

Grenadier Guards Association Gloucestershire Branch

NEWSLETTER – July 2014

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To all members of the Branch.

BRANCH MEETINGS – ALL AT THE VICTORY CLUB, CHELTENHAM.

**Thursday 31st July - Please note below change of venue: Thursday 25th September:
Thursday 27th 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.

Obituary. It is with sadness that I report the loss of David Barley and Ronald Wasley both staunch branch supporters. A Guard of Honour was formed at each, well attended funeral. Another sad loss is the unexpected sudden death Geraldine Woodhams, beloved wife of Peter. Our condolences are extended to all the families.

New Members. Russell Parker. Welcome aboard to another Coldstreamer making nine from the regiment now in the branch.

Welfare. David Leighton, ably assisted by Jeanette, continues to be very active with welfare. Many members, too many to mention, have had their individual problems during the past year. Several with spells in hospital. If any member, for whatever reason, would like a welfare visit or assistance, please make contact with the branch – your branch.

Branch Meetings. At the AGM John Welch (Coldstream Guards) was elected Chairman as Peter Jones stood down after a long stint as Chairman. To use Peter's own words. "I will indeed be very active from the back benches. Thank you Peter for your dedication and thank you John for taking on the mantle. David Leighton (Welfare) Alan Holford (Social Secretary) Elaine Knight (Treasurer) were all re-elected as were the remainder of the committee namely Messrs, Nigel Simms, David Hower, Gordon Willis, Ivor and Ron Hill.

July Meeting. The July Meeting is to be held at the Soldiers Museum Gloucester. There will be a short meeting followed by a presentation and a guided tour around the very recently refurbished museum. All members are welcome to attend which includes the wives. Please note commencement of proceedings at 19:00 hours. If you are considering attending, and you have not already done so, please can you let the Hon. Sec know. Some ideas of numbers are needed in order to arrange seating guides etc.

Dates for your Diary. Saturday 25th October – Bristol Branch Luncheon celebrating their one hundredth anniversary. It would be nice if could make up a party from the branch to visit our next door neighbours.

Formal Luncheon – Sunday 12th October. As you will find on separate sheet details of the forthcoming President's Formal Luncheon. No inflation price increase in the price this year as your committee have found funds to be able to subsidise everyone attending, so this year a nice price reduction. For the past few years the Hatherley Manor have done us proud and we have every confidence that they will look after us again this year.

Please consider joining us, family and friends are of course cordially invited. Any additional names please append, together with menu choice on a separate sheet and send to Alan Holford.

Please assist us by returning your menu choice as soon as you have made your selection as this

greatly assists with forward planning.

Should anyone wish to stay overnight the rates are - Saturday £99.00 per room Bed and Breakfast. (Twin/Double) Sunday £80.00 Bed and breakfast per room. (Twin/Double). Please telephone the hotel direct to make a reservation - 01452 730213 and quote Grenadier Guards.

World One One Commemorative Service Gloucester Cathedral – Sunday 3rd August. At 15:00 hours. Should any spare places become available then please contact the Hon. Sec

Branch Christmas Social – Sunday 7th December 2014. This will take place at the Victory Club, Cheltenham. Full details in the next Newsletter. Please take the opportunity of noting the date in your diary.

Suggestions. If you have any ideas or suggestions that we could consider, say for perhaps a group visit somewhere, day visit or a couple of days, please let your views 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.

Miscellaneous.

Derek Knott has organised a walk along the Stroudwater Canal for Tuesday 2nd September. The suggestion was circulated by e-mail to which there has been a good response. However if anyone else would like to consider joining, then please contact Derek to see if you can be accommodated.

Derek again. His now annual Christmas Lunch at Dumbleton Hall has been very well responded to. Again, if you would like to consider attending please contact Derek to ascertain if there are any places left.

Derek – 01242 604116 or e-mail – patandderek@talktalk.net

Had an e-mail from Dave and Lyn Hickman now permanently living in Spain wishing to be remembered to all their friends and acquaintances in the branch.

Have a couple of spare Grenadier Gazettes if anyone is interested who has yet to purchase a copy.

If you require further information on any of the items in this Newsletter or any other branch business, please telephone **Alan Holford 01452 534175** - alnonoyes@virginmedia.com or Hon. Sec 01594 530154 - grenadiersglos@tiscali.co.uk

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Colin Knight

Honorary Secretary.

Notes.

Please forward your Hatherley Manor Menu choice to Alan Holford, 41, Teddington Gardens, Gloucester. GL4 6RL. Let us see if this year we can achieve a bumper attendance.

For the September Meeting it is hoped that the Battalion Casualty Officer will be in attendance to give us a brief.

