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NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 2-11 JULY 2011

Dear Windsor Branch Members

This being the second newsletter of what has been a very quiet year so far with No 7 Company receiving the freedom of Merton and the Battalion receiving the freedom of Exeter. **Could all members please note my change of home phone number above.**

THE COLDSTREAM GUARDS ASSOC. - WINDSOR BRANCH ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS 2011

I would like to remind you that member's annual subscriptions for 2011 are now overdue. £1 if you are over 65 years and £2 if you are below that age. If you are so inclined, a donation towards the ever increasing cost of postage and stationery it would be most appreciated. Please see return proforma attached at the back of this newsletter.

THE COLDSTREAM GAZETTE 2010

These have been received from RHQ and most have been distributed, next year any wishing a copy by post will be able to have it sent direct from the publisher, the cost being roughly the same, instead of waiting for me to distribute them!

WINDSOR BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE 2011

This will take place on Saturday 22nd October 2011 and will be held at the Sergeant's Mess Victoria Barracks, Windsor. The letter and booking proforma will be despatched in early August and I look forward to your earliest returns.

REGIMENTAL BAND DATES OF INTEREST FOR YOUR DIARY

27 July	Concert in the Park	Kneller Hall
28-31 Jul	Queen's Guard	Buckingham Palace
02 & 04 Aug	Windsor Guard Support	Windsor Castle
5 Aug	Queen's Guard	Buckingham Palace
6 Aug	Windsor Guard Support	Windsor Castle
7 & 9 Aug	Queen's Guard	Buckingham Palace
11-13 Aug	Shrewsbury Flower Show	Shrewsbury
14 & 18 Sept	Queen's Guard	Buckingham Palace
24 Sept	St James's Palace Guard	St James's Palace
26 Sept-18 Oct	Tour	Japan
29 Oct	Windsor Guard Support	Windsor Castle
30 Oct	Divine Service	Guards Chapel

ASSOCIATION DAY 2011/2012

This was cancelled this year as only approximately 60 people were estimated to attend, next year will likely be in August/September so as not to clash with other annual events and may take the form of a garden party, as soon as I receive details they will be forwarded.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Again, could all members who have an active email address please let me know, as it will save a considerable amount of time and money if I were able to send the various forms and notices by e-mail.

CHRISTMAS CARDS 2011

These are now available for order, either through myself or Regimental Headquarters, there is a blue red blue ribbon and the cards are far superior to the previous offering, the ordering proforma is attached, however an email or phone call will suffice.

CENOTAPH CEREMONY 2011/FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE

The annual Cenotaph Ceremony and March Past will take place in Whitehall on Sunday 13th November 2011. The Royal British Legion, who co-ordinate the Ex Services Contingents, has allocated 48 tickets to the Coldstream Guards. Any wishing to attend contact me ASAP.

POPIES

In October a large group of women will be walking the old British front line from 1916 on the Somme battlefields raising funds for the ABF The Soldiers' Charity. Many are wives, widows and mothers of soldiers. For further information, please contact Sue Robinson on sue@coldstreamguards.org.uk.

MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

Would all members please note that the September meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th September and not the 13th as previously stated, this is because the Irish and Coldstream Guards are changing barracks the previous week, so please note this and I look forward to seeing as many as possible on the 20th September.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 2011

This will be held in the Sergeant's Mess 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards, Victoria Barracks, Windsor on Tuesday 13 December, the format and evening will be the same as in previous years, although, I hope, with a better turn out this year!

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Drew Reid
Honorary Secretary