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Durham Light Infantry Association



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HESLEDEN WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION - 4 Oct 2017



Members of the Horden & Peterlee Branch DLI Association at the dedication of the new Hesleden War Memorial on 4th October 2017

standards from the Royal British Legion and other Associations.

All the photographs for this were taken by Dave Murrell of Durham Photographic Society

The unveiling of the Hesleden War Memorial which is dedicated to 51 men of Hesleden who lost their lives in 1st & 2nd World Wars was well supported by the village community, residents, campaigners, and children. There were 7 DLI Association standards and members present at the event which was led by the Methodist Minister the Revd Susan Richardson and Rev Roger Davis from St Andrews Church, plus



“FAITHFUL” INKERMEN DINNER

The faithful Inkerman Dinner Club will take place on Friday 3rd November on the RBL Club, Britannia Terrace. Fencehouses, Letters have already been sent out by Brian Laverick Secretary Treasurer to members. If you have not received a letter and would like to attend contact Brian Laverick urgently on brianlaverick@talktalk.net as soon as possible. The cost of the dinner is £14.00 including wines. Donations are welcome.



“FAITHFUL” INKERMEN VICTORIA CROSS STONE CEREMONY

Our hopes were dashed for 2017 when it was announced that a utilities survey would have to take place before the DLI Victoria Cross Stone could be laid on its new site beside Palace Green. This has resulted in the ceremony in 2017 having to take place

at the site beside the former Durham Museum. The Dinner Club is hoping to get a good turnout on the 5th November for this ceremony.

ACF Buglers at the VC Stones Ceremony in 2016

STOCKTON GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

For the 6th year the Stockton Garden of Remembrance run by Stockton Branch DLI Association assisted by the Stockton RBL will take place in the parish church garden behind the Cenotaph on Stockton High Street. Services for individual schools are available run by the DLI Association starting on Wed 8th,

Thursday 9th and early on 10th November, after which the Formal Commemoration takes place beginning at 10.45am led by Lt Col John Heron, the prayers being led by the Mayor's Chaplain Rev Martin Anderson vicar of St Mary's Norton. In the



(Above) Members of the Stockton Branch DLI Association who were part of the branch team at the 2016 Garden of Remembrance in Stockton including Tom Coyne (98 years of age) with the walking stick.

(Right) Terry Gilbert, Stockton Branch Standard Bearer, talks to some of the children who attended the Garden about the Death Penny received by families who lost a family member in the Great War. (Pictures from 2016)



presence of the standards from a number of regimental associations the Last Post and Reveille will be played by the Stockton Salvation Army Bugler, after which the Mayor of Stockton will place a poppy cross commemorating the 170 men of Stockton who gave their lives in 1917, later speaking to the many school-children who attended to make their own individual and schools' commemoration by placing poppy crosses in the garden. Over 300 youngsters from a number of the Stockton Schools are attending the garden with their teachers, as well as veterans from the Don War Memorial Bar, members of the regimental associations of the stockton area and the general public,

7LI OFFICERS AND SENIORS DINNER

This annual event, organised by Marc Stuart of D Rifles Coy 5RRF took place on 21 October at Gilesgate Reserve Army Centre when 49 Former Officers and Senior Ranks enjoyed a most enjoyable evening and renewed friendships from their 7LI Days. Thanks to Marc for the organisation and the excellent meal.

REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADES

The DLI Association has a party of 27 members for the London Cenotaph Parade in 2017. The party is conducted by Michael McMahon Secretary of the Sunderland Branch, but containing members from the Bishop Auckland, Hartlepool, Houghton-le-Spring, Gateshead & Newcastle branches. The party will enjoy a 'show' in the capital on Saturday 11 November. In addition, Colin Bower from Sutton Waldron is joining the parade with his son. Colin has attended the London Cenotaph parade for many years. He is 87 years of age



and served with the DLI in Korea before embarking on a varied and interesting career in other areas. All Association branches will hold their own Remembrance Ceremonies in their own Cities or Borough Areas. The Durham City parade will be one of the most extensive, taking place following the Festival of Remembrance to be held on Saturday evening in Durham Cathedral. The South Shields parade, one of the largest in the North East will be held on Remembrance Sunday morning.

Lt Colin Bower who served in Korea 1953 with 1 Bn Durham Light Infantry

Representatives from the newly formed 8 RIFLES will attend Remembrance Parades in the Freedom towns and lay wreaths on behalf of the new Battalion, parade following its Formation on 1 November 2017.

GET A HAIRCUT!

Saturday the 11/11/2017 is Armistice Day & to pay respect we are going to put on a promotion at "The House of Gentlemen" hairdressers in Durham City. On Thursday the 9th we are going to have x3 Barbers giving both active & Ex forces soldiers/personnel a free haircut or shave in preparation for the Remembrance Day events on the 11th & 12th. DLI Association Members must have proof of service. Take your membership card. Walk-in service only. Valid from 9am-18:00



FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE–DURHAM CATHEDRAL–7.00pm SAT 11 NOVEMBER 2017

This event is growing in importance each year. Association Standard Bearers have been invited to take part. It is organised by Eric Ingram on behalf of and in aid of the ABF The Soldiers Charity. Tickets are available at £10 and £18 from the Gala Theatre Box Office 03000 266600.

8 RIFLES FORMATION DISPLAY BY THE BAND AND BUGLES OF THE RIFLES 1 NOVEMBER 2017 – BISHOP AUCKLAND MARKET PLACE

A Display by the Band & Bugles of The Rifles takes place at Bishop Auckland Market Place (DL14 7NP) beginning at 7.30pm on 1 Nov 2017 following an invited reception in Bishop Auckland Town Hall to mark the formation of the 8th Battalion The Rifles. It is hoped that members of the DLI Association and their wives, partners and families will attend to support the new unit. **There is no call on this occasion for Standards of the Durham Light Infantry Association to be present.**

DEATHS The following deaths have been reported to the Rifles Office since the publication of the last Monthly Bulletin.

Joe Price died on 23 September 2017, in his 80's.
National Service with 2DLI in the 1950's
Joe was a member of Horden and Peterlee Branch.
He did his National Service with 2DLI

Sid Stoker
Served Regular Army, Light Infantry Volunteers, 5 LI, 7 LI
Died 27 September 2017.
In hospital

Arthur Willis
Died 1 October 2017
Served with the Mortar Platoon
7 Bn The Light Infantry

Major Jimmy Mulhall
Died Thursday 19 October 2017 aged 98
Served 8 Bn Durham Light Infantry
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Sammy Curry.
Sammy died on Saturday 21 October, he was 104 years old.
Sammy served with the DLI in Normandy.

May They Rest in Peace




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