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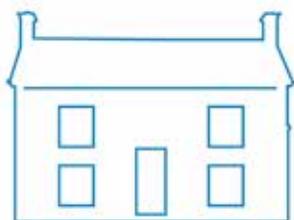
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These Remembrance Day matches are truly rewarding because of the support you bring by attending and supporting these games.

After the interruption caused by the pandemic, we are delighted that we can get back together this year and take this opportunity to think about all those that have lost their lives. A chance to keep their memories alive, and to be grateful for what they have given us.

Remembrance Day takes on an added significance this year as it is the 10th anniversary since Pte. Tom Lake was killed in action in Afghanistan. As a community, South Oxhey have shown that we are committed to remembering Tom and celebrating his life, and we are pleased that we again have Tom's Mum, Carol Lake, with us today as our guest of honour.

It is a privilege for us to share this Remembrance with the Coldstream Guards and we owe a big thank you to Sergeant Craig Backhouse for the opportunity to play this match today. It is an honour for us to host the Coldstream.

Thank you to all the players, management, staff, sponsors and advertisers for their ongoing support, to Adrian Flux Insurance for being the Match sponsor and to you, the South Oxhey community. As always, enjoy the day. We pause to remember and respect, but we should also take time to celebrate what we have.

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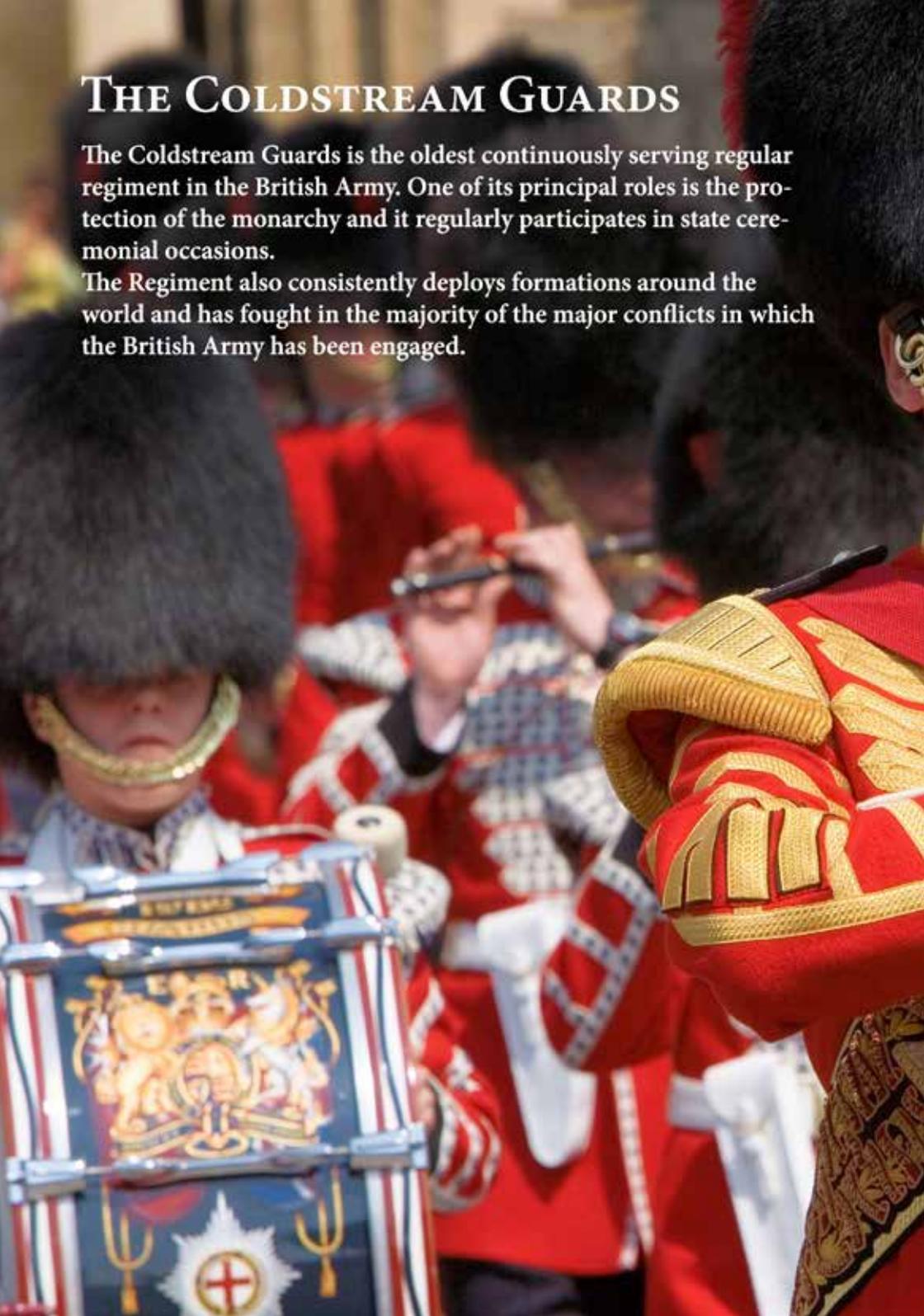
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1918-2021

