



**REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS
GRENADEIER GUARDS**

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All First Guards Club Members

Our Reference: 4004

Date: 24th March 2017

FIRST GUARDS' CLUB INFORMATION - 2017

1. I attach a Regimental Forecast of Events at Annex A.

REGIMENTAL REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 21 MAY 17

2. Regimental Remembrance Day will be held on Sunday 21st May 2017. HRH The Colonel will attend this year. All those clear of duty from the 1st Battalion and Nijmegen Company will also attend. **Please do make the effort to come.**
3. The format of the afternoon will be similar to 2016. Members should aim to be in the Guards Chapel by 1445hrs. The service will start at 1500hrs. As usual, officers, unless accompanied by their wives or girlfriends (in which case they should sit with them), should stand on the left hand (northern) side of the Chapel. Sgts Mess members are to stand on the right side of the Chapel.
4. After the Service, members should form up on their Battalion Marker Boards on the Square as quickly as possible, ready to march to the Guards Memorial in the normal way.
5. There will be a refreshment tent, serving tea, set up at the eastern end of the Square. It will be open prior to the service and after the return from the Guards Memorial for those who wish to slake their thirst and catch up with friends.
6. All members attending should enter and leave by the West Gate in Birdcage Walk. Members are requested not to use the Petty France entrance nor to use the area of the Barracks to the rear of the Headquarters block.
7. Car parking will be available in Wellington Barracks only for disabled and VIPs. Requests for authority to enter should be directed to the RQMS RHQ (rqms@grengds.com 0207 414 3282) or at the above address. Other cars may park in North Horse Ride of the Mall, which is the Horse Guards end of the Mall, by arrangement with RQMS RHQ. Members are reminded that single yellow line parking is permitted on public roads on Sundays and that the congestion charge is not payable.

FIRST GUARDS CLUB DINNER – 22 MAY 17

8. The Annual Dinner, which will be attended by The Colonel, will be held at the Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, on Monday 22nd May 2017.

9. Members are requested to arrive from 7.15pm and dinner will be promptly at 8pm. Dress is Black Tie with no decorations. The cost of the Dinner will be **£75** for each member who attends; this is a price rise of £5, but it is worth noting that the price of £70 had been held since 2011.

10. Those members wishing to attend should complete the proforma at Annex B and forward it, either with their cheque made payable to The First Guards Club or confirming that they have paid by Internet Banking, to the Regimental Adjutant by no later than 28th April 2017. Of course, those using Internet Banking can forward Annex B by email to regtladjt@grengds.com .

11. We will again attempt to seat members with their friends should they so wish; members who would like to take advantage of this offer are requested to complete the relevant section of the attached proforma at Annex B; tables will seat a maximum of 10 people. To avoid confusion, please follow this procedure:

- a. **The plea is for members to organise themselves properly in the first place! Therefore please do NOT send in Annex B saying “I would like to sit with the following people....” in the random hope that those members MIGHT be attending. Instead, please organise your table with those people who you would like to sit with.**
- b. The Member organising a table should put the names of ALL those to be seated on that table on his proforma.
- c. Members sitting on a table organised by another member should put “sitting on the table organised by “XXXX” on their proformas. They should not confuse the issue by putting any other names on their proforma.
- d. Members who put “sitting on the table organised by “XXXX” on their proforma, but whose names do not appear on the list submitted by “XXXX” will be seated on a table where there is a gap; obviously we will try to seat people on a suitable table but there can be no guarantee of it.
- e. Where members want to sit together, but can't fill a table of 10, they should follow the procedure above for whatever number they can muster, and we will attempt to join them with another smaller group.

12. Members attending will receive an acknowledgement by email that their cheque/payment and proforma have been received, save for those members who do not use email who will receive an acknowledgement by post. This is in order to save postage costs, and the cost of printing tickets. **IF YOU HAVEN'T RECEIVED AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BEFORE 12 MAY 17, PLEASE CONTACT THE REGIMENTAL ADJUTANT WITHOUT DELAY!**

FIRST GUARDS CLUB GOLF DAY – THU 1 JUN 17

13. The First Guards Club Golf Day will be held at Worplesdon Golf Club on Thursday 1st June 2017. We have again agreed to provide a team of 12 (6 pairs) to take on the Nulli Secundus Club led by Greville Bibby. Joe Coleman and Bernie Broad will form one pair and return to defend their regimental silverware and help reverse the result of last year's inter-regimental match. The day will see a morning's golf where players will compete for respective regimental silverware and after lunch the inter-regimental match will be played.

14. As is usual and apart from the golf the day will include coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, lunch and sandwiches for tea. The cost, subsidised by the club, will be the same as last year; £42.50 for serving members and £57.50 for retired members.

15. Members are asked to liaise with a suitable partner in order to provide the five remaining pairs and then return the attached entry form at Annex C, together with a cheque made payable to the First Guards Club to Major Andrew Green (0207 414 3225/07712 579641) by no later than Friday 12th May 2017.

