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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

GRENADIER DAY, SUNDAY 12TH JUNE 2011

LILLE BARRACKS, ALDERSHOT

Grenadier Day this year, is to be held at the Battalions new home of Lille Barracks in Aldershot. The last time we travelled to Lille Barracks for Grenadier Day, a few years ago, it proved to be a very popular venue and was very well attended by both Association members and serving members of the Battalion.

The Bristol Branch will, as usual, be running a coach, at a cost of £15.00 per person, to Aldershot for the event, departing from the normal pick up points of, Redcliffe at 09.00 and Downend at 09.30. There are, at time of writing, still some coach places available. Please contact the Branch Secretary if you wish to book Coach Travel to Aldershot.

BRISTOL BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER

1st OCTOBER 2011

ROYAL ARTILLERY GROUNDS, WHITELADIES ROAD, BRISTOL

Due to the resounding success of last years dinner, we shall be returning to Whiteladies Road again this year. This is likely to prove a very popular event and early booking is highly recommended.

The Dinner will follow the same format as previous years and due to the catering staff at Whiteladies Road being able to keep overheads to a minimum we are able to offer the Dinner at the same cost as last year. The four course menu will consist of a choice of Main Courses of Lamb, Chicken or Vegetarian, please make your menu choices clear on the enclosed booking form. As per last year, Wine and Port will be served at the table, inclusive of the cost of £25.00 per person, and a very reasonably priced cash bar will available throughout the evening. As usual for Branch Dinner's the Dress code will be Black Tie preferred but Lounge Suits acceptable, Timings for this year will be :

19.00 / 19.30	– Assemble in the Officers Mess
20.00	- Dinner Call
20.15	- Dinner Service
24.00	- Carriages

All bookings are to be submitted to the Branch Secretary BEFORE 1st September 2011, a deposit of £15.00 per person is required at time of booking, and the balance of £10.00 p/p payable before 30th September. Please make cheques payable to 'The Grenadier Guards Association Bristol Branch'. If any Branch Members require assistance with booking local hotels, please contact the Secretary who will happy to assist in any way.

THE REGIMENTAL BAND

The Band of The Grenadier Guards will be playing at the 'High Sheriff's Concert' at Bristol Cathedral on the evening of 17th June. For further information and ticket enquiries please contact Bristol Cathedral directly.



THE ST GEORGE'S CUP



On St Georges Day, some Forty Branch Members and their families attended the inaugural contest for the St George Cup against the Bristol Branch of the Coldstream Guards Association at the Port of Bristol Authority Sports and Social club in Shirehampton.

Team Captain for the Grenadier's was Terry Dray, a weighty responsibility given that he had been informed that defeat was most certainly not an option. The Coldstreamers took to the Skittle alley first and looked worryingly impressive as they started clattering skittles 'left right and centre, and we ended the first of four sets ten points behind. The next set saw us claw back six points of the deficit and we ended the second set four points behind. The Third set saw the Coldstreamers unleash their big guns in the form of a rather large Lance Sergeant who was still serving in the Regiment, as the L/Sgt lined up his first ball he was heard to mutter, amid the barracking and heckling from the Grenadiers, that this was 'gonna be easy, just like knocking out Grenadier teeth'. The young L/Sgt then went on to bathe himself in glory by missing with all of his three balls, the hoots of derision from the Grenadiers could probably have been heard all the way down the Portway. The third set ended with us taking the lead by four points. As the match entered the fourth and final set Terry had the measure of the opposition and totally took command of the game, The Grenadiers won the cup by fourteen points. The Name Grenadier will forever be engraved at the very top of the winner's plaque, where it rightly belongs. It must be said that our hosts, the Coldstreamers were superbly magnanimous in defeat, despite what must have been a bitter disappointment for them, they presented the trophy to Terry our team Captain, with the utmost dignity.

Many thanks to all who attended and supported the team, those of you that were unable to attend missed a very good afternoon's entertainment, make a note in your diaries for next year as I am sure the Coldstreamers will have the bit firmly between their teeth and we will need all of the support that we can muster.



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