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‘Shoulder to Shoulder With All Who Serve’

**Next Monthly Branch Meeting
Wednesday
11 April**

Function Room, Conservative Club, Fairfield Rd, Market Harborough
7-30pm

News from the Branch

EGM

Please note that an Emergency General Meeting will be held at 7-30pm on Wednesday 11 April. The sole purpose of the meeting is to seek approval to change the quorum for Branch Committee meetings. At present this stands at 7 members of the committee including 2 officers. The total number of members on the Committee is nine and obviously the absence of just 3 members makes it impossible to conduct any business. The proposal is to reduce the Branch Committee quorum to 4 members including 2 officers. This will enable the Committee to function and carry out the day to day business of the branch.

Branch Tea Party & Disco

About 30 members and friends gathered for the Tea Party and Disco on February 25th, well actually just the tea party as the disco was cancelled as not enough people were interested in attending. Despite the somewhat poor choice of dance tunes by the novice DJ the afternoon went quite well and I think most people enjoyed the event. John Cox ran a Beetle Drive after the dancing ended which rounded off the event.

Thank you to the members who attended and particularly those who helped to serve the tea and sandwiches.

Annual Dinner

Over 60 members attended. A full report will be in next months newsletter

Daniel McInnes

(cont)

This was sent in by John Black. Daniel arrived in India and was involved in putting down insurgents in the infamous Indian Mutiny, he took part in the Umbeyla Campaign of 1863-4. This was thought of by many as being worse than the Khyber Pass and was a very bloody campaign. Daniel received the General Service Medal with Umbeyla Clasp. He went on to serve in Edinburgh, Ireland and Gibraltar where he married Mary Ann McCarthy (17) in Limerick on 8 August 1867. In 1878 after completing 20 years service and aged 49 he received the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and transferred to the 4th (Militia) Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers. He was still in the RSF in 1891 and was the range warden at Hope Farm Rifle range. He and Mary (now 61 and 41 respectively) lived at 30 Kelly St, Greenock. Events took a turn for the worse, two of their children died, Amelia aged 2 from diphtheria and measles in 1884 and Hugh, aged 24 in 1894 to 'stonemason's disease' (TB). These events and what he had

Welfare

If you are aware of any one who qualifies for, and who may benefit from, the Royal British Legion welfare services please contact

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seen in India now became too much for Daniel to bear and on 5 October 1894 he took his own life. His son Michael found him at 1115 in the hut at the rifle range, He had used one of the rifles and shot himself in the chest.

So ended the life of one long serving and no doubt long suffering soldier.



The men of the 71st HLI, Peshawar 1863

The MOD reported the following soldiers killed in Afghanistan.

Sergeant Nigel Coupe, from 1st Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment aged 33 from Lytham St Anne's, and Corporal Jake Hartley aged 20 from Dewsbury, Private Anthony Frampton aged 20 from Huddersfield, Private Christopher Kershaw aged 19 from Bradford, Private Daniel Wade age 20 from Warrington and Private Daniel Wilford, age 21 from Huddersfield all from 3rd Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment, were killed Tuesday, 6 March 2012.

SAC Ryan Tomlin, age 21 from Hemel Hempstead was killed on Monday 13 February



Tuesday 3 April
Reservations before
28 March to Les Moore 01858
463112

All cancellations phone the Angel 01858 462702 before 10am on the day of the meal. If you don't cancel as above you will be charged for the meal no matter what your reason

Menu

Roast rib of beef, Yorkshire pudding, roast potato, vegetables, Baked Mediterranean vegetables in tomato sauce, potato, cheese crust, mixed salad

Goujons of plaice. Chips, vegetables

Sweet

Clotted cream afternoon tea cheesecake, clotted ice cream,

Warm pear and almond tart, toasted almonds and custard

Fresh fruit salad and cream

Coffee and mints

£8-50 - pay on the day

What's Going On?

Forthcoming Events

- 11 Apr EGM to vote on changes to Branch Bye Law reducing numbers required for a quorum. Normal branch meeting will follow with a fun quiz called 'Bletchley Park'
- 9 May Talk by Sir Michael Carleton-Smith, provisionally called 'my life and times'
- 25 Jun Flag Raising Ceremony for Armed Forces Day at the Council House
- 1 Jul Armed Forces Day event. Welland Park, Flypast by Dakota if the weather is fine.
- 11 Jul Talk by George Gamble on a little known WW1 disaster.

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