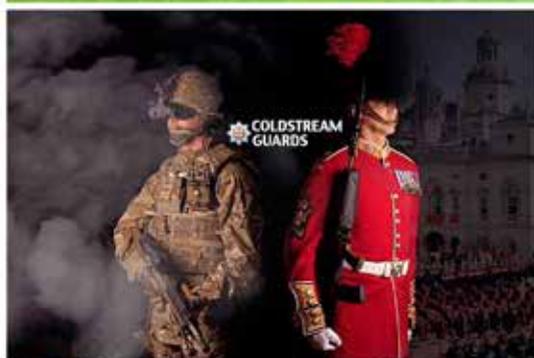
THE COLDSTREAM GUARDS

The Coldstream Guards is the oldest continuously serving regular regiment in the British Army. One of its principal roles is the protection of the monarchy and it regularly participates in state ceremonial occasions.

The Regiment also consistently deploys formations around the world and has fought in the majority of the major conflicts in which the British Army has been engaged.







The Coldstream Guards



Nulli Secundus (Second to None)

Formed in the mid 17th Century, the Coldstream Guards played a crucial part in restoring King Charles II to the throne. Colonel Monck was made a Knight of the Garter, and the Regiment has used the Garter Star ever since.

Since then, they have been involved in all our major conflicts and been awarded 117 major battle honours including 13 Victoria Cross across the Crimean War and World Wars I and II.

The 1st Battalion is based in Windsor and consists of 560 officers and soldiers. The primary role of the Coldstream Guards is as light role infantry, capable of deploying anywhere in the world at short notice to conduct any task. Conventional warfare, counter-insurgency, peace support, Military Aid to the Civil Authority and 'hearts & minds' civil aid tasks are all part of the Regiment's demanding regime.

Renowned for their discipline and courage, Coldstream Guards are infantry soldiers who specialise in light role operations: performing

reconnaissance, operating machine guns and mortars, and engaging enemy troops on foot and in light vehicles. This versatility makes the regiment one of the most important fighting units in the British Army.

Since 1945 the Regiment has served in Palestine, Malaya, Kenya, British Guiana, Aden, Northern Ireland, Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Queen is their Colonel-in-Chief. As The Queen's personal bodyguard, Coldstreamers stand guard outside Royal Residences and participate in large ceremonial events that are broadcast to millions of people around the world.

It is fair to say that the Coldstream Guards in ceremonial uniform are one of the defining symbols of our country.

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ARMY AND NHS IN COLLABORATION

Back in November 2020, Merseyside was one of the areas to be hardest hit by the pandemic with infection rates around 700 cases per 100,000. Positive cases were skyrocketing out of control, with NHS workers pushed to the brink.

To help through these difficult times, the armed forces were called in to help curb the spread of coronavirus. This was the first such initiative in the whole country and it required rigorous logistical planning, and the Coldstream Guards were heavily involved in this support.

