

## Captain Dave Hallas Retirement

Captain Dave Hallas celebrated both his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday and retirement from his post as Permanent Staff Administrative Officer (PSAO), 49 Signal Squadron (V) at Carlton Barracks, Leeds on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

The guests at his farewell party included friends, family members and comrades both past and present. Dave is to be congratulated in completing 44 years total military service. The first 28 years were with the Parachute Regiment (See Photo) and the remainder as PSAO with 34 (Northern) Signal Regiment (V).



Having jumped with 216 Parachute Signal Squadron whilst serving with 16 Parachute Brigade and due to his final 16 years as an officer with the Royal Signals, Dave was invited and accepted the invitation to join both the Airborne Signals Old Comrades Association and Weston on the Green (Airborne Signals) Branch of The Royal British Legion.

It was at his request; that guests did not buy birthday cards, retirement cards or presents but make a small donation which at the end of the evening would be shared equally between SSAFA and the Airborne Signals Stained Glass Window Appeal for St Vincent's Church, Caythorpe, in Lincolnshire.

The Church has been the spiritual home of members of the Airborne Signals since World War 2. Captain Hallas said he was delighted that the collection raised £802 and would be looking forward to presenting a cheque for £401 to both SSAFA and St Vincent's Church at the first suitable opportunity.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his continued support and attendance at Airborne Signals reunions and functions and bid him and his wife Jo every good wish on their retirement.