

Colchester Guards Club News

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Anagram of the month: Ban lads, yuck.

Follow your spirit, and upon this charge Cry, "God for Harry! England and Saint George!" WS.

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mrs Anne Napier on the 25th April, the wife of Major Andrew Napier, Coldstream Guards, President of the Suffolk Branch of the Coldstream Guards Association. The funeral is to take place at St Andrews Church, Wingfield, Suffolk at 14.30 on Wednesday 5th May.

St Georges Day

The day started at 09:30 from the Towlers, who once again volunteered as duty driver of the mini-bus, and who was nearly put "on orders" by Boss Bob who pointed out that we would be improperly dressed, if not wearing a red rose, the matter of which was remedied at the Sproughton pick up



point, The journey was enjoyable with good company, good weather and Maria and Jill performing their D.J. skills, with the war songs and Irish ditty's, some of which tickled Yvonne's fancy. After the group photograph, we noticed that many of the Lynn Branch members were not wearing Roses, not missing the opportunity we set up a stall and sold the surplus stock that we had with us, raising £27-00 for the Kings Lynn branch. The lunch was up to its normal standard and the draw raised £360-00 from about the 100 members present. I did notice that the Chairman Jeff Robinson was not in attendance, Asking one of the older members the reason, he said he was visiting his mother who was 93 years old and, who was doing a bungy jump

for charity, I am still unsure if he was telling the truth about her age. It was nice to have Jackie with us, also Josie and Wayne who will be driving us to Heathrow for the Tunisian trip. I invited him, thinking the experience would be good for him, as he only passed his driving test last week. On arriving back at Sproughton, we asked if anyone wanted a cup of tea or use the loo, all accepted, not for the refreshment but just to look at the "piggin bathroom" which is not quite finished. I have since had one complaint, that was George saying Val's coffee was rather strong and had made him a little unsteady on his feet, so much so that I had to hold his hand escorting him back to the mini-bus, It was not until later that I remembered George telling me that he had supported me holding my hand from the G.S. Mess to the car park at our last meeting. I told him more discretion would be required, as some could get the wrong idea, and think we were ex Grenadiers. Laura Etherington called to see us after the lunch, and informed us that Mark would be going to Aldershot shortly expecting a posting to Iraq in May

Hold the dead donkey!!!!!!

The Colchester Guards Club roving reporter, Rumbling Sid Rampant has scooped the news of the year so far. Difficult to believe but it has been confirmed that the well known Pub/streetwalker, JOHN BROWN has bought a brand new pair of shoes. It is also confirmed that they are standing up well to current trials. Evostick carried in small-pack for emergencies.

Coldstream Black Sunday

Black Sunday being 9th May, it has been agreed that all those attending be at the Garrison Sergeants Mess for 09.30 to ensure that we are on the road for 10.00. If there are more than thirteen we will take a car as well as the Dedham Bus. Bring your own picnic for the traditional bun fight in St James's Park. No doubt there will be some gannets hovering over the best spread and booze as usual.

Beating the retreat

The Coldstream Guards Band are Beating the Retreat on Angel Hill, Bury st Edmunds on Friday 14th May 2004 commencing at 6.30pm. I believe it is the opening item for the Bury st Edmunds Festival of Music. It might be a good night out if coupled with a dinner?.