Two thousand military personnel arrived in Liverpool to assist with mass testing and working with the North West Ambulance Service. The impact was immediate and cases dramati-

cally reduced to just 184 per 100,000, the Army playing a pivotal role in this success in fighting the pandemic across Merseyside.

As a result, similar use of military personnel was extended to many areas around the country including Scotland, Wales and Greater Manchester. The Coldstream Guards extended their coverage across the North West to cover both Merseyside and Greater Manchester.

The extension of services to Wales included military personnel being used extensively as ambulance drivers and a close friend of Oxhey Jets, Cpl Sean Thomson (pictured above with NHS ambulance crew) was one of those assigned to work with the Welsh Ambulance Service.



Sean wrote: “I had the great honour and privilege to assist the Welsh Ambulance Service for three months during the first wave of COVID. I am truly taken back, what an incredible experience that has been. I have been welcomed and well treated by every single member of staff I worked with - can't speak highly of them enough, have learnt an incredible amount on the journey.

I have always respected the whole of the NHS, but safe to say I have seen it in a totally different light. Seeing what the ambulance staff have to take on, I truly commend you all.

I'm in awe of the experience I have had, and can't thank the staff I've worked with enough for the experience.

I take my hat off to all the ambulance staff, doctors and nurses, that I encountered and thank you for all your efforts to support this country. - I am truly proud to have helped.

Sadly due to an operational deployment to Somalia, I am unable to attend the remembrance game, however I'll be keeping my eyes peeled! And hopefully it's a great turn out and a fascinating game to watch.”

Real collaboration between the Army and the NHS has been vital in so many ways over the last 18 months. Not least of these is the confidence that the general public have when the Army steps in with its no nonsense, get things done approach. It has been inspiring to see the two organisations working so well together.

ON BEHALF OF HER GRATEFUL NATION, A TRULY PERSONAL
TRIBUTE FROM THE QUEEN



WINDSOR CASTLE

It is with great pleasure, on behalf
of a grateful nation, that I award the George Cross
to the National Health Services of the United Kingdom.

This award recognises all N.H.S. staff, past
and present, across all disciplines and all four nations.
Over more than seven decades, and especially in
recent times, you have supported the people of our
country with courage, compassion and dedication,
demonstrating the highest standards of public service.

You have our enduring thanks and
heartfelt appreciation.

Elizabeth R



Our Dedicated NHS

NHS AWARDED THE GEORGE CROSS FOR THEIR COURAGE, COMPASSION AND DEDICATION

The award of the George Cross to the National Health Service is the greatest accolade a grateful nation can bestow beyond the field of battle. There is no decoration – military or civilian – comparable to the GC other than the Victoria Cross, which can only be won ‘in the presence of the enemy’.

Think back to the early days of this pandemic when we hadn’t a clue what we were dealing with. Nor did we have the tools with which to tackle it. Yet, day after day, thousands of NHS staff unhesitatingly came in to work, doing their duty in the face of a potentially lethal virus while the rest of the country stayed at home.

The UK was coming out on the doorsteps every week to applaud staff who would simply say they were ‘getting on with the job’. The Queen summed it up in her speech to the nation back in the darkest days of the pandemic – on the very evening the Prime Minister was being rushed to hospital.

‘Those who come after us will say the Britons of this generation were as strong as any,’ she said. ‘The pride in who we are is not a part of our past, it defines our present and our future.’

You only needed to take a peek inside a hermetically sealed Covid intensive care unit to see the scale of this monumental challenge. An army of NHS staff dutifully rose to it, just as they will surely do so again one day if called.

This is a sensible and dignified award which goes a long way to answering those who, for some time now, have been demanding some sort of national award for the Covid front line.

NHS staff have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to protect the health of the nation, providing care to hundreds of thousands suffering with illness and have also saved the lives of so many.

