

Colchester Guards Club News

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Anagram of the month: Short Watch

Quote of the month: Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm. W.C.

In Memory of Alex Thomson. 1928-2000



There was once a guardsman
Wanted to form a club
Gathered fellow soldiers
Please come to the pub.
Off he went to see
How many there could be
A good round dozen
Would be fine
In this case
There were nine!
We need to find a venue
Because the pubs too dear
We are guardsmen
Need cheap beer.
We drink a lot of it
It goes down a treat
Then we remember
How we stamped our feet.
Meeting once a month
Our stories we relate
Always remembering
The special dates
Remembering our comrades
No longer here
Then raising our glasses
Of that lovely beer.
We mostly bring our ladies
Who feed the inner man
We have always loved them
And show it when we can!!!
A finer club is hard to find
Every one so very kind
Each one caring, sharing
Guardsmen ever true
Raise your glasses everyone
To the Blue Red Blue.

Doreen Thomson.

Alex

For those who did not know him, this month's photograph is of our dear friend and former Chairman Alex Thomson. It shows a typical example of his sense of fun and adventurous spirit, sorely missed, but not forgotten.

Bring and buy

The ladies have come up with a plan to help with the Club finances and to add an extra interest to Club evenings, whilst the more 'deprived' and or 'depraved' pull up a sandbag and support the bar takings. The suggestion is as follows: Those thumbed over books that have almost had the print read off them and other useful, but no longer loved articles that may be of some interest or use (not including husbands) be brought along to Club evenings and exchanged for a few shekels. This will commence after we have cleared the idea with the GSM as a matter of courtesy, hopefully at the May meeting. More news about this in the April Newsletter.

Congratulations

Those of us that were at the last meeting had the pleasure of sharing with Larry and Rachel their fifty second wedding anniversary. Here's wishing them many more. I don't know what a sixtieth wedding is, but feel sure that we will be celebrating that one with them as well.

Coldstream Black Sunday

This is on 9th of May. The Dedham bus has been ordered for the day and hopefully, the now traditional picnic in St James's Park, will take place before the parade and a stop for supper at Chelmsford on the way home. Times, pick up points etc will be published in the April letter.

Chatsworth

Those of us who will be travelling on the Thursday 24th June to Chatsworth for the Coldstream Association Day in June have been booked into the Temple Hotel at Matlock Bath. This hotel is approximately six miles from Chatsworth House. In order to secure the accommodation a non returnable deposit of £30 per room is required. Please let Bob Naden have your cheques made payable to The Temple Hotel at, or by, the next meeting. More information regarding the hotel is to be found on www.templehotel.co.uk or by phone on 01629 583911.

Car Boot

As the weather hopefully gets better and as sure as a night follows day, that grand old English custom of emptying the garage, loft and hidey-holes comes round and the inevitable trip to the 'Car Boot' sale takes place. Much merriment and social intercourse is involved (just in case you have scanned this sentence, that reads *social*) in this annual pilgrimage to Wheeley. This is not likely to take place before June, but worth considering as the weeks soon pass by.

Sick Parade

Bill Embley has had the results of his tests. This come as no surprise to him that there is a problem with the plumbing to his heart. It is possible that an operation could help sort him out but he obviously needs careful consideration by both Bill, his family and doctors, before taking this forward. He remains as cheerful as ever. We all obviously wish him well and look forward to him returning to Club evenings, even if it means he brings his mouth organ with him.