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BRANCH NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2013

2012 Diary of Events

<u>JANUARY</u>			No Branch Meeting.
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	Sunday	24 th	Branch Meeting.
<u>MARCH</u>	* * * * * <u>BRANCH AGM MOVED TO APRIL</u> * * * * *		
<u>APRIL</u>	* * * Sunday	7th	<u>Bristol Branch A.G.M</u> * * *
	Saturday	20th	<u>St Georges Day Challenge, Port of Bristol Social Club.</u>
	Sunday	28 th	Branch Meeting
<u>MAY</u>	Sunday	19th	<u>Regimental Remembrance Day, Wellington Barracks.</u>
	Sunday	26 th	Branch Meeting
<u>JUNE</u>	Saturday	1 st	The Major Generals Review, Horse Guards Parade
	Saturday	8 th	The Colonel's Review, Horse Guards Parade.
		12 th ~ 13 th	Beating Retreat, Horse Guards Parade
	Saturday	15 th	The Queens Birthday Parade, Horse Guards Parade. (1 st Battalion Welsh Guards)
	Wednesday	26th	<u>Her Majesty's Grenadier Day, Buckingham Palace</u>
	Sunday	30 th	Branch Meeting
<u>JULY</u>	Sunday	28 th	Branch Meeting
<u>AUGUST</u>			No Branch Meeting
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		24 th ~ 27 th	Wellington to Waterloo, Colonels fund Charity Bike Ride.
	Sunday	29 th	Branch Meeting.
<u>OCTOBER</u>	Sunday	27 th	Branch Meeting.
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	Saturday	2 nd	Sergeants Mess, 'Past & Present' Dinner (<u>Lille Barracks Aldershot</u>)
	Saturday	9 th	Festival of Remembrance
	Sunday	10th	<u>Remembrance Day Parade, Bristol City Centre</u>
	Sunday	24 th	Branch Meeting.
<u>DECEMBER</u>	Sunday	29 th	Branch Meeting

Dates to be confirmed
Branch trip
Branch Annual Dinner



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

BRISTOL BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This Year's AGM will be held in the Officers Mess at the Royal Artillery Grounds on Whiteladies Road, Clifton, Bristol on **Sunday 7th April**. The Mess will be open for Branch Members at 15.00 and proceedings will commence at 15.30. This is the only opportunity that most Branch have to come along and have a say as to how your Branch is run, so if you have anything that you wish to put to the Committee this is the the ideal time to do it.

All Branch Members are encouraged to attend

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St GEORGE'S CUP CHALLENGE

Saturday 20th April 2013
Port of Bristol Social Club
Shirehampton, Bristol

After the crushing defeat that we suffered at the hands of the Coldstreamer's last year, there is a huge amount of expectation resting on the shoulders of this Year's Team Captain, Mike O'Gorman. Mike faces a mammoth task in restoring the Regimental pride of the Branch as the Coldstreamer's have proved to be a very capable adversary and are fully intent on retaining the trophy for a successive year, this is, of course, not an option for the Grenadiers so please come along and support Mike and the Grenadier team, this really is a fantastic day out for all the family and you get to see the Coldstreamer's defeated before your very eye's. The more support the Better.

All branch members, young & old are welcome, there will be a complimentary buffet and a full range of Beer's, Wines, Spirits & 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 Mike and the team the very best of luck and look forward to hearing the O'Gorman victory speech after the game. All Grenadiers are encouraged to come along and support the team.

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REGIMENTAL REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sunday 19th May 2013
Wellington Barracks, London.

The Branch will be running a coach to London for Regimental Remembrance Day 2013, the coach pick up points will be, Clifton Down (Durdham Downs) at the Bus Stop adjacent to the Water Tower, Downend Somerfield car park and Swindon at the Lydiard Fields Premier Inn. Timings for the coach will be the same as last year, with the coach departing Clifton at 08.00, Downend at 08.30 and Swindon at 09.15 this will enable us to arrive in central London in good time to allow every one the opportunity to seek out suitable 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.

Last Year the Bristol Branch was required to supply a Branch Member for Colour Point on the Parade and Chris Quinlan bravely stepped up to the challenge and what a magnificent job he did, this year Chris will be Wreath Bearer at the Guards Memorial on Horse Guards Parade and we wish him the best of luck as all eye's will be upon him.





HER MAJESTY'S GRENADIER DAY



Wednesday 26th June 2013
Buckingham Palace

Her Majesty has decreed that in commemoration of the centenary of the Grenadier Guards Association, Grenadier Day 2013 will take place on Wednesday 26th June in the Gardens of Buckingham Palace and will incorporate Her Majesty's inspection of the Queens Company, Presentation of new Colours to Nijmegen Company and the Grenadier Guards Association Centenary Garden Party.

This will be a unique occasion where three traditionally separate occasions will come together as one. Guests will assemble in the Gardens of Buckingham Palace where The Queens Company, Nijmegen Company and the Band of the Grenadier Guards will march onto parade. The old Colours of Nijmegen Company will be Marched off parade. The Queen and The Colonel will arrive and be received with a Royal salute followed by the inspection of The Queens Company and presentation of new Colours to Nijmegen Company. Thereafter all will attend the Grenadier Guards Association Centenary Garden Party where The Queen and The Colonel will meet members of the Regiment, both past and present and their families.