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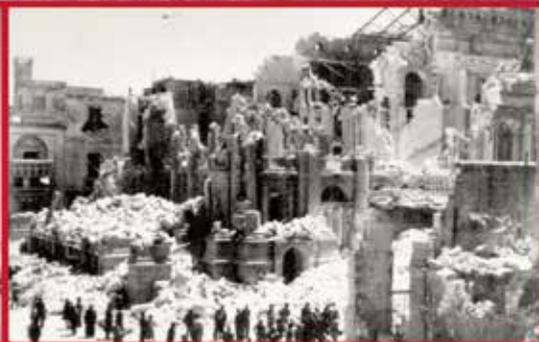
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Heroic Malta

MORE BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON MALTA DURING THE 1942 SIEGE THAN THE TOTAL NUMBER DROPPED ON LONDON AND COVENTRY THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF WORLD WAR 2.

On the 15 April 1942, King George VI awarded the George Cross "to the Island Fortress of Malta to bear witness to a heroism and devotion that will long be famous in history". Malta's Governor replied: "By God's help Malta will not weaken but will endure until victory is won."

Since 1940, Malta had been under almost constant attack from German/Italian aircraft, day and night. In early 1942, Hitler ordered Malta to be 'neutralised' in preparation for a German invasion. The Luftwaffe carried out hundreds of air raids on the island, and from January to July 1942, there was only one 24-hour period when no bombs fell.

Malta holds the record for suffering the heaviest, sustained bombing attack of WW2 – 154 days and nights and 6,700 tons of bombs. During the entire time, the island's population of 270,000 were unerring in their refusal to capitulate.

This heavy bombardment and planned invasion reflected how strategically important Malta was to both sides.

Situated between Italy and North Africa, it was a vital base for our ships and aircraft to help sustain our African campaign, and to attack Axis convoys trying to supply their forces in North Africa.

The bombardment was relentless. Food was in extremely short supply, fuel was restricted to military use, and ammunition was limited as supplies could not get through.

Families dug their way into the sandstone to escape the bombing, and made homes in stifling underground shelters. Hunger was threatening to break the people, as only two out of 24 merchant supply ships managed to make it safely into harbour. Malnutrition and scabies became widespread. But Malta resisted all that was thrown at her.



GEORGE CROSS



The George Cross, established in September 1940 during the worst of the Battle of Britain, is the civilian equivalent of the Victoria Cross.

King George VI wanted to award the Cross to those who conducted "acts of the greatest heroism or of the most conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme danger".

Malta was vital to the Allies in the Second World War. Not only was it close to the Axis shipping lanes, but it was also an important submarine base and listening post, intercepting German radio messages including Enigma information.

General Rommel said that "Without Malta, the Axis will end up losing control of North Africa". That is why the bombardment was so severe. Rommel was proved to be right. The resistance of the Maltese people and the Allied forces based there, despite heavy losses, played a major role in the Allied victory in Africa.

On 15 August 1942, a British convoy fought through to bring 32,000 tons of supplies. There were



heavy casualties due to constant aircraft and submarine attacks; of the 14 merchant ships that set out, only 5 survived, and 4 warships were also sunk. It was a turning point.

Although the George Cross award was given in April 1942, it was not until September that the award could be presented on the island (shown above). It was a moving presentation in a crowded square surrounded by rubble and debris.

Today, one of our players, Sean Giordmaina, who is Maltese, will lay a wreath to honour the people of Malta and all the service people for their bravery and resistance and to remember those who died in the siege and in defending Malta.



Above: Sean Giordmaina.

Malta photos taken by Sergeant Bill Lazell whilst on active duty in Malta from 1941-44.

They shall not grow old, as we that are left to grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.



REMEMBRANCE 2021

LEST WE FORGET



Please aim to be in the stadium by 2:30 pm

REMEMBRANCE

Lead out to the piper's lament

National Anthem

Wreath laying to the piper's lament:

- Representatives of the Councils
- Herts Football Association & Police
- Spartan League, Watford Sunday League & Referee Assessor
 - Match Referee & Oxhey Jets Youth
- George Cross Gallantry Medal Wreaths
 - Team Officials
 - Team Captains
- Oxhey Jets & Mum Carol for Tom Lake

The Reading

The Coldstream Guards Drummer

The Last Post

Two minutes silence

Reveille

March off the colours and guests

Handshakes by teams & youth honour guard

PRE-MATCH

- Unveiling of the Tom Lake Memorial Stand by Mum Carol
- Photo Call in front of the main stand
- Pennant Exchange

MATCH KICK-OFF

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YOUTH





My Tom

My wonderful, loving, caring, loyal Tom. My sun-loving action man. You were, and always will be, my shining star.

