

RE: DEDICATION OF BRANCH STANDARDS OF:

**The Grenadier Guards Assoc'n (Oxford Branch)
The Grenadier Guards Assoc'n (Reading & District)
The Guards Division Assoc'n (Henley-on-Thames)
The Coldstream Guards Assoc'n (Reading & Oxford)**

This is confirmed as taking place at the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Kidlington, Oxon OX5 2AZ on Sunday 25th March 2012, 1400 hrs for 1430 hrs.

Order of dress: Other ranks. Blazer, Slacks, Beret, Medals, or suit, ladies I know will look lovely anyway.

There is no cost to you as individuals attending, it is a FREE event. Official costs will be shared between the four branches.

We are hoping to have serving soldiers in Home Service Clothing representing the Grenadier and Coldstream Guards, duties permitting, a Scots Piper and local army cadets. Numerous dignitaries from Oxford, Reading and Berkshire are being invited to attend and it is hoped the event will be covered by the local press. During the service nominated branch representatives will each read a lesson.

Following the service of dedication there will be a finger buffet reception for Branch members and guests, and we will nearer the date ask some of our ladies to assist in providing certain items for this. If you are able to help us with this, let your Branch Secretary know please. You will be refunded the costs if you so wish, with sherry, Bucks Fizz and orange juice on entry to the community hall, attached to the church. Tea/coffee will also be available.

There will be a collection for local causes during the service and we ask that you give this your support.

Members of the immediate community are welcome to attend and take part in the service *only*.

Car parking is at the rear of the church, just follow road signs of the church, a map is attached. No car! how about car sharing with someone near you.

This is a once in a lifetime event for the branches involved and we respectfully request that you give this your full support as well.

Please indicate to your secretary/nominated branch officer, whether you will be attending and guests you will be bringing (this is for catering purposes).

The closing date is Wednesday 7th March 2012, but do not leave it until then, get your names in soonest.

NOTE: There will be a rehearsal for the standard bearers, readers and branch officials as nominated at 1500 hrs on Wednesday 15th March 2012 at the church, this may change to 1630 hrs due to the hall being previously booked, but I will confirm this with you later.

To finish we are looking at an amazing afternoon with branch members, their ladies, guests and locals, your participation will make it a success. The vicar is praying for good weather.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,



Barrie Padwick