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Welcome to the 2021 Welsh Guards Association Summer Newsletter - it will come as no surprise that it will be fairly short as we continue to be heavily affected by the Covid pandemic and the various restrictions in England and Wales, but thankfully at last there appears to be some much needed light at the end of the long tunnel and the future is beginning to look a lot brighter. Firstly a message from the Association President:

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's been a tough 18 months and sadly Covid has claimed the lives of some of our elderly veterans. I very much hope that you and your families have not been too affected although all of us have had to endure lockdowns and isolation. I would very much like to thank all Branches and Members for the manner in which they rose to the challenges these last 18 months and how you have kept in touch through one means or another.

Better times lay ahead and I hope we will be able to resume normal Association activity in the months ahead. We had hoped to have the AGM and Darts and Shoots competition next month but sadly the facilities at Maindy Barracks remain shut for now. We will re-schedule the AGM as soon as we can. I am still hoping to send a small group to Hechtel for Sunday 12 September including myself. There is much to look forward to and I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months.

Keep well and safe.

Best wishes to all,

Tom

DARTS AND SHOOT COMPETITION

The Darts & Shoot competition was, with a great deal of excitement, earmarked and provisionally booked for Saturday 18th September at the usual venue in Maindy Barracks, Cardiff. Sadly we have just been informed that Military Messes have not yet been given the go ahead to open by the Welsh Assembly, so it is with great regret that again this year the competition is once again cancelled.

BRANCH MEETINGS

With restrictions on hospitality being gradually lifted in Wales, many branches have started to hold their meetings at various hospitality venues without restrictions. This is clearly great news so if you are interested in attending and sharing a beer or three, these meetings are quite informal with a casual dress code (no one is expected to be in BRB Tie blazer etc that is optional). Contact your local branch secretary for further details

REGIMENTAL MAGAZINE

This publication is growing year on year, however we are always looking for interesting articles to publish. From feedback we understand that readers enjoy to reminisce on their time with the Regiment. If you have an 'interesting' tale you wish to recount or even a long held confession that is suitable for public consumption (we are sure there are many and that any statute of limitation will have passed by now!) please feel free to submit them direct to the editor for consideration - email with photographs not embedded in the document but sent as a digital image to; welshguardsara@gmail.com). Cut off date for submissions is Wednesday 13th October 2021.

ST DAVIDS DAY TUESDAY 1st MARCH 2022

Though some months away, the day will soon be upon us and at present it has been agreed to hold the day with the Battalion in Combermere Barracks, Windsor where we received a superb welcome in 2020 before the Covid lock down came into effect. The Association will be laying on transport from North and South Wales which is free for association members. If you wish to attend please register your interest with your local branch secretary soonest (the Secretaries list and contact details is at the foot of this newsletter). Accommodation is not available at Combermere Barracks, but I am sure Branch Secretaries will be doing their utmost to organise something close to the barracks if there is sufficient interest from their members.

QUEENS BIRTHDAY PARADE 2022

Next year HM The Queen will be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee, clearly a historical landmark and as such the troop will take place on Thursday 2nd June 2022, which will act as the start of four days of celebrations. Tickets will be on sale from 4th January and, as I am sure you can understand, the association's allocation of tickets will be severely limited as priority will be given to the friends and family of the Regiment trooping their colour and those taking part in the parade.

FALKLAND ISLANDS 40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIONS 2022

Next year we commemorate 40 years since the events that unfolded in 1982, left many with scars both seen and hidden, clearly an important year for many of us and there will be several events up and down the country. Full details of many are yet to be finalised but once we know we will pass all information through Branch Secretaries, the WGR website and Welsh Guards Social Media groups. One event which is fully planned and set in stone is what the WGA sees as our main Falklands remembrance event each year in Wrexham. In 2022 it will be held on Saturday 25th June and will involve the Regimental Band and a marching detachment from the Battalion. If you wish to attend then don't delay, B&B's and Hotels in Wrexham are filling quickly. The 35th anniversary event was packed to the rafters and the 40th is certain to be the same. **Remember the day is not only about those who went, it is about those who did not return and everyone is welcome**