All Members of the Grenadier Guards Association including Honorary and Associate Members are eligible to apply for tickets.

Tickets are limited to one per branch member plus one guest

Tickets are priced at £20.00 per person (excluding Branch Coach Fare at £12.00 p/p)

Tickets will be issued on an individual basis and are not transferable

*Photographic identification **WILL** be required to access the event (Driving License or Passport)*

No one under the age of 18 will be admitted

Dress – Uniform (with medals but no swords or side arms) / Morning Suit / Lounge Suit / Regimental Blazer

All Branch Members may apply for tickets in accordance with the above eligibility; each individual is to complete the enclosed application form and **return it to the Branch Secretary before April 7th**. The Branch AGM on Sunday 7th April is the latest that the form can be handed to the Secretary. **APPLICATION FORMS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE VOID AND RETURNED. Payment is to accompany all applications** and cheques in the sum of £20.00 per person are to be made payable to “Regimental Adjutant Grenadier Guards”

Payment for the coach fare is required to be paid separately with cheques made payable to “Bristol Branch Grenadier Guards Association”

A number of Branch Members have indicated that they wish to attend this event and had their names placed on a provisional attendance list. **All Branch Members wishing to attend MUST complete the enclosed form.**

Individuals will receive as confirmation

- ~ Invitation card from the Regimental Lieutenant Colonel
- ~ Personal Card which will be numbered and named to the individual
- ~ Instruction Card on Security and General information

Personal cards will be numbered and named and issued to the individual and are **NOT TRANSFERABLE**. Individuals will have their personal card checked against a nominal roll on entrance to Buckingham Palace and must produce photographic identification at this point. Persons under the age of 18 **will not be admitted**.

All guests will depart the Gardens at 18.00

Branch Coach

Coach fare is £12.00 per person and coach pick up points and timings are as follows

Clifton Downs - Water Tower..... 09.00

Downend - Somerfield Car Park 09.30

Swindon – Lydiard Fields 10.15

Estimated time of arrival in Bristol 21.00

Some 50 Branch Members have indicated an interest in this event so seats will be in very high demand. Seats on the Coach will be issued on a **first come, first served basis**, you are advised to return your ticket application and payment as soon as possible. Should there be sufficient interest and demand, the Branch will hire a second coach, otherwise applications received after the first 48 will be returned.

Paid up Branch Members **WILL** take priority over Branch Members who have not paid their subscription.

WELLINGTON TO WATERLOO

Tuesday 24th ~ Friday 27th September 2013

On Tuesday 24th September a detachment of Past and Present Grenadiers will set off from Wellington Barracks on a charity bicycle ride to Waterloo in Belgium in aid of the Colonels Fund. Among their number will be our own Bristol Branch Member, Andy Dane.

The Colonels fund, as we know is the charity set up by the Grenadier Guards to assist those members of the Regiment affected by injuries and trauma's caused in the recent theatres that the Regiment has served in. The Colonels Fund is an 'ongoing' charity that has helped numerous Grenadiers since its launch by His Royal Highness The Duke Of Edinburgh in 2009.

After a launch party hosted by the Colonel at the Guildhall on Monday 23rd September the teams of cyclists will travel to Folkstone in Kent on the Tuesday and then on to Dover for the ferry crossing into France. They will then complete the 250 mile ride to Waterloo visiting Dunkirk, Ypres and the Menin Gate at Tyne Cot en route.

This event will be this year's Bristol Branch Fund raising event and all Branch Members that are in a position to contribute are encouraged to do so, Andy would like to thank any Branch Members who can donate to this extremely worthwhile cause and support him on this gruelling trek across Europe.

All donations may be sent to the Branch Secretary and cheques made payable to "Bristol Branch Grenadier Guards Association" **Please mark the reverse of the cheque "Colonels Fund"** would Branch Members who are generously donating to Andy's Fund raising please send their donations to the Branch Secretary before June 30th.

SERGEANTS MESS

Past & Present Annual Dinner

Saturday 2nd November 2013

There is a significant change to the detail of this years Dinner, it has been decided by the Past and Present Committee to hold the 2013 Dinner at the home of the 1st Battalion, Lille Barracks in Aldershot. The Dinner will be held on Saturday 2nd November. There are many reasons for the Committee arriving at this unanimous decision

- * Lille Barracks is the home of the Mess at present *
- * Bar prices are considerably cheaper *
- * Extended bar opening hours *
- * Ample car parking *
- * Numerous reasonably priced local Hotels *
- * Serving Members of the Mess are more likely to bring partners *
- * The overall costings are cheaper *

The new RQMS at RHQ, WO2 Steve Williams informs us that transport to local Hotels will be laid on at the end of the evening.

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The 2013 Grenadier Gazette is now available for purchase, the enclosed order form should be sent to RHQ.

Branch Members are reminded that a Branch Subscription of £10.00 is now payable for 2013, please ensure that your subscription has been sent to the Branch Secretary so that you may continue to enjoy the benefits of subsidised Branch events and Coach Travel.



LEST WE FORGET

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