

Colchester Guards Club News

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Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.



It is with profound sadness that we have to announce that Larry Gibson died peacefully on Saturday 11th of March at Colchester General Hospital. He has been seriously unwell for some years, but always made light of his illness. Larry was one of the longest serving members of the Colchester Guards Club. He served during the last war with The Royal Navy. He and Rachel were staunch supporters of the club and even when he was unwell, he would often turn up for club evenings and events. We will all miss his cheery face and lovely sense of humour. On behalf of all club members we send out heartfelt sympathy to Rachael and the family. Larry's funeral took place at Colchester on Thursday 16th March. There was a good turn out from the Guards Club, which was appreciated by Rachael and her family.



Bring on the 'sprogs'

Master Griffin Jones was presented to an admiring throng of Club members at The British Legion in Brigtingsea on 23rd of February. He was remarkably well behaved, which is more than can be said of his grandfather and some, if not all, the wrinklies (it goes without saying that this, of course, does not include our ladies). There was one worrying trend. As the newest member he did not either drink six pints or four double 'wickies'. More importantly, neither did he buy his round.

Bill Embley

It was great to see Bill Embley back with us at the February meeting. We were glad to see that he had brought his old sense of humour with him. Unfortunately he also brought his mouth organ as well, but one out of two results has to be celebrated. We sincerely hope that he will be joining us again on a regular basis.

Club Standard

Enquiries are well under way with two different flag manufacturers. A rough design has been sent to them and we are hoping that we will receive estimates in the next week.

Ken Strikes Again.

Ken Muir was honoured by The Royal Horticultural Society with The Stanley Bowl. This prestigious award is presented annually for the best exhibit of fruit shown at any of the RHS shows throughout the year. This is the third time 'Our Ken' has received the award. Congratulations to Ken and his team.

Coldstream Summer Tea

The Suffolk Branch Coldstream Guards Association have been invited by The Lord and Lady Tollemache to 'Tea' on Thursday 13th of July, at Helmingham Hall. The Hall lies on the B1077, off the A1120, East of Stowmarket and the A14.

Coldstream Guards Association

Coldstream Guards Association Day is to be held at Victoria Barracks, Windsor, on the 8th of July. More information on both these events to follow when available.

Franks Folly

While watching the Cricket the other night the Wife and I were discussing life and death.

I told her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and relying on fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." She promptly got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all my beer. Some days I hate being married to a smart bitch.



Marching Out

Garrison Sergeant Major Charlie Brown leaves Colchester this month. On behalf of our Club we wish him well and thanks for looking after us in the Mess for the past five years. The new GSM is Joe Coleman of The Lancashire Fusiliers. Bob and Frank called to see Charlie on his last night in the Mess and as you can see from the photograph, presented him with a Household Division shield. We

look forward to meeting Joe and trust that we will have a similar relationship with him as we have been privileged to have had with his predecessors.

Car Boot Sale

Looks like Saturday 20th of May will see the club 'car boot' sale at Weeley, weather and other unforeseen circumstances permitting. For those who are attending and able to bring their items to sell, we will collect them from their cars on the morning. Those unable to be there or have items that they cannot bring along, we will arrange a collection near to the date. We had originally planned to transfer the goodies at the May meeting, but many of us, including 'John the Carter', will be in Crete. Any problems with this, let Bob or Frank know.

May Meeting

The May meeting takes place on Wednesday the 3rd, which happens to be the day that sixteen members head out for sunny Crete. The meeting will go ahead, but obviously numbers will be considerably down.