

Colchester Guards Club News

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Ultimately, the only power to which man should aspire is that which he exercises over himself.

Greatest Honour



Our congratulations go to Rick, Colchester's Town Sergeant and Mace Bearer, who has been given the civic honour of 'Prime Warden of the Guild of Mace Bearers'. He is seen here being presented with his chain of office by the Mayors of Cambridge (centre) and Colchester. Rick said "This is the greatest honour I could be presented with" (other than a bearskin of course). The Guild of Mace Bearers was established in 1933 to uphold and preserve the traditions of civic life. There are 400 members throughout the UK. That's one lot of Maces.

Georges Try Out

George & Yvonne wish to thank everyone who helped them during Georges trial at being Evil Kneival. Unfortunately he failed his first single car jump test. We are glad to report that both he and Yvonne are still in good health and none the worse for their ordeal.

Stump up Time

On the September meeting Frank will be collecting the final payment from the Tunisian Group £448 per couple, cheques to be made out to Panorama Holiday Group Ltd.

Sick parade

We are pleased to report that both Larry and Bill are 'coming along nicely'. We wish them both well and hope that they will soon be able to return to the 'Fold'.

Club Sports Day

The Manor View Shed Olympic Stadium was again the venue for the eagerly awaited sporting event of the year. The sun shone on the bronzed athletes and the sound of crashing croquet mallets, lawn darts striking home and golf balls being lofted high filled the air. (Not to mention the screams of the recipients



Mine Host & Hostess

of same). No positive drugs tests nor motor bike accidents were recorded. Luckily, neither were there any alcohol breathalysers deployed. The only public enquiry relating to the computerised system, was from a young Etherington wanting to know why she had won the 'startling Bermuda shorts'. Informed that the 'computers' detailed analysis of her performance had identified her as the winner of the golf, honour was satisfied. Our sincere thanks to Paul and Val, with the help of Brandon, Larry and Wayne who provided us once again with a superb lunch and BBQ which rounded off a truly wonderful day.

1914 Christmas Truce

Private Frank Sumpter London Rifle Brigade.
"There were no shots fired and some people enjoyed the curiosity of walking about in 'no man's land.' As a sign of friendship the Germans put up a sign saying 'Gott mit uns' which means 'God is with us' so we put up a sign saying 'We got mittens too'. I don't know if they enjoyed the joke".