goes to Carol Titterington, whose expertise in maintaining our accounts is greatly appreciated. I also wish to thank David Keith for auditing our financial records. Finally, my sincere appreciation goes to Brigadier James Stopford, the Chief Executive and the staff in London for their continuing help, support and guidance.

**Ne Obliviscaris**

*John Davies*

**John Davies MBE**

**Chairman The Not Forgotten Association Northern Ireland**

**May 2021**

## Notes of Appreciation

The following is an example of some of the thank you messages we received from beneficiaries who received items during the pandemic:-

*Thank you for the beautiful gift of the jigsaw, it really cheered me up. RM*

*Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for my gift of a lovely jigsaw. A massive THANK YOU to Yvonne and The Not Forgotten Association Northern Ireland team for their very kind gift. This will keep me busy, while I'm not training or reading and then take its place on the Man Cave wall.*

*The Not Forgotten Association is another Military Charity that will be part of my fundraising challenge I'm undertaking in June. Keep your eyes peeled for more details. . Best wishes, Nigel.*

*Thank you for my jigsaw, something to help my mind through the next lockdown, Merry Christmas to you. Caron*

*Thanks for my DVD. Hope everyone has a Happy Christmas. JL*

*Thank you all very much for the booklet! Merry Christmas to you all. Adam*

*I was delighted to receive a jigsaw in the post today I can't wait to get it started - thank you The Not Forgotten Association NIxx Wilma*

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**Income and expenditure account for year ended 31 March 2021**

INCOME	2019/2020	2020/2021	EXPENDITURE	2020/21	2019/2020
Bank B/fwd	23,097.28	17,627.80	Garden Party	-	6,560.38
Cash B/fwd	8.25	0.00	Outings/Events	-	827.25
			Roadshows	150.00	5,509.10
			Bank Charges	6.74	8.86
Donations	8,470.52	7,451.00	Admin Expenses	913.17	1,895.03
Bank Interest	13.79	18.78	AGM	-	265.00
Christmas Lunch	874.20	-	Somme N Home	300.00	400.00
London Donation	818.98	-	Postage & Stationery	-	189.60
			Committee Expenses	738.07	-
			Balances C/Fwd		
			<b>Bank 31/3/2021</b>	<b>22,989.60</b>	<b>17,627.80</b>
			<b>Cash 31/3/2021</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
				<b>22,989.60</b>	<b>17,627.80</b>

In my opinion the accounts are drawn up so as to exhibit a true and accurate view of the Fund's affairs according to the best of the information and explanations given and as shown by the books of The Not Forgotten Association Northern Ireland.

Signed: *Original Signed* Mrs Carol A Titterington, Treasurer

I have examined the receipts and payments and confirm the Income and Expenditure Statement is a true record of these accounts.

Signed: *Original Signed* Mr David Keith, Auditor

Date: 27 April 202

## DONATIONS & GRANTS

The Not Forgotten Association Northern Ireland is hugely grateful to all those who raise money and/or make donations to help sustain our work. We mention below some of those who have helped us during the past year:-

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust

Leopardstown Park Hospital Trust

Belfast Cathedral Sit-Out for Charities (Black Santa Appeal)

The Raven Mick's

Mrs Margaret Cockram

Mrs Elizabeth Montgomery

Mr Paul Rodgers

Like the rest of the charity sector we have been greatly impacted by Covid-19. Concerningly, we had to cancel most of our 2020 programme of events and despite the technological advances in society our ability to raise funds has seen a considerable reduction.

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