

Colchester Guards Club News

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Next meeting

2nd June 2004

For myself I am an optimist - it does not seem to be much use being anything else. WC.

Summer Picnic

We did talk about a Club picnic for the summer at Alton Water. Well the summer is almost here so how about Sunday 11th July?

Maybe the ladies would like to make the arrangements for the food The lads will provide the entertainment, which will exclude skinny dipping in the reservoir, at least until the food has gone down anyway.

3 score & 10

Big John presents Little John with a gift and card on the occasion of his 70th birthday. A few sips were had to celebrate, at the editorial meeting, where it took place. Good luck with the next 70.



Elmstead Monument

The Light Infantry Band is playing at RBL Elmstead on 16th July. Tickets £5 all monies go to the Monument fund.

Car Boot Sale

June is busting out all over as is Frank and Joan's shed with goodies for the long awaited car boot sale at Weeley. A number of dates in June have been discussed starting with the 5th. Much will depend on the weather as there is little point in turning up on a cold wet day. So be on stand by to stand by for more news on this event, maybe by the old dog and bone. Please look out any items that you want to donate for a speedy off. If you are unable to turn up on the morning please bring your contributions to the June Club meeting.

This is always a fun morning out even though it starts at 'crack of sparrow fart' and usually finishes at the Black Boy Weeley, or to use its more politically correct name, The Ethnic Young Adult.

Peter Wright Painting

Ian Foster a friend of Paul and Val Plumbly's has a framed print of Peter Wright winning his VC at Salerno. He would like to present this to the Club. Ian will be at our next meeting to present the picture.

Sick Parade

Larry Gibson has had a bit of a set back in his recovery but is having treatment and hopefully will soon be back on track.

Bill Embly is expecting to have a heart by-pass operation on the 4th of June. He is in his usual good spirits and was unfortunately able to give us a blast on his mouth-organ. No doubt we will see him on the Colchester Assault Course in a few weeks time.

We all send our best wishes to both Larry and Bill not forgetting their Ladies.

Beating the Retreat



The picture above shows what an enjoyable time was had by the brave souls that ventured to distant Bury St Edmunds for 'Beating the Retreat' by the Coldstream band. (From comments made it would seem to have been the B team playing).

Coldstream Black Sunday

The trip to Wellington Barracks for the Coldstream Black Sunday was carried out with the usual style. One comment made by an observer as we trooped around the parade ground, heading for the park and the traditional picnic laden with chairs, bags, bottles etc, was that we resembled a group of rather elite homeless on the move. It was a pity that a bomb scare near Horseguards had closed off the area and the assembled Coldstreamers were unable to march to the Memorial.

What the papers say

Commenting on a complaint from Mr. Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a gas spokesman said, "We agree it was rather high, it's possible that Mr. Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house" Daily Telegraph.

Thanks to John Brown for that one.