HOUSEHOLD DIVISION BEATING RETREAT – 14/15 JUN 17

16. This summer the Household Division Beating Retreat will be produced to the same standard and format as in 2016 with the Massed Bands of the Household Division, the Mounted Band of the Household Cavalry, the Pipes and Drums of the Scots Guards, the Drums and Pipes of the Irish Guards, King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery, the Band of the Honourable Artillery Company and the Band of the Royal Yeomanry.

17. The two performances are on 14th & 15th June and the theme is The Commonwealth and the bonds of friendship that thrive between the 53 countries. "Stirring music, precision drill, horses, cannons, lights and fireworks will provide a wonderful example of British military music and pageantry". Usually, a Member of the Royal Family takes the salute on the second night - it will be confirmed who is to attend this year closer to the date of the performances.

18. Tickets are priced from £15-£40 depending upon the seating area chosen and can be purchased from Ticketmaster via www.householddivision.org.uk.

19. Proceeds from ticket sales fund the costs of producing Beating Retreat. Any surplus will go to Household Division Charitable Funds, which provide for the welfare of Household Division soldiers, veterans and their families.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 27 JUN 17

20. The Annual General Meeting of the First Guards' Club will be held in the Library at Regimental Headquarters, Wellington Barracks, London SW1E 6HQ at 1800 hours Tuesday 27th June 2017.

FIRST GUARDS CLUB PAST VS PRESENT CRICKET MATCH – 20 JUL 17

21. The First Guards Club Past v Present Cricket Match will take place this year on Thursday 20th July at 2pm at Burton Court. The "Present" Team will be organised by Lieutenant Colonel Rich Green. Please could I have a volunteer from the 'Past' to field a Past Team?

FIRST GUARDS CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

22. As you will recall, the subscription to the 1st Guards Club was raised from £20 to £25 commencing on 1 Jan 14. Last year we carried out a laborious but successful exercise to bring the affairs of serving members in order with regard to their subscriptions. We have now embarked on a similar exercise for retired members, and are working through the alphabet. Please can I ask for your support by responding swiftly should it be necessary to contact you about this.

MILES MARRIOTT TRUST

23. The Miles Marriott Trust, which is registered in the Register of Charities under number 1068504, derives from a Declaration of Trust dated 30th May 1950 and made by John Reginald Marriott in memory of his son Miles who was killed in action in the last days of the 1939-1945 War. The Trust was added to from a grant from the Capel Charitable Trust in 1966 and the Gilbey Trust in 1973.

24. The Trust, which is held by private Trustees, provides assistance for the education of the children of serving officers of the Grenadier Guards and the Trustees meet annually to consider applications and to decide where grants should be made.

25. Many officers and their children have been the beneficiaries of grants from the Trust over the years. With a view to sustaining the Trust for future generations of serving officers, any member of the 1st Guards Club or former beneficiary interested in 'putting something back' by making a donation or a bequest to the Trust should get in touch with the Regimental Adjutant.

MILITARY KNIGHTS OF WINDSOR

26. The Military Knights of Windsor were formed in 1348. Numbering 12, they come from a wide variety of military backgrounds. Should any eligible Grenadier Officer, Major to Brigadier, and aged 55-63, be interested in joining this august band, enquiries in the first instance, should be made to the Regimental Adjutant.

REGIMENTAL CHRISTMAS CARD – 2017

27. As usual, we will be seeking orders for the Regimental Christmas Card to be received at Regimental Headquarters by 29th July 2017. The Order Form can be found at Annex D, and any Members who can think sufficiently far ahead, may wish to place their order now, rather than risk forgetting to do so during the Summer months!

28. As in 2016, some members will be pleased to hear that we will retain the card with a Blue Red Blue ribbon for 2017. The cost is significantly higher than for the card without a ribbon.

29. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL BE ASKING FOR CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS BEFORE 29th JULY 2017, AND THAT NO ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE.

GUARDS MAGAZINE

30. Members are reminded once again that the Guards Magazine, which is now published three times a year, is a thoroughly good read and an excellent way of keeping in touch. Anyone who would like to subscribe should contact:-

Treasurer, Household Division Funds
Horse Guards
London SW1A 2AX

Tel No: 020 7414 2270 Fax: 020 7414 2207

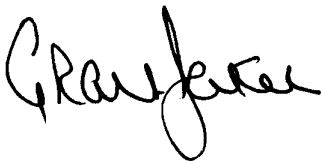
COMMUNICATION

31. Anyone wishing to be included in the 1st Guards Club Email Updates should let the

Regimental Adjutant know their email address by sending an email to regtladjt@grengds.com. If anyone knows of a 1st Guards Club member or widow who might like to be included, please send me their email address, so that I can contact them to ask them.

32. 1st GUARDS CLUB EMAIL UPDATES ARE SENT OUT VIA THE REGIMENTAL WEBSITE (www.grengds.com). IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVING UPDATES DURING THE LAST YEAR, PLEASE CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING TWO ACTIONS:

- a. Send me an email in order to ensure that I have your correct email address.
- b. Check your SPAM filter and set it to allow emails from **grengds.com** and Grenadier Guards regtladjt@grengds.com



G V A BAKER
Major
Regimental Adjutant and Honorary Secretary

Annexes:

- A – Regimental Forecast of Events
- B – First Guards Club Dinner Proforma
- C – Regimental Golf Meeting Entry Form
- D – 2016 Christmas Card Order Form

FORECAST OF EVENTS – 2017

April 17

21st Apr - Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday

May 17

21st May - Regimental Remembrance Sunday
22nd May - 1st Guards Club Dinner

June 17

3rd Jun - Major General's Review QBP
10th Jun - The Colonel's Review QBP (Colonel, Irish Guards)
10th Jun - Birthday of HRH the Colonel
14th/15th Jun - Beating Retreat
17th Jun - The Queen's Birthday Parade (1 IG "Trooping")
27th Jun - 1st Guards Club AGM

Jul 17

9th Jul - Grenadier Day at Lille Barracks Aldershot

Nov 17

10th Nov - Field of Remembrance
11th Nov - RBL Royal Albert Hall
12th Nov - Remembrance Sunday - Cenotaph Parade
25th-26th Nov - Scarlet and Gold Concert, Cadogan Hall. Bands of the HDiv

Dec 17

1st Dec - Commemoration of the Centenary of the award of the VC to Capt George Paton, GREN GDS at Innellan, Argyllshire

FIRST GUARDS CLUB ANNUAL DINNER – 22nd MAY 2017
CAVALRY AND GUARDS CLUB, 127 PICCADILLY, LONDON

To: The Honorary Secretary
First Guards' Club
Regimental Headquarters, Grenadier Guards
Wellington Barracks
LONDON SW1E 6HQ

Tel: 020 7414 3280/3284
E-Mail: regtladjt@grengds.com

I will be present on 22nd May 2017 **and enclose a cheque for £75 made payable to the "First Guards Club".**

I will be present on 22nd May 2017 **and have paid £75 by ON LINE BANKING to: The First Guards Club, AC No. 00221084, Sort Code: 30-11-75, Reference: Initials, Surname**

I regret I cannot be present.

I have arranged to dine on the table that has been organised

by.....

I have arranged a table (max 10 pax) at which the following members will sit:

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NAME:

ADDRESS:

..... POST CODE:

TELEPHONE NUMBER: HOME:

DAYTIME:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS RETURN REACHES REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS NO LATER THAN 28th APRIL 2017

FIRST GUARDS CLUB GOLF MEETING – WORPLESDON
THURSDAY – 1st JUNE 2017

ENTRY FORM (Please return by Fri 12th May 17)

From: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Contact Tel No: _____

Email: _____

To: Major A J Green
Regimental Headquarters, Grenadier Guards
Wellington Barracks
LONDON
SW1E 6HQ

(Tel: 020 7414 3225)
(Mob: 07712 579641)

1. I would like to play in the First Guards Club Golf Meeting at Worplesdon on Thursday 1st June 2017.

2. I am/am not* a member of Worplesdon Golf Club.

3. I enclose a cheque, made out to The First Guards Club for:

* £42.50 (Serving Officers)

* £57.50 (Retired Officers)

4. I have agreed to partner _____

5. My handicap is _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

* Delete as appropriate.

ORDER FORM

**REGIMENTAL CHRISTMAS CARD,
2017 GRENADIER GUARDS**

*A winter scene at St. James's Palace,
during a Guard Mounting ceremony, in the 1920's.*

From an original painting by Sean Bolan.

Sold in aid of Regimental Charities



This order form must be returned to:

Sgt Haughton, Regimental Headquarters, Grenadier Guards, Wellington Barracks,
Birdcage Walk, London SW1E 6HQ by Friday 28th July 2017 so that all cards can be
sent out by Monday 2nd October 2017.

All cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to:
The Regimental Adjutant, Grenadier Guards.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS ORDER

There is a choice of cards:

Card 'A': A colour reproduction of the above print and greetings inside the card, with the Cypher embossed in three colours
on the cover, tied with Household Division Ribbon

Card 'B': A colour reproduction of the above print on the outside cover of the card, finished with a Blue, Red, Blue Border

Please complete Form in Block Capitals

FROM (BLOCK CAPITALS).....

PLEASE SUPPLY

..... **Card Type 'A'** £4.00 (incl. VAT).....

..... **Card Type 'B'** 65p (incl. VAT).....

PACKING AND POSTAGE

1 – 15 cards:	£	P	16 – 30 cards:	£	P	31 – 50 cards:	£	P
UK	£2.85.....		UK	£2.85.....		UK	£4.75.....	
EU	£7.00.....		EU	£9.25.....		EU	£11.70.....	
ROW 1	£10.00.....		ROW 1	£14.00.....		ROW 1	£17.30.....	
ROW 2	£11.00.....		ROW 2	£15.30.....		ROW 2	£18.80.....	

Note: If ordering more than 50 cards, please add the respective postage for the additional cards, as above i.e. 65 cards will be 31-50 cards postage, plus 1-15 cards postage

I ENCLOSE A CHEQUE/POSTAL ORDER FOR A TOTAL OF £.....

ADDRESS (BLOCK CAPITALS)

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CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER.....

(Registered Charity No. 1062257)