RIDE OF RESPECT 2022

In the week building up to the Wrexham event a Motorcycle Ride of Respect is being organised by Geraint Hughes 31 and the WGA Secretary General. As you can imagine there is a lot of planning going into this event as we have several Falklands memorials dotted about Wales. The event is self funded and motorcyclists are welcome to join us for the whole or just part of the ride. The ride will start on Tuesday 21st June from Combermere Barracks, Windsor and end on Friday 24th June 2022 in Wrexham to coincide with the commemorative event on the 25th. A full itinerary will appear in this year's Regimental Magazine and will be available on all WG social media. The Ride has its own Facebook page if you wish to register your interest, then please do so here; <https://www.facebook.com/groups/263819178796640>

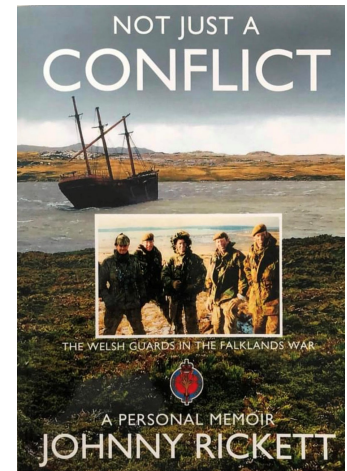
PEMBROKESHIRE BRANCH

Plans are afoot if there is sufficient interest to get the Pembrokeshire Branch up and running again. Mark William Morgan 84 (aka Mogsy) has stepped forward and shown interest in becoming Branch Secretary and he will be ably assisted by John Turner (aka JT). It is early days, but if you wish to receive further information or help in any way then please contact Mogsy direct via Email to: mark.morgan84@hotmail.com

NOT JUST A CONFLICT

Some of you may be unaware that Brigadier Rickett has penned his memories from when he Commanded the Battalion during Op CORPORATE (aka the Falklands Campaign). An interesting read and answers many questions, the Welsh Guards Charity has agreed to supply all Falklands Veterans and NOK of those KIA with a copy free of charge. Non Falklands Veterans can obtain a copy for the nominal fee of £5 per copy plus P&P.

To obtain your copy please contact the Secretary General, with your service details during the campaign and full UK address for delivery, there will be a charge for overseas.



WELSH GUARDS COLLECT

Of late I have received several requests for a copy of the Welsh Guards Collect. They are reproduced below, in both English and Welsh. Please feel free to use them as and when you want

O Lord God, who hast given us the land of our fathers for our inheritance, help thy servants, the Welsh Guards, to keep thy laws as our heritage for ever, until we come to that better and heavenly country which thou hast prepared for us, through Jesus Christ our lord. Amen

O Arglwydd Dduw, a rhoddaist i ni wlad ein tadau yn draftadaeth, cynorthwya dy weision, y Gwarchodlu Cymreig i gadw Dy ddefau yn etifeddiaeth inni dros fyth, nes y down i'r wlad well a nefol a baratoiast i ni, trwy Iesu Grist ein Harglwydd. Amen

REGIMENTAL CHRISTMAS CARD 2021

This year's Regimental Christmas card is available as usual either via the online PRI shop on the Welsh Guards Charity website here; <https://www.welshguardscharity.co.uk/pri-shop> or through the PRI shop.

The card depicts a *Sentry change at St James's Palace c1960's from a painting by Sean Bolan*



Please use the attached most up to date PRI Order form

Please note the PRI Shop is now located at Regimental Headquarters, use the following address to order by post. Orders can be placed online @ <https://www.welshguardscharity.co.uk/pri-shop>

