

Colchester Guards Club News

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Next meeting

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Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it

Belgium.

We are starting to put together the Belgium trip for this year. The plan is to have a three or four night trip and stay in an Hotel in the Ypres area, which we will use as a base to visit other towns and places of interest. The date will be during the week of 19th until 23rd of September. It may be necessary to play around with this depending on accommodation etc, but we would not anticipate it being any earlier than the week of the 12th September, or later than the week of 26th September. We will take the 17 seat mini bus, so obviously need number of members who are interested, to Bob Naden by **1st of June** at the latest please. It is very hard to give a price at the moment until we have found the cost of accommodation, travel etc, but would hope that it will be no more than £200 per person, all in.

Coldstream Black Sunday.

Black Sunday falls as previously reported in the Newsletter on 8th May. We will be taking the 17 seat mini bus, which will leave from The Garrison Sergeants Mess at 10.00. It is not thought that there will be more than the bus can carry, but if so, we will take a car as well. The traditional picnic will be held in St James' s Park weather permitting. Don' t forget your chairs and blankets plus food and drink. The service in The Guards Chapel will start at 14.00, followed by a parade to Horseguards, returning for tea and biscuits on the square at Wellington Barracks. Sunday dinner will be hunted down on the return journey, probably at Chelmsford as in past years, but as we are not able to book we may have to be a little flexible on the day. There is no need to notify anyone that you are coming, just arrive on time.

St Georges Day



A 'gang' of nineteen Club Members beat the annual path to Kings Lynn for the St Georges day lunch. The starting post was at The Plumblys where an essential heart starter was taken. We eventually managed to tear ourselves away and

headed out for Norfolk. The pilot being Wayne and navigation shared by Jose and Ruth. Community singing was heard as far away as Norwich and much of the wild life in the area decided to take a hike into the middle of Thetford Forest, where they hid for the rest of the day. On arrival in Kings Lynn a dash was made for the bar "just to steady the nerve" you understand. Numbers of local Members were down but made up for by the noisy Colchester Branch. Lunch was, as always, very good and after that the raffle, which was clearly fixed, as we didn't win all the prizes this year. The return journey was a little quieter. By the time we arrived back at Manor View, with a little liquid encouragement and sustenance, by courtesy of the Plumblys, mob rule took over again. Another great day was had by all.

Sick parade

Bill Embley sounds as bright as ever although he is currently suffering from a chest infection. Penny Embley has had a couple of weeks in hospital and is now home again recovering.

Two Weeks Adrift

March the 3rd and pains down the left arm, here we go to see what the Doc has to say. An hour later I am at Colchester General Hospital amid a battery of blood tests, ECGs and Xrays. For the next two weeks I drift gently from bed space to bed space and ward to ward until finally fetching up at the London Chest Hospital (alias Little Asia) and from there, thankfully back home. My stay in dock was greatly eased by your humorous, lovely get well cards and the great reading material, which on some occasions camouflaged a wee dram or two, that helped to make the tea palatable and how I appreciated those wonderful visits during two weeks of C.B. Many thanks for your kindness and comradeship. Now we are off to get some sun on our backs and forget about hospitals for a while. Best wishes and take care, Don and Bren.

All Our Yesterdays

Just who or what is supporting who?

The winner of this quiz will win £10.00.

Just submit your answer, specifying the date and time this picture was taken to the nearest minute, to the editor. The result will be published in the next news letter.

