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NEWSLETTER –June 2013

To all members of the Branch.

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BRANCH MEETINGS 2013 – ALL AT THE VICTORY CLUB, CHELTENHAM.

Thursday 25th July: Thursday 26th September: Thursday 28th November

Please note start times of meetings 19:30 hours to which all members are welcomed

Complimentary hot pies will be served during the interval

****Your branch – your meetings. Make a note of the dates in your diary and come and join us** We hope to have a guest speaker or a presentation at some of the meetings**

Branch Meetings. Please do consider attending and joining the merry throng. Attendance at the meetings holds up well; let us endeavour to maintain this encouraging trend

Welfare. David Leighton has made many visits, sent cards and flowers to members, too many to mention everyone. We must thank David and of course his wife Janet for their devotion to branch welfare.

Obituary. It is with sadness that I report the loss of Donald Howe from Moreton in the Marsh. Our condolences are extended to his family.

New Members. Welcome aboard 24306092 Wayne Renshaw served from 1974 – 1986 now living in Nailsworth. Was a member of the Manchester Branch until moving to this County. Also Gary Price lives in Quedgley and Ian Knight former musician in our Regimental Band. Welcome aboard chaps.

Also joining the branch is Mrs Jean Stublely, the widow of a former Household Division

Christmas Lunch at Dumbleton Hall. Yet once more this now annual gathering was a complete sell out. It was indeed, as usual, a lovely occasion enjoyed by all attending. Before the guests left after the conclusion of festivities Derek asked if the feeling was that “Should he organise one again for Christmas 2013?”. At the time of writing Derek informs me that for this year, once again it is a full house as all places have already be taken.

Obviously when members have committed themselves so far in advance there is always the possibility of a cancellation or two. Any member who would like to place his name on a waiting list then please contact Derek

(01242 604116) The amazing fact is that Derek received enough applications for places for the luncheon prior to Christmas 2012 for the full house. This year A wonderful achievement Derek and from all the members who attend and enjoy the day, "Well done"

Annual General Meeting. The AGM back in March was well attended. All officers agreed to stand and were elected for a further term except John Carter who stepped down from the committee and John head who stepped down as Vice Chairman. I would like to extend my personal thanks for all their help over the many years that they have been in office.

The accounts were shown and explained to members at the meeting. Pleasing to report that the branch financially is in good health.

May Meeting. A well attended meeting with a good numbers of the ladies attending for the excellent presentation by Brigadier ??? (Welsh Guards) from The Allied Rapid Reaction Corps.

The presentations that we have had to date have all been well received, to further this we are awaiting confirmation from Major Tristram Carter (Scots Guards), now secretary of The Rifles, who has volunteered to give a presentation at the September Meeting. Again, as for any presentation, ladies will be most welcome.

Gurkha Lunch. Early May saw a good number attending at the Roadmaker for an infmral gathering and to enjoy lunch. Thank you David Leighton for arranging this.

50 Club. At the July Meeting we will hold our first draw in the new series. If you have been a previous member then please consider renewing your subscription, if you have never joined the club this is your chance to do so and to support the branch in order to further its aims and achievements.

Year 2013 Diary

Wednesday 26th June – Garden Party Buckingham Palace. Next year, as you all know, there is to be a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace to celebrate the formation of the association one hundred years ago. As I write I am awaiting the fine print from Regimental Headquarters, as soon as this is received it will be circulated.

All those who have paid a deposit for the two night trip to coincide with the event will notified on an individual basis.

For those not on this list, then up to date information will be placed in a newsletter.

Sunday 4th August - Branch Garden Party. Colonel John Peel has kindly invited us to his home for a Branch Garden Party . The day will follow the long established and successful routine. Guests to arrive from 12:00 hours for lunch in the region of 13:00 hours. During the afternoon the Chedworth Brass Band will play for our enjoyment. **Complimentary** Beers, Lagers, Wines and Soft Drinks will be available throughout the day plus of course tea and coffee. There will also be a light tea consisting of sandwiches and cake.

Two things to jot down. If you have a portable chair then please bring it with you as this does assist greatly. If you do not have a chair that you can bring, then please do not fret, as we will have plenty on site.

Ladies, and of course you chaps handy in the kitchen. As has been the custom for many years please see if you can spend a little time in the kitchen and make a cake or cakes as these are used for the tea meal with any left over being auctioned off to help defray costs.

This is an excellent way to spend a Sunday in a very relaxed and splendred location. Also, as you must agree, it is very exceptional good value for your money .

Sunday 15th September. The President's Formal Luncheon will be held at the Hatherley Manor Hotel. Full details will be published later. Last year the Hatherley Manor did us proud. Please record the date in your diary.

Sunday 1st December – Branch Christmas Social. Will take place at the Victory Club, Cheltenham. Full details will be published later.

Miscellaneous Items

Grenadier Gazette. This years edition of the Gazette comes out in March. You can order and pick them up at a meeting or have a copy posted to you. It is an excellent publication and I appeal to all members to consider purchasing a copy. I am sure that you will not be disappointed.

Suggestions. Although only June we have to start thinking about events for next year. One of the suggestions already put forward is a Spring Lunch. If you have any ideas or suggestions that we could consider, say for perhaps a group visit somewhere, day visit or for a couple of days or so, then please let your views to be known to Alan Holford any committee member or the Hon Sec.

It is your branch to which your committee is always willing to listen or action any ideas from the membership.

Request. Again a repeat from the last newsletter. If you are receiving correspondence by post and you are **now on e-mail**, please would you be kind enough to inform me of your address in order that I may correspond with you in this way. Corresponding by e-mail saves considerable costs for the branch in post and printing it also saves your Hon. Sec. a lot of time. We now have 64% of our membership with e-mail.

If you require further information on any of the items in this Newsletter or any other branch business, please telephone **Alan Holford 01452 534175** or **Colin Knight 01594 530154**. Alternatively e-mail to **grenadiersglos@tiscali.co.uk** or **Alan Holford al.nonoyes@virginmedia.com** All cheques made payable please to:- **Gren. Gds. Glos. Branch.**

Payments. Repeat message from the last four newsletters'. To move forward with the times we have made an adjustment as to how you may book on and pay for any branch event or function.

Firstly the time honoured method will continue in as much as you complete a proforma and send it with you cheque to Alan Holford.

Alternatively you may post or e-mail your proforma to Alan Holford and pay the amount owing by BACS (Telephone or Internet Banking) Details you will require are. Bank – NatWest. Name of account – For First or Grenadier Guards Comrades Association. Sort Code 60-05-16 Account Number 04205251. Please use your own name as reference. If you pay by this method please endorse your proforma- Paid by BACS. **It is essential that you return your proforma to Alan for ease of administration.**

Colin Knight Honorary Secretary.

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On the day of any event or gathering the mobile telephone number to use is:- 07980 019017

Gloucestershire Branch Grenadier Guards Association

**Join your Branch in celebrating One Hundred Years
since the formation of the Regimental
Association.**

*Arrive at Lydney Town Hall from 16:00 hours mingle with
friends for a Welcome Drink and Substantial Buffet to
include Desert with tea/coffee/soft drinks. Then at 19:15
hours take your seat for a Band Concert commencing at
19:30 hours featuring our very own Regimental Band.*

*To celebrate the event an All Inclusive cost to members of just
£16.00 per person*

Numbers for the Buffet will be limited.

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of £12.50 per person.*

I apply for.....tickets for the buffet and concert @£16.00 per person.

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