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BRANCH NEWSLETTER
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BRANCH NEWS

Saturday the 21st April saw numerous Branch Members gather at the Port of Bristol social club in Shirehampton to cheer on the Branch skittle team in the St George's cup challenge against the Coldstreamers. Unfortunately the opposition (obviously still smarting from the defeat inflicted upon them last year) were in no mood for taking prisoners and, despite a gallant effort from team captain, Roy Godwin and the rest of the Grenadiers, inflicted a resounding defeat upon us. Whilst we politely applaud the Coldstreamers success, it did not go unnoticed that they were practising at the venue from 9am on the day of the contest. Mentioned in this despatch is Lance Cambridge for his highest score of the day for the Grenadiers.

The first outing of the year for the Branch came on Sunday 20th May when a coach full of Branch members headed east along the M4 bound for Wellington Barracks for Regimental Remembrance Day, not only were we blessed with reasonable weather but we were also fortunate that the Colonel of the Regiment was able to attend this year. After the Service in the Guards chapel numerous Branch Members joined the parade for the march to Horse Guards to lay the Regimental wreath at the Guards memorial. This year it was the turn of the Bristol Branch to supply a Colour Point for the parade and the more eagle eyed amongst you will have noticed our very own Chris Quinlan, resplendent in new beret, doing a fantastic job with his Colour. Well done Chris, Mentioned in despatches. After the Parade most Bristol Branch members retired to the Garrison Sergeants Mess to partake of their exceptionally convivial hospitality. On the return to Bristol we once again availed ourselves upon the Windsor Branch for a Fish and Chip supper in their extremely comfortable club house.

Sunday the 8th of July found another coach full of Branch Members heading East along the M4, this time bound for Lille Barracks in Aldershot for Grenadier Day. After some early showers the rain thankfully held off for most of the day, something that all present were grateful for, as last years deluge was still fresh in many minds. Despite relatively low numbers in attendance the Branch did quite well with Cider sales and also turned a small profit on the Television Raffle which was won by Jackie Fox from Newport.

The Branch Summer trip this year was a visit to the Palace of Westminster, (Houses of Parliament) Kindly arranged on behalf of the Branch by The Hon Jack Lopresti, MP for Filton and Bradley Stoke. Some 24 Branch Members braved the daunting start time of 06.00 and headed for London on the 29th August. An early start was inevitable as we had to be in Parliament Square before 10.00. The unsociable start time was deemed by all present to be a small price to pay as this proved to be one of the most interesting and informative Branch trips in recent history. After the tour of the Palace of Westminster Branch members dispersed to find Lunch venues, it is rumoured that the local Wetherspoons on Whitehall benefited enormously from this arrangement. Those Branch members attending had a fantastic day out but it should be noted that numbers attending this trip were quite low, the Branch planned for 40, PLEASE support the branch by trying to attend the trips and functions that are arranged for you, it would be a great shame if we could not run coaches to these events due to lack of support, Names have not been lost on this occasion.

Earlier this year you received a mailshot regarding the work of the Royal British Legion at their facility in Weston Super Mare, in this mailshot you were asked to support the work of the Legion by making a donation, I am delighted to report that at the time of writing we, as a Branch have raised £650.00, this is entirely due to the fantastic support of the members of this Branch, Thank you and well done. We shall be presenting the cheque to the Legion Somerset House in November. This appeal will be ongoing and will be a subject that is raised in future newsletters, so please keep the donations coming, however small it all helps !

The Killing Zone is the latest book to be published by Bristol Branch Vice President, Lt Col Dorney. The Killing Zone is a detailed and personal account of the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards last tour of Helmand Province, Afghanistan. The book, described by renowned author, Patrick Hennesey as "Honest and Unpretentious" is available for purchase at all good bookshops, i.e. Smiths and waterstones, and also online at Amazon.co.uk All proceeds from the sale of this work will be donated by the Author to The Colonels Fund and other Combat Stress charities.

Important Notice

Due to the escalating costs of running and administering the Branch, the Committee have decided to reintroduce a Branch subscription from 2013. This is a step that the Committee were reluctant to take but felt it necessary if we are to continue producing newsletters and offering subsidised coach travel to events such as Regimental Remembrance Day and Grenadier Day. It costs the Branch somewhere in the order of one hundred pounds to produce each newsletter, and the cost of items such as stationary, ink and postage keep increasing. The cost of coach hire to London, at this years prices is £585.00, this WILL increase next year and the Branch always makes a loss on coach hire, this is something that is not financially sustainable for the Branch therefore it is with great reluctance that all branch members who wish to continue receiving the newsletters and benefiting from the cheap coach travel and indeed continue to take an active part within the Branch will be liable to a £10.00 per year subscription payment. Subscriptions will valid for one calendar year and will be payable in January of each year. Subscription payments should be sent to the Branch Secretary who will document all payments before handing the payments to the Branch Treasurer. It is entirely down to individuals to send payments as you WILL NOT be 'chased' for them.



**BRISTOL BRANCH
ANNUAL DINNER
SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2012
ROYAL ARTILLERY GROUNDS, WHITELADIES ROAD
CLIFTON, BRISTOL
18.30 FOR 19.30 – CARRIAGES 24.00
MESS DRESS, BLACK TIE OR LOUNGE SUIT**

ENTREE'S

Lentil & Bacon Broth
Served with a crusty Bread Roll
Or
Cream of Tomato & Leek Soup

MAINS

Beef Wellington
Or
Mediterranean Chicken Breast
(stuffed with Mozzarella)

Both served with
Crushed New Potatoes with Butter & Chives
Glazed Batons of Carrots
Buttered mixed Vegetables & Rich Gravy

Vegetarian Option Available

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Assorted Sweets

Cheese & Biscuits

Coffee & After Dinner Mints

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INCLUSIVE OF THE PRICE OF £25.00 PER PERSON

Table Wine & Port

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Please return the completed booking form to the Branch Secretary



LEST WE FORGET

OPERATION HERRICK 16

Gdsm Micheal J Rowland 27th April 2012

L/Cpl James T Ashworth 13th June 2012

Gdsm James Shadrake 17th August 2012

Gdsm Karl Whittle 7th September 2012

BRISTOL BRANCH

22545065 John Crosbie of Stoke Gifford, Bristol 10th June 2012



BRISTOL BRANCH DINNER 2012 – BOOKING FORM

NAME (IN FULL)

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MAIN COURSE (VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

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I ENCLOSE A CHEQUE IN THE SUM OF £ (£25.00 PER PERSON)

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