You said to me once "get rid of all that rubbish you hoard, Mum, 'cos your memories will always be in your heart and in your head", and I have such wonderful memories of you my darling son.

From the moment you were born my life was complete and you had such an incredibly full life. You died doing a job that you absolutely loved. You are my hero.

You said that when you came home from your first tour of duty that you wanted a big, happy homecoming event, and here we all are. All the people that touched you and were part of your life as you were part of theirs. So this is a testament to you my darling, my everything, my boy, Tom.

Mum



IN REMEMBRANCE

THOMAS CHRISTOPHER LAKE

WHEN YOU GO HOME,
TELL THEM OF US AND SAY
FOR YOUR TOMORROW,
WE ARE HERE TODAY.





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STOPHER LAKE

OF WALES 'S ROYAL REGIMENT

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10 Years of Remembrance

"Do you not know that a man is not dead
while his name is still spoken?"

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JOHN, SANDRA & LISA,
& ALL AT OURNI JETS
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VIEW FROM THE BENCH

I would like to welcome everyone on this special day.

Thank you to the Coldstream Guards for finding the time to help us celebrate this day. It gives me and the players a great honour to be involved and we look forward to the occasion.

Kevin Christou

A TIME TO REMEMBER



Poppy Day holds a close place in my heart ever since my grandad told me of his and his brothers experiences in WWII. The sacrifice made by all those young men during that time with the knowledge they may never come home but still stepped forward can never be forgotten.

I myself served in the Grenadier Guards and the metropolitan police so I know of the courage it takes of these young men and women to run into the fire whilst others are running to safety.

It's sad to say that we are not just remembering those that fell during both world wars we find ourselves remembering those that have also given their lives in recent times.

Still, young men and women of this country step forward and volunteer to defend this country knowing that this will mean running into the fire and at times giving the ultimate sacrifice.

No one knows this more than the family of Thomas Lake, a local lad who played for the

Jets who, 10 years ago, gave the ultimate sacrifice for this country.

To his family and friends from the bottom of mine and my families hearts, we thank you for Tom's service, a young man with everything in front of him. We will never forget the sacrifice that Tom and yourselves have made for us.

So I ask you all as you are standing here today watching and enjoying the game, please spare some moments to think of Tom, his family and all the men and women that have fallen over these years.

To all of those that have fallen know that we shall always stand with you, we will always hold you in our hearts, we will always be grateful to you all and we will never let your names be forgotten.

Please enjoy the game, donate what you can to this great occasion and, most of all, be proud.

Oxhey Jets 2021/22: Jets October Resurgence

After a draining start to the season, perhaps the worst time in the club's history, Jets found themselves bottom of the league, without a manager, coaching staff and a number of first team players.

The situation looked bleak and the first team suffered some heavy defeats including a 10-0 loss at New Salamis when several youth team players were needed to help us fulfil the fixture.

One month later, though, and the situation has totally changed. Since the arrival of new first team manager Kevin Christou at the end of September, the squad has been rebuilt combining the loyal Jets players who stayed with a recruitment of many new faces.

Results have been beyond expectations with wins over promotion chasing Hadley and Milton Keynes Irish, and draws against league leaders Risborough Rangers and Leighton Town.

Even more importantly, the old Jets atmosphere is back. It's happy, positive and forward looking once more. As Jets approaches its 50th birthday, it's fun to be at the Boundary Stadium again.















Corporal Ryan Morris

Today's match referee is Corporal Ryan Morris, 24, from Stoke on Trent (pictured left refereeing our 2019 Remembrance match). He joined the Royal Air Force in 2017 and is currently stationed at RAF Boulmer, Northumberland where he is employed as a Phase 3 trainer within the Air and Space Operations Specialist trade.

