

Colchester Guards Club News

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3rd March

Anagram of the month: UNIQUE HERD BACK

Quote of the month: History will be kind to me for I intend to write it. Winston Churchill.

Operation 'HAPPY WANDERERS'

At about 11am on a very windy Sunday 8th February 2004, fifteen of the hardest (not to say the sanest) members of the Club formed up in the visitors' car park at Alton Waters near Ipswich. The purpose of this congregation was to walk the nature trail along the side of the lake at a leisurely pace for four miles until we reached a watering hole by the name of 'The White Horse' situated in the village of Tattingstone. As stated the weather was somewhat blustery, to say the least, but after much laughter, chattering and changing into the most comical and assorted garb most of which had never been designed for cross country rambling. With the exceptions of Rob Binnington who was kitted out in full Field Service Rambling Order. Jill Towler was wearing a multi coloured hat, which she denied buying from a car boot sale in the Himalayas, and Yvonne Mackender wearing a tasty little number with one careful



previous owner, which must have been Arthur Scargill. Those of the group who had more gumption than the rest, June Brown, Doreen Thomson and Joan Jones, who volunteered to be the chauffeur (D day Dodger), decided they would drive to the watering hole. The walk started and immediately the point was taken by John Brown a well known walker in the district, with or without the soles on his shoes.

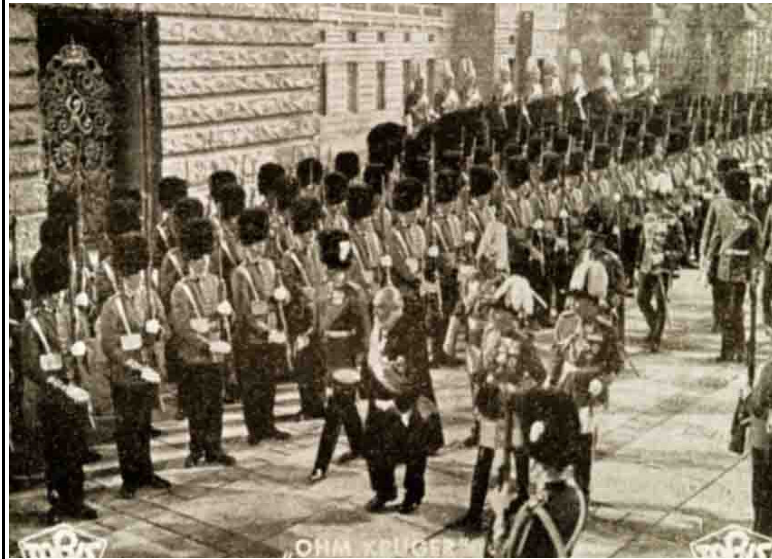
Unfortunately there was one walking wounded, John Towler. Poor John started to have a problem with his left hip (fell on his flask?) and had to stop walking, return to the start line and revert to vehicle assistance. About 12 noon or there about we all met at the White Horse where a Great Lunch was taken washed down with traditional Amber nectar. The return journey was completed without incident. Congratulations must go to Val Plumbley who successfully competed the orientation course without the help of her

specs. The day was a spectacular success and once again it was a privilege to have been there with every one.

Rambling Sid Rumpole (Frank.)

Quiz Photo

In this picture of President Kruger inspecting the Guard of Honour at Buckingham Palace, produced by the



Germans, there are at least 10 errors. Ken Muir is offering a £10 prize for the most correct answers. Answers to Ken at the next meeting please.

As Bill Embley told it:

A Coldstream Guardsman had previously been a steward in the Merchant Navy working on the SS Queen Elizabeth. He had done well in his duties and was promoted to the 1st Class salon. One day a lady passenger called him over and requested a knickerbockers glory. The steward immediately informed the Galley who produced the item. The steward carried the item to the passenger. While he was attempting to place the masterpiece before the lady the ice-cream on the top slipped off and disappeared down the unfortunate lady's cleavage. The steward a man known not to panic plunged his hand down the front of the lady's dress and retrieved the offending ice-cream. Placed it back onto the knickerbockers glory and retired. Unfortunately this incident was seen by the stewards supervisor who in something of a rage took the steward to task. 'What do you think you were doing you stupid man don't you realise you are in the 1st class salon?' 'Yes' said the steward. 'Then why didn't you use a spoon' said the supervisor. Bill claims that he knew the former steward but no names, no... etc.

Frank's Folly