

Colchester Guards Club News

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Next meeting

5th October 2005

Apologies

No Newsletter in August was due to lack of news and technical reasons. Hope this one will bring you back up to date.

Dinner

The planning for the Guards Annual Dinner is well underway. Contact is being kept with the Mess Manager, Annie. The cost of the dinner to be paid by the members will be about £16 per person. The cost of the wine, port and mints will be paid from the Club funds. Money will be deposited behind the bar to get the evening going. The amount has yet to be agreed. The Dinner will be held in the Garrison Sergeants Mess on Friday 7th October 05. Times are 7:30pm for 8:00pm Dress will be lounge suits for the men and appropriate dress for the ladies. All donations for the raffle will be welcome.

Games Day

What a day! Val, Paul and helpers prepared a superb lunch, the sun shone all day on us. The bar was propped from both sides, by Douglas and Margaret on the inside and the rest of us on the outside. After a few 'heart starters' our brave soldiers sallied forth from the 'Shed' carrying their putters, lawn darts, bats and clubs to do battle on the lawns of Manor View.



The frantic activity was only broken by regular trips to the bar for a little more Dutch Courage. The local wild life packed their bags and even, a mass invasion Q area to sample yet meal by the 'Deadly' aided and abetted by Wayne the short another wonder-all, Thanks again to



took a hike. Honours was made to the Bar B another 'Gut Busting' Duo' aided and abetted 'Sausage Sizzler'. In full day was had by us Val and Paul. RAN.

Three year old Freya Walker, our youngest member brings down average age of membership.

Coldstream Association Day

The day dawned with rain coming down like stair rods. George & Yvonne, John B & June and George & Mavis collected at the Jones residence awaiting the arrival of the rest of the group. 09:30am came and so did the transport in the capable hands of John T with Jill, Paul & Val right on time. Picnic kits were stowed away and off we went to the Land of Nod in Surrey via the A12, M25, A30 and the B 3002. We all arrived safe and sound at the venue about 12:15pm in brilliant warm sunny weather.

The place was very well attended. Numerous large coaches and lots of cars & mini coaches were parked in regimental style. The bar in the beer tent was well attended. Having tried their wares we retired to the picnic area and had a well needed feed washed down with copious quantities of various alcoholic beverages. June brightened the picnic by demonstrating the new way of getting out of a picnic chair combined with a brilliant parachute roll. This was followed by George Mac. He opened his newly bought broly to have his photo taken when the thing collapsed around his head. Much to the delight of the gang. The broly was replaced right away.

Having refreshed we returned to the arena where familiar faces were seen and reunited with lots of back slapping and swapping of stories helped along with the odd beer or two???



That must be the beer tent judging by the direction of the band.



On yer bike

It was alleged that during the afternoon Val took it upon herself to try riding a concentric wheeled cycle with the outcome that she lost contact with

the saddle by way of a forward summersault base over bayonet keeping her modesty at the same time. What a girl. This allegation it is understood supported by photographs.

Like all things enjoyable, time soon came round to say our goodbyes to our friends for another year. The journey back



home was quiet but full of thoughts of another great day out. We finished our day with a meal at the Fox and Raven Inn at Chelmsford. Many thanks to John Towler who was our driver for the day, his skills in driving are Nulli Secundus. FAJ.

'I see the Colchester gang are in then.'

Band Concert

Saturday 1st October, sees a band concert by The Essex Yeomanry Band at the Community Centre, Brightlingsea, in aid of the Poppy Appeal and Air Ambulance. Tickets £7. Kick off 19.30. Retreat to **RBL** 21.30. Need more information ? Phone George Stevens on 01206 302993