

GLoucestershire BRANCH

GRENADIER GUARDS ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER – September 2008

To all members of the Branch.

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2008 BRANCH MEETINGS – ALL AT THE VICTORY CLUB CHELTENHAM

Thursday 25th September & Thursday 27th November. **Please note start times of meetings 19:30 hours.**

Branch President. Following the retirement of Colonel Greville Tufnell our President after fifteen years in office, we are delighted to inform you all, that stepping into his shoes, will be Colonel Lance Ranson, a former Vice President, who has accepted the appointment. Thank you Colonel Tufnell for your guidance and enthusiasm for the past fifteen years.

Welfare. David Leighton has been in Gloucester Hospital with a problem with his foot. Tom Breen has also been in hospital and is now on convalescent leave at a rest home. John Finch missed playing with his band at the garden party due to Bronchitis.

Bereavement. Sadly I have to report the loss of Rene Hill the wife of Ron Hill. Rene has been a solid supporter of the branch for countless years. It was pleasing to see so many members in attendance at her funeral at Bredon Church.

Colonel's Fund. Pat Ward, on a recent important Birthday, would accept no gifts but asked for anyone who wanted to give a donation. Monies received would be split between the Colonel's Fund and her local church. This resulted in the magnificent sum of £325.00 for the Colonel's Fund and £300.00 to her church. Thank you Pat for your consideration to others.

Visit to the National Memorial Arboretum – Sunday 6th July. A most enjoyable day with the weather just holding out. Our Padre Eric Davies dedicated the seat the branch had purchased which is now in front of the tree that we planted last year. The meal afterwards at the Pavilion was superb in all aspects. Thank you Dennis Ward for arranging this.

Garden Party – Sunday 10th August. The weather just held. A couple of very short showers did not spoil the day. Excellent Bar-b-q thanks to the combined efforts of Derek Dean, Ivor Jones and Derek's mate Dave. Peter and Pam Jones ably assisted by Sylvia and Nigel Simms had a very busy day on "kitchen fatigues". A combined effort by many people ensured a very successful day. A cheque for £100.00 made payable to The Colonel's Fund was presented to Colonel Tufnell on his standing down as our President. A bouquet of flowers was present to Mrs Tufnell and Mrs Peel. Thank you Colonel and Mrs Peel for affording us the hospitality of your home and garden.

Branch Cycle Ride – Thursday 14th August. Due to adverse weather unfortunately this event was cancelled

Band Concert. The band gave an excellent concert with music for all tastes. The Town Hall organ was used in two numbers. Highland Cathedral played by Staff Sergeant Ian King was well received as was a display given by the Gloucestershire Army Cadet Force Band who performed during the interval. We did not achieve, nor did we expect to fill the Town Hall, however we were well satisfied with the final attendance.

Branch Walk – Sunday 7th September. (Repeat from the previous newsletter) Derek Knott is our organiser. Meet at the Gupshill Manor Hotel – leave cars in their car park. We will then walk for a

distance of 5.6 miles over footpaths and fields and along the banks of the River Severn. Afterwards, for those who wish to take lunch, we are dining at the Gupshill at a cost of £19.95 per person for a three-course meal to include tea/coffee. Anyone who would like to join us for the walk or just lunch only, then you need to inform Derek of your intentions. Meet up at the Gupshill at 12:00 hours for lunch at 13:00 hours. patandderek@talktalk.net is Derek's e-mail address; telephone number 01242 604116.

Coffee Morning. Alan and Alice Holford invite any branch member to visit their home on **Tuesday 23rd September** between the hours of 11:00 and 16:00 for a Coffee Morning in aid of the MacMillan Cancer Support. No need to let Alan or Alice know just turn up on the day if you are free.

Christmas Social – Sunday 7th December. Venue Norton Village Hall. As previously agreed and announced this will be a day event commencing at 12:00 hours. Please make a note in your diary. Full details in the next newsletter.

Pre Christmas break at Littlecote House 19th – 21st December. A very healthy interest so far. For full details please contact Honorary Secretary. **STOP PRESS.** Our Regimental Band will now be joining us at Littlecote.

Visit your branch site – www.gloucestershiregrenadiers.co.uk It has only been up and running for very short time. Go on “Log in” and have a look around. Any views or comments are most welcome.

Please try and make the next meeting on Thursday 25th September. Your Branch. Your meeting, to which all members are most welcome.

How many of you were listening to BBC Radio Gloucester at about 11:00 hours on Friday 22nd August when they gave me a full ten-minute “on air live interview” on the Concert and Guards in general.

Colin Knight Honorary Secretary.

If you require further information on any of the items in this Newsletter, then please telephone **Alan Holford 01452 534175** or **Colin Knight 01594 530154** Alternatively e-mail grenadiersglos@tiscali.co.uk

Branch Formal Lunch

Ramada Hotel, Robinswood Hill, Gloucester

Sunday 26th October - 12:00 Hours for 13:00 Hours

Our Guest of Honour will be Doctor Tim Brain the Chief Constable of Gloucestershire. We have also invited a representative from the Regiment.

This is our one formal event of the year and I ask you all to please consider attending. A good turn out ensures a good atmosphere, which is essential, if you want a successful occasion. Once you have finished reading this letter, check your diary and if free, ask the good lady for the cheque book in order that you may send in your payment to secure your place. For those of you who have never joined us, then make this the year to break your duck, I am sure that you will not be disappointed.

On arrival you will be greeted with a welcome drink

There will be a raffle, however the good news is that no one will have to purchase any tickets, as you will find complimentary tickets at your place setting. As usual, if you have an item that you would like to bring and donate for the draw, this will be greatly appreciated.

Menu

Starters

- A. Salad of Cray Fish and Prawns with baby Gem Lettuce and Marie Rose Sauce.
- B. Thick Mushroom Soup with Grain Mustard Cream.
- C. Melon and Orange Salad with Toasted Pine Nuts and Honey Dressing.

Main Course

- A. Fillet of Salmon with Chefs choice of Potatoes.
 - B. Traditional Roast Leg of Lamb.
 - C. Boiled Gammon with Parsley Sauce
 - D. Four Cheese and Spinach Ravioli with Wilted Spinach, Toasted Pine Nuts and Garlic Oil.
- All served with Carrots, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Peas, Boiled and Roast Potatoes.

Desserts

- A. Baked Vanilla Cheesecake with Black Cherry compote:
- B. French Apple Flan with Caramel Sauce and Vanilla Ice Cream.
- C. Poached Pear with Elderflower and Mint Syrup.
- D. Melody of Ice Cream.

Cheese Board. You may choose an English Cheese Board, as an alternative to a sweet, **at an additional cost of £3.00 per person.**

Tea/coffee with mints.

Please detach and return

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My choice of menu is:-

	Starter	Main Course	Dessert or Cheeseboard
Name			
Name			
Name			
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Your selection will be noted and will be shown on your name card at your table

From.....I enclose my cheque to the total value of £.....(£17.50 per person). Please add £3.00 per person for cheese and biscuits. Payable please to - Gren Gds
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Address.....

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Please return to: - Alan Holford. 41 Teddington Gardens, Gloucester GL4 6RL