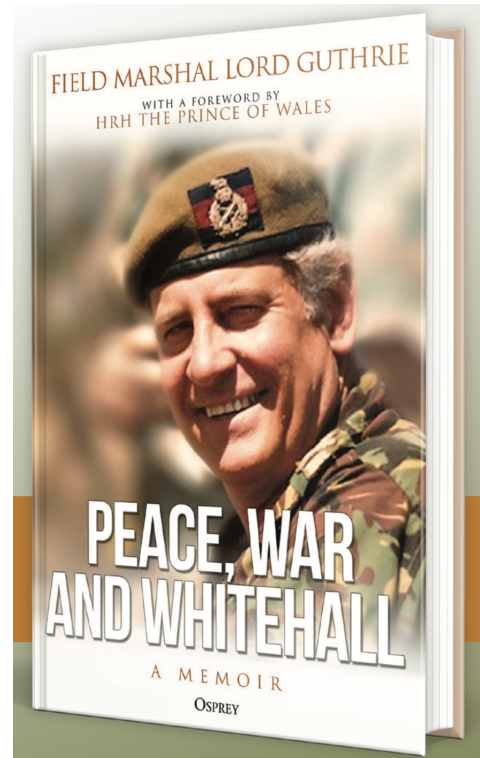
PRI Shop
Regimental Headquarters Welsh Guards
Wellington Barracks
Birdcage Walk
London SW1E 6HQ

FIELD MARSHAL LORD GUTHRIE BIOGRAPHY

Field Marshall Lord Guthrie's biography is due for publication on 26th October, but is available now to pre-order at the special price of £16 (which includes mainland UK postage). This excellent book by Field Marshal Lord Guthrie of Craigiebank GCB GCVO OBE DL is a must for every Welsh Guard bookcase. Secure your copy now by pre-ordering through the Welsh Guards Charity PRI shop online today.

Follow this link to pre-order:

<https://www.welshguardscharity.co.uk/shop/field-marshal-lord-guthrie-peace-war-and-whitehall>



FORECAST OF EVENTS

November

Tuesday 2nd - 11:00 hrs Secretaries meeting, venue TBC

Sunday 14th - Remembrance Sunday (Local timings)

March 2022

Tuesday 1st - St David's Day celebrations, Combermere Barracks Windsor

May 2022

Association AGM date and location TBC

Saturday 21st - Major Generals Review

Saturday 28th - Colonels Review

JUNE 2022

Thursday 2nd - HM The Queens Birthday parade



Welsh Guards Rugby Reunion Club Dinner
Friday 24th September 2021 commencing 1900Hrs

Held at:

Stradey Park Hotel & Spa
Llanelli
Carmarthenshire SA15 4HA

Update

Please remember to purchase your tickets and then contact the event organiser (Darrell Jones 73) to book your room. Tickets for the Dinner cost £40 each and rooms either £80 or £90 (which includes breakfast)

For further details contact Darrell Jones 73 by email:

Darrelljones73@aol.com



Price includes Postage and Package within the UK (less Regimental Magazine for which please add £3 postage).

Overseas orders please add postage as appropriate Europe £7.00, USA/Canada £14.00, Australia £14.00

(Prices based on average package weight of 650g and are subject to change).

DRESS ACCESSORIES

	Price	Qty
Belt, Civilian Brigade (Small)	£ 21.00	
Belt, Civilian Brigade (Medium)	£ 21.00	
Belt, Civilian Brigade (Large)	£ 21.00	
Belt, Civilian Brigade (X Large)	£ 21.00	
Belt, Civilian Brigade (XX Large)	£ 21.00	
Bow Tie Pre Tied Brigade Silk Non Crease	£ 18.00	
Keyring, Leather, Black	£ 5.00	
keyring, Leather, Burgundy	£ 5.00	
Braces Brigade Dual Clip & Button Hole	£ 34.00	
Cuff Links, with chain, WG Crest	£ 24.00	
Stable Belt, Brigade (Medium)	£ 25.50	
Stable Belt, Brigade (Large)	£ 25.50	
Stable Belt, Brigade (X Large)	£ 25.50	
Stable Belt, Brigade (XXLarge)	£ 25.50	
Cuff Links Brigade Barrel/Knot	£ 5.00	
Cuff Links Brigade Knot/Knot	£ 5.00	
Cuff Links Welsh Flag	£ 10.00	
Cummerbund Brigade Silk Non Crease	£ 26.00	
Pocket Square Brigade Silk Non Crease	£ 9.00	
Handkerchief White with Green Crest	£ 4.00	
Medal Holders	£ 7.50	
Scarf Brigade Wool	£ 28.00	
Socks Brigade	£ 10.00	
Tie Brigade Silk, Non Crease	£ 19.00	

