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Newsletter – February 2019

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Dear all,

Meetings: Thursday 28th March A.G.M: Thursday 30th May: Thursday 25th July:
Thursday 26th September: Thursday 28th November

All commence at 19:30 hours at the Victory Club, Lypiatt Road, Cheltenham.

The Victory Club, Lypiatt Road, Cheltenham is the venue. Ample parking excellent room for the meeting, fair priced bar, and yes, an assortment of **complimentary quality hot pies** available during the interval. All members, to include Associate: Honorary and of course the ladies are most welcome.

Your Branch – Your support to ensure its long-term survival

Bereavement. In November we lost Michael Pallister, our condolences were sent to his family. We also lost Stan Jones an Honorary Member formally RAF. Again, our condolences were extended to his family. An excellent turn out for June Marcham, the mother of Steve, who passed away in January. June supported the branch for many years attending most functions and events.

Welfare. As to be expected we have quit a list of those who are not experiencing the best of health. A big “Thank you” is extended to the many members who take the time and trouble to make a visit or two. Visits and contact is maintained by Grenadiers, Coldstreamers, Associate and Honorary Members... Long may the camaraderie prevail. Any member who feels that we might be able to assist in any way then please do not hesitate to get in touch

Fifty Club. For those not on e-mail I have included the results of the last three draws held for the 50 Club.

31st May. £105.00 April Wasley: £80.00 John Head: £55.00 Colonel Ranson: £45.00 Phyllis Horne: £30.00 Graham Barton: £25.00 Pamela Jones.

27th September. £105.00 Colin Knight: £80.00 Peter Kilbey: £55.00 Michael Jennings: £45.00 Pamela Jones: £30.00 Terry Hale: £25.00 Roy Turner.

29th November. £105.00 Captain Pugh: £80.00 Jack Palin: £55.00 Nick Miller: £45.00 Sarah Evans: £30.00 Colin Trinder: £25.00 Stuart Sutton.

Christmas Lottery. Below winners of the Branch Christmas Lottery held at the Victory Club, Sunday 2nd December

£500.00 Arthur Wareham: 150.00 Stuart Sutton: £75.00 Sir Henry Elwes: £25.00 Catherine
£10.00 Theresa Jones: £10.00 Peter McKenna: £10.00 Susanna Beard: £10.00 S Print:
£10.00 Sara Renshaw: £10.00 Bernard Horne: £10.00 Bernice Simms: £10.00 Colin Knight:
£10.00 Tony :Leggett.

Tuesday 12th March 2019. Gurkha Meal. Graham Barton has kindly volunteered to organise this, venue the White Hart, Maisemore, Gloucester. Cost for a group sitting £19.00 per person. Please let the Hon Sec know if you intended to join the party. Restaurant needs to have some idea as to how many there will be. Pay on the day. English menu available for those who would prefer this option.

Thursday 28th March - Branch Annual General Meeting. 19:30 hours at the Victory Club, Lypiatt Road, Cheltenham. GL50 2SY If the car park is full, please use the car park next door where we have the necessary permission to park. Complimentary hot pies will, as usual, be served during the interval. May I remind all members that the appointment of Chairman: Secretary: Treasurer: Social Secretary and Welfare Officer, plus of course the Committee, are all up for re-election. Any member willing to put himself forward for any post please can you let the Chairman or Secretary have your nomination.

Tuesday 23rd April St George's Day. We expect to receive our normal complimentary allocation of tickets for the service in Gloucester Cathedral. Please see proforma to make application

Sunday 19th May. Regimental Remembrance Day. We intend to run a coach, as we have done annually since the branch was formed. If you have not joined us before, why not make this year the one to give it a go. We re confident that you will not be disappointed

Coach will leave Maybury, Brockworth at 09:15 hours picking up at Cirencester and the Guards Club Windsor. On route to the capital we will be taking a break at the Guards Club in Windsor. The bar will be open with fresh tea/Coffee also available. Bring your own packed lunch which can be consumed on the premises. From there it is off to Wellington Barracks for the Annual Church Service and Parade. For those who have never been before, this is your chance to march with serving Grenadiers, the Regimental Band, and the Association Corps of Drums from Wellington Barracks to Horse Guards Parade and return. An experience that, in my humble opinion, stirs the body and soul. To march, once again, with the Regiment is a priceless gem. .