Ryan is currently a Level 4 Match Official, who's refereeing highlights include:

2018 - RAF Icarus vs New Zealand Defence Force, Remembrance Day Fixture, Referee

2019 - Ashington vs Goole AFC, FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round, Referee

2019 - RAF Most Promising Referee Award

2019 - Selected by RAF FA to officiate at USA Cup

2020 - Mount Pleasant Combined Services vs Port Stanley XI, Falkland Islands Games, Referee

2021 - Premier League U18 Tournament, Referee



Ryan's thoughts ahead of today's fixture:

"Best of luck to both of today's teams who I'm sure will provide us with an exciting game. Thanks especially to all at Oxhey Jets for organising such a special event once again."



Our Match Officials



Mark Ives

Mark Ives is a former National List Official having spent 9 years as an Assistant Referee on the Football League having progressed through the Herts Senior County League.

He was a former Level 2 Referee and refereed on the Football Conference.

Mark has links to both organisations today. A Chief Executive of the Hertfordshire FA from 1995 to 2001 he also spent 12 years in the Army, having spent time in Germany, Kenya, the Falkland Islands and Northern Ireland where he also officiated as a Select List Referee before he left the service in 1992. From 2001, Mark spent 19 years with The FA, leaving as their Head of Discipline in July 2020 to set up his own business, Sport Integrity Matters as a Sports Law Consultant. He is also a Director of Administration with Huntingdonshire FA and the General Manager of the National League since January 2021. Mark has been a good friend of the Jets for many years and is said to be extremely honoured to be asked to be an assistant referee today as his Military Service also plays a big part of his life.



Harry Feenstra

Once again, one of Ryan's assistant referees is Harry Feenstra (pictured middle and bottom left with Corporal Ryan Morris and Garry Starr). Harry has supported us and been on the line in all our three previous special Remembrance games against the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (or PWRR, also known as 'The Tigers') and the RAF.

In the 2017 and 2018 games, Harry's father, John Feenstra, was our referee and both John and Harry are well respected officials and have always shown great support to the Jets.

Harry is following in the family footsteps and is a qualified FA referee himself.





Colin Macdougall

Colin now has over 30 years of experience at playing the bagpipes, has set-up a business performing solo at private and corporate events, and plays with pipe bands at UK and international piping competitions, tattoos, parades and in films/movies.

Colin was a member of the Air Training Corps with 2535 Livingston Squadron reaching the rank of sergeant.
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Fred Weaving

Fred Weaving will again be taking the salute for the fallen.

Fred is a former Royal Marine Commando of 42 Commando Royal Marines, Rank Corporal. He joined the Marines in March 1959 and served in Malta GC and Borneo.

Fred has served football for many years and has been a constant and loyal friend and adviser to Oxhey Jets. We are proud to have Fred as our friend and taking the salute again for us today.



Coldstream Guards Drummer

We are delighted to be supported today by a drummer from the Coldstream Guards. The drummers of the Coldstream Guards are thought to have been formed into a Corps of Drums in around 1872. Since then, the Corps has become renowned as one of the finest in the British Army for both its musical prowess and military ability.

Unlike military bands, the Corps of Drums are very much infantry soldiers first; their musical and ceremonial role is an extra task over and above their normal duties. The Corps of Drums of 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards form half of the Battalion's Fire Support Group - providing extra firepower to suppress the enemy in support of the rifle companies.



Musically, the Corps provides support to the Battalion's ceremonial duties - Changing of the Guard, the Queen's Birthday Parade, the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and the Basel Tattoo in Switzerland.



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Today we officially open our new Tom Lake Memorial Stand for our disabled supporters.

We suggested that the stand be named in Tom Lake's memory and the Council readily agreed.

As a club we have been improving our facilities to meet FA stadium requirements for our current level and higher. On seeing that the club did not have a dedicated disabled area, Watford Parish Council stepped in to provide the funding for the club to build this stand.

Our Councils have now gone one step further. The Parish Council nominated that, in the new development, a road should be named after Tom, and the District Council supported the proposal. At all levels there is a continued commitment to remember and honour Tom.





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