REGIMENTAL ITEMS

	Price	Qty
Business Card Holder with Crest	£ 7.00	
Watch Strap Brigade	£ 8.50	
Umbrella Brigade, Crook Handle	£ 33.00	
Pocket Watch with Engraved Crest	£ 25.00	
Welsh Guards Teddy	£ 15.00	
Plaque SA80 Bayonet with Leek	£ 25.00	
Plaque Wall Regimental Crest	£ 25.00	
Tie Clip	£ 10.00	
2 Pen aluminium boxed presentation set (with WG crest)	£ 10.50	

	Price	Qty
Brigade Zippo Lighter	£ 10.00	
WG Fridge Magnet	£ 4.00	
Blue Red Blue Dog Lead	£ 15.50	
Blue Red Blue 18mm wide Dog Collar (Small)	£ 16.50	
Blue Red Blue 18mm wide Dog Collar (Large)	£ 16.50	
Blue Red Blue 35mm wide Dog Collar (Heavy)	£ 24.00	

BADGES

	Price	Qty
Marching Sergeant Lapel Pin	£ 3.00	
Plume Lapel Pin	£ 3.00	
Blazer	£ 13.50	
Welsh Guards Cap Badge	£ 7.00	
Charity Wristband	£ 2.00	
Regimental Crest Lapel Pin	£ 6.00	
Regimental Crest Stick Pin	£ 6.00	

PRINTS/CARDS/MAGAZINES

	Price	Qty
Duty Drummer	£ 8.00	
WG Falklands Memorial Print	£ 10.00	
Bank of England Picquet	£ 5.00	
Presentation New Colours	£ 30.00	
(10 Pack) Blank card - Stadden Print	£ 10.00	
(10 Pack) Blank card - Guard Mount 1930	£ 10.00	
(10 Pack) Blank card - Return from Ops	£ 7.00	
Current Year Christmas Cards (each)	£ 1.00	
Christmas Cards Mixed Pack of 10	£ 8.50	
Regimental Magazine*(plus postage)	£ 6.00	

*Denotes add £3 for postage

GRAND TOTAL	£
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If you wish to pay by Paypal please visit the Welsh Guards Charity website PRI shop at; www.welshguardscharity.co.uk

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Rhydfelin

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2nd Wednesday of month 1930 hrs

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[The Royal Navy Association Club](#), 26 Swansea Road, Llanelli SA15 3YT

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1st Monday of month

[Ex Servicemen's Club](#), Merthyr Tydfil

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2nd Thursday month 2000 hrs

Alternating between the [Abergavenny Angel Hotel](#) and Constitutional Club, Pengam

Montgomeryshire, Shropshire & Midlands

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83 Balmoral Crescent

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Meetings every 3 months at the [Shrewsbury Beaconfield Club](#)

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Stephen Ollerhead (23929723)

10 Penfold Way

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Branch meet at [the Green Oak Farm Public House](#), Rossmore Road E, Ellesmere Port CH65 3BR once a month. Phone Branch Secretary for time/date of meeting.

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45 Bangor Road

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north.wales.secretary@gmail.com

Bangor - 3rd Monday of the month, 1900 hrs

[Waverley Hotel](#), Station Rd, Bangor LL57 1LZ

Wrexham – 1st Thursday of the month

The Wrexham Memorial Club

Swansea & West Glamorgan

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7 Waun Fawr

Cwmrhydyceirw

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wgaswansea@gmail.com

3rd Monday of the month at 1900 hrs

The Cwmfelin Social Club, Courtney Street, Manselton, Swansea SA1 9NR

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