On the return we again stop at the Guards Club for a Fish/Chicken/Pie and Chips supper.

Sunday 14th July Grenadier Day. Details will be circulated later.

Sunday 13th October. Branch Formal Luncheon. Date for your diary.

Sunday 1st December. Branch Christmas Social at the Victory Club. Date for your diary.

Branch Walk. Derek Knott, yet once more, has volunteered to organise a Branch Walk details will be circulated once known.

Garden Parties. We might have two parties this year at very different venues Colonel John Peel has invited us, once more, to his home in Fairford, I believe that this might be the thirty-eighth time.

Furthermore, Lord Vestey, Scots Guards and one of our Vice Presidents, has kindly invited us to Stowell Park. Once arrangements have been established details will be circulated.

Miscellaneous. I am off to attend the Annual Secretaries Meeting in London on Saturday 23rd March, anyone with any question or point of view that you would like to bring up then please let me know.

Cheltenham Town Hall Festival of Remembrance – Sunday 11th November 2018. Unfortunately, all our supply of tickets was taken. this year I will endeavour to see if I can increase our allocation.

Christmas Social – Sunday 2nd December 2018 – Victory Club, Cheltenham. With only a couple of weeks to go there were so few numbers booked on that serious consideration was given to cancelling the day. However, there was a late flurry of members joining and we finished up, although little down on numbers, enough to hold the day, which was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Christmas Gifts. Many acts of kindness to members are extended every year for a wide and varied list of reasons. A list of twenty names was prepared to whom your branch sent a cheque to the value of Thirty pounds.

Christmas Raffle. The recent Christmas Registered Lottery, (Raffle) proved a success and we would like to thank all those who sold and or purchased tickets. Also “Thank you”, to the many of you who enclosed a donation on top of your sales/purchases.

Dennis Ward has drawn this to my attention, thank you Dennis.

Action Fraud has received more than 5,000 reports about fake emails and texts purporting to be from TV Licensing. The messages contain links to genuine-looking websites that are designed to steal personal and financial information.

Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information in case it’s a scam. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected e-mail or text.

For more information about how to stay safe online, visit cyberaware.gov.uk

Coldstream Dates.

27th March Annual General Meetings – Wellington Barracks.

26th April. Curry Lunch followed by presentation about the Armed Forces by the Chief of the General Staff’s Briefing Team at the Reading Hilton Hotel. Please contact peter.walker@zen.co.uk (01189 712409) for tickets.

11th May Coldstream Day at Victoria Barracks, Windsor.

12th May Black Sunday (Coldstream) Free Lunch available after the march. Meal ticket will be required. Please contact L/Sgt Strudwick RHQ to obtain a ticket no later than 30th April.

Recruiting. Any member knowing, or having details, of any local former Household Division man, who is not a member of this branch, please would you be kind enough to forward details in order that we may contact him to see if he would like to join our ranks.

I am always on the lookout for articles to publish, come on chaps, and the ladies, forward me some articles or stories please. Especially welcome is an input from our Associated Members, I need a few stories and or up to date news. Functions etc appertaining to your regiment and association

If you are receiving this newsletter by snail mail and are on line, please would you forward me your e-mail address as it makes life for me so much easier and saves cost of postage and printing.

Kind regards to one and all,

Colin J Knight

Honorary Secretary

Proforma

Saint George's Day Service – Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Gloucester Cathedral.

Tickets are complimentary. I apply fortickets for the Service

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Please reserve mecopies. Cost per copy £7.00. Please add £1.25 if you would like a copy posted to you. Alternatively, they may be picked up at the next meeting.

Regimental Remembrance Day – Sunday 19th May 2019

Please reserve me places for the trip at a cost of £22.00 per person.

Please pick me up from Cheltenham [] Gloucester [] Cirencester []

I would like the following supper on the return journey at the Guards Club Windsor:

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Fish/Chicken/Pie and Chips. Tea/Coffee and a Bread Roll will come with the order. Cost £7.50 per person. Please indicate clearly Fish [] Chicken [] Pie []

Name.....Telephone

Number.....

I enclose my cheque to the value of £.....

Alternatively - I have paid by BACS. Please indicate if you have paid by this method. []

Tick box

BACS details Account Number 04205251 Sort Code 60-05-16

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