

# Grenadier Guards Association Gloucestershire Branch

## NEWSLETTER – January 2015

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To all members of the Branch.

*First and foremost a Happy New Year to each and everyone.*

### **BRANCH MEETINGS – ALL AT THE VICTORY CLUB, CHELTENHAM.**

Thursday January 29th: Thursday March 26th (AGM) Thursday May 28th

Thursday July 30th: Thursday September 24th: Thursday November 26th.

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

*Complimentary hot pies will be served during the interval.*

There is plenty of parking. Use the Car Park to your left as you look at the club if the Club Car Park is full. We all have full permission to park there

**New Members.** Disappointing to report that there are none since the last newsletter. Come on everyone, when you are out and about and spy a potential recruit, take his name together with contact details and forward them to the Hon. Sec.

**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.** These continue to be well supported. Just a reminder that the AGM is in March. All posts from Chairman, Secretary, Social Secretary, Welfare Officer, Treasurer and the complete committee are as always up for re-election. Anyone in the branch that fancies having a go at any of the appointment please make your view known to the Chairman or Secretary.

**Branch Christmas Social – Sunday 7th December 2014.** This took place at the Victory Club. Unfortunately numbers were down a little however a most enjoyable occasion was had by all.

**Dumbleton Christmas Lunch Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2014.** Derek once again arranged his Annual Christmas Lunch at Dumbleton Hall, which has now become traditional, and as expected was a “Sell out”

**Branch Christmas Lottery.** A big “Thank you” to all those who sold tickets ensuring that the branch has funds to continue its good work for a further year. Satisfying to report that sales held well.

**St. Georges Day – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015.** As in previous years we should receive a number of complimentary tickets for the service. Applications please on the proforma,

**Regimental Remembrance Day – Sunday 17th May 2015.** Coach will leave Cheltenham at 09:00 Hours: Gloucester – 09:20 hours - Denmans Car Park: 09:45 hours Cirencester Beeches Car Park. En-route we will stop at the Guards Club Windsor. Do not forget to bring your own packed lunch. Bar will be open as will be the availability of tea and coffee.

All are invited to the Guards Chapel for the service. Afterwards there will be the traditional march

to Horse Guards for the laying of wreaths at the Guards Memorial.

On the return journey we will stop again at the Club for a Fish/Pie/Chicken and Chips Supper. This is your opportunity to not only visit the Guards Chapel for a Regimental Service but also the chance to march behind the Grenadier Guards Regimental Band. Put a price on that if you can!

**Branch Trip to Waterloo – Departing 17<sup>th</sup> June for four nights five days.** A reminder that the branch has organised a five day four night trip next June to witness the two-hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. We have been fortunate enough to secure seats in the stand for the re-enactment of the battle.

Be at the very heart of the grandiose reconstruction of an event which continues to speak to the collective imagination **The Battle of Waterloo**. To commemorate the bicentenary, of the battle that left Europe stunned and which was instrumental to determining the future of the region, the ASBL "Bataille de Waterloo 1815 is planning the most impressive reconstruction ever seen in Europe with 5,300 re-enactors from over thirty countries, 300 horses and 100 canon. Your opportunity to witness this spectacle.

As I write I am still taking names of those interested, we have now reached over halfway with deposits paid for a full compliment.

Any member requiring further information or details please e-mail or telephone the Hon. Sec.

**Branch Garden Party – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July.** Once again Colonel Peel has kindly invited us to his home for a Garden Party. Full details will be circulated at a later date, in the meantime please append the date in your diary.

**6<sup>th</sup> December 2015.** Advance date for your diary of the Branch Christmas Social at the Victory Club

**Regimental Goods.** If you wish to purchase any items from the Regimental Shop or to find out what is going on in the Regiment and or Association [www.grenads.com](http://www.grenads.com) is the method to enter the web site. Always interesting to login and have a look around.

**Regimental Christmas Cards.** This year application for cards have to Reach RHQ by the end of July, **yes July**. Details of the card this year will be circulated as soon as it is announced.

**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.

As I write I hope to contact Derek Knott to see if he will arrange a branch walk or two as they always prove popular.

**Keep up to date.** [www.gloucestershiregrenadiers.co.uk](http://www.gloucestershiregrenadiers.co.uk) is the branch web site which will keep up to date with branch affairs.

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

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](mailto:alnonoyes@virginmedia.com) or Hon. Sec 01594 530154 - [grenadiersglos@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:grenadiersglos@tiscali.co.uk)

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**Colin Knight** (Honorary Secretary)



