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BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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BRANCH INFORMATION

The Branch AGM was held on the 5th of March this year, our Chairman Keith Jones stepped down from his role, as was his intention for some time. Keith has been a stalwart of the Bristol Branch for more years than he probably cares to remember, he has served the Branch in every possible role over the years, on some occasions taking on a post for a second time. Those of you that attended the Branch Dinner last October will recall that the Branch President recognised Keith's service to the Branch by making him a Vice President, a 'promotion' which is thoroughly deserved. In stepping down Keith leaves very big boots to fill, and the perfect candidate to fill the vacant Chairman's position could be none other than the ex Regimental Sergeant Major of the 1st Battalion, Chris Savage who was duly elected into place at the AGM, as ex RSM Chris brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Branch we wish him well in his new role, we also wish Keith well in his 'retirement' and thank him for the tremendous amount of work that he has done for the Branch over the years.

In an effort to make the Monthly Branch meetings more appealing to a wider range of Branch members, the Committee have decided to change the day of the meetings to the last Sunday of each Month, excluding January and August, we do not hold meetings during these months, it is hoped that more members will find a Sunday afternoon more convenient than a Monday evening. All future meetings will be held in the Officers Mess at the Royal Artillery Grounds, Whiteladies Road, Clifton, Bristol at 16.00 on the last Sunday of the Month. All Branch members are welcome to attend the meetings and have some input into how your Branch is run. Please be advised that the Artillery Grounds is an 'active' military establishment and as such, has security measures in place. If you are intending to attend a Branch meeting you will require a code for the gates, this can be obtained from either the Secretary or Chairman.

The Branch will as usual be running a coach to Regimental Remembrance Day and Grenadier Day this year, the cost of coach hire is becoming an increasing financial burden for the Branch due to the low number of Branch Members attending the events. Coach travel is always priced as competitively as possible to encourage more members to attend. Please try and support the Branch by using the coaches and attending the events.

The Branch newsletter will in future be published twice a year instead of the three issues that we used to have, it will now be published in the Spring and Autumn. Two Thirds of Branch Members now receive their newsletters via E-Mail, this format is far more desirable for the Branch Secretary as it reduces the cost of printing and postage etc. Would any members who receive the newsletters via the postal system and are in a position to change to the electronic mailing preferred by the Branch, please notify the Branch Secretary who will make the necessary arrangements for you to receive your newsletters via E-Mail.

The 2012 Grenadier Gazette is now available for purchase. You can order your copy direct from RHQ using the enclosed / attached order form. This year's Gazette is priced at £5.25 plus postage. P&P, for one copy is £1.78 two copies £2.16, three four or five copies will cost £2.68.

RHQ have done a fantastic job in upgrading the online shop, those of you that have access to the internet will find it well worth visiting at the Regimental Website www.grengds.com

Bristol Branch Vice President (Major) R Dorney MBE was recently appointed to Lt Colonel and was promptly despatched from the Battalion where he occupied the Quartermasters office to work for the MOD elsewhere. Congratulations Sir, All at the Bristol Branch wish you the very best in your new job.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ST GEORGE'S CUP CHALLENGE

Saturday 21st April 2012
Port of Bristol Social Club
Shirehampton, Bristol

The Grenadier team, victorious in 2011 will be defending the St George Cup on Saturday 21st April at the Port of Bristol Social Club in Shirehampton. The Coldstreamers, still smarting from their defeat last year are expected to mount a ferocious challenge for the trophy this year. This years team captain for the Grenadiers, Roy Godwin is expecting some stiff competition and would like to see as many Branch Members as possible supporting the team. All branch members, young & old are welcome, there will be a complimentary buffet and a full range of Beer's Wines & Soft Drinks available at the very reasonably priced bar. We will start arriving at 13.00 and battle will commence in the skittle alley at 14.00. We wish Roy and the team the very best of luck and look forward to hearing Roy's victory speech after the game. All Grenadiers are encouraged to come along and support the team.

REGIMENTAL REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sunday 20th May 2012
Wellington Barracks, London.

The Branch will be running a coach to London for Regimental Remembrance Day, as usual the coach pick up points will be Redcliffe pay & display car park and Downend Somerfield car park, Timings for the coach will be the same as last year, with the coach departing Redcliffe at 08.00 and Downend at 08.30 this will enable us to arrive in central London in time to allow every one the opportunity to seek out Lunch Venues, it is anticipated that the coach will leave Wellington Barracks between 16.30 & 17.00, We will, as per last year, be stopping on the return journey, at the Guards Club in Windsor for a fish and chip supper (price not included in coach fare) and hope to be arriving back in Bristol at approximately 20.00 The cost for the return coach travel is £12.00 per person. This is likely to be a very popular trip, so Branch members wishing to attend are encouraged to book their places as soon as possible by contacting the Branch Secretary. When booking please inform the Secretary of your preferred coach pick up point and whether you wish to partake of the supper at Windsor.

GRENADIER DAY

Sunday 8th July 2012
Lille Barracks, Aldershot

Coach pick up points remain unchanged and timings are Redcliffe 09.00 and Downend 09.30. The cost for coach travel is £12.00 per person. When booking please inform the Branch Secretary of your preferred pick up point.

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2012 DIARY OF EVENTS

<u>JANUARY</u>			No Branch Meeting.
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	Monday	6 th	Branch Meeting.
<u>MARCH</u>	Monday	5 th	Branch A.G.M
	Sunday.	25 th	Branch Meeting
<u>APRIL</u>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>21st</i>	<i><u>St Georges Day Challenge, Port of Bristol Social Club.</u></i>
	Sunday	29 th	Branch Meeting
<u>MAY</u>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>20th</i>	<i><u>Regimental Remembrance Day, Wellington Barracks.</u></i>
		22 nd - 26 th	The Royal Windsor Tattoo, Windsor
	Sunday	27 th	Branch Meeting
<u>JUNE</u>	Saturday	2 nd	The Major Generals Review, Horse Guards Parade
	Sunday	3 rd	Diamond Jubilee Pageant, London
	Saturday	9 th	The Colonel's Review, Horse Guards Parade.
	Wednesday	13 th	Beating Retreat, Horse Guards Parade.
	Thursday	14 th	Beating Retreat, Horse Guards Parade.
	Saturday	16 th	The Queens Birthday Parade, Horse Guards Parade. (1 st Battalion Coldstream Guards)
	Sunday	24 th	Branch Meeting
<u>JULY</u>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i><u>Grenadier Day, Lille Barracks, Aldershot</u></i>
	Sunday	29 th	Branch Meeting
<u>AUGUST</u>			No Branch Meeting
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	Sunday	30 th	Branch Meeting.
<u>OCTOBER</u>	Sunday	28 th	Branch Meeting.
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	Sunday	25 th	Branch Meeting.
<u>DECEMBER</u>	Sunday	30 th	Branch Meeting

Dates to be confirmed

Branch trip to the Houses of Parliament
Branch Annual Dinner



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