

# Colchester Guards Club News

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Next meeting

6th April 2005

Paratrooper to sergeant, 'Serge, what happens if my parachute doesn't open'? The sergeant replied, 'Then you will be the first down son'.

## New Junior Section Members of The Club

One of each. The first Canadian in the Jones family. Born at 4.58am Friday 25th February 2005. Griffin weighed in at 7lbs 15ozs. Don & Brenda have also just become Grand Parents. Simon & Jenny Rees have a baby girl born on Sunday 13th March 2005. Ellie Mae weighed in at 5 lbs 10,1/2 oz. Mother, Father and Daughter doing well.

## Diary Dates

At the February meeting we promised to give some dates for your diaries that are carved in 'ice'.

**Saturday 23 April:** St George's Day. Trip to Kings Lynn is being organised by Paul. If you have not already let him know please do so as he needs to notify re numbers and transport has to be arranged.

**Sunday 1st of May:** Operation Happy Wanderer, which will take place at Alton Water again, unless anyone else wishes to choose another favourite route march. Lunch will be taken at a suitable watering hole.

**Sunday 8th May:** Coldstream Memorial Sunday. It is proposed to take the 17 seat bus, any overflow will travel in a separate car.

**Saturday 11th June:** Queens Birthday Parade. The Club normally can get two tickets for this, if you are interested let Frank know ASAP.

**Saturday 6th August:** Mr and Mrs Club Secretary's (Frank and Joan) garden party and wedding anniversary 'DO' at 34, Hatchcroft, Elmstead Market.

**Sunday 28th August:** Paul and Val's games day at Manor View, Spraghton.

**19th - 23rd September:** This is the week suggested for the Club trip to Belgium. There is a lot of organising to do so don't be too surprised if the dates have to be adjusted for one reason or another.

**Friday 7th October:** Now confirmed by the GSM that the Club Annual dinner can be held at the Garrison Sergeants Mess on this date.

**Sunday 13th November:** Remembrance Day Parade. It has been suggested that this year we revert to attending the Colchester Parade. There is an alternative. That would be going to London to join the Parade in Whitehall. Any other ideas would be welcome. 'Over to you Mr Starter'. The above are ideas put forward so far for the Club this year. If you have any other thoughts please share them with us and be prepared, with help if needed, to organise them.

## Sick parade

Don has had a couple of weeks in hospital whilst the plumbing around his heart was checked and now thankfully has been given the 'all clear'. Bill soldiers on and hopefully some time, when the weather improves, we may have another blast on the old mouth organ again at the Club. Larry still a bit up

and down but hopefully more on the up. With luck we will see him and Rachael at a Club Meeting soon. Tony has completed his chemotherapy and is awaiting the results. In the mean time he has had the 'old' ticker put back into slow march instead of the double time it has been in for a while now.

John T is in Colchester Hospital (he started in maternity last week and is working his way round). They removed his gallbladder last Thursday the 24th and he expects to be home by Monday 28th March. Latest report is he is doing well and asking for a Haggis.

If we keep going at this rate the next Club meeting will have to be held at Colchester Hospital.



## All Our Yesterdays

### Pull up a sandbag.

Somewhere East of Suez in the footsteps of Lawrence. Not for us tough Guardsmen the luxury of 'wheels' or camels, the long 'tab' and the occasional donkey was the order of the day. Any comments to RANaden in a plain unmarked envelope!

## The Italian Job

Before the war Churchill and Eden were in a conference with Von Ribbentrop the German Ambassador to Britain, who 'sniffed' and said. "Do you know that if there is a war between our two Countries the Italians will come in on the German side". To which Churchill replied "That seems only fair, after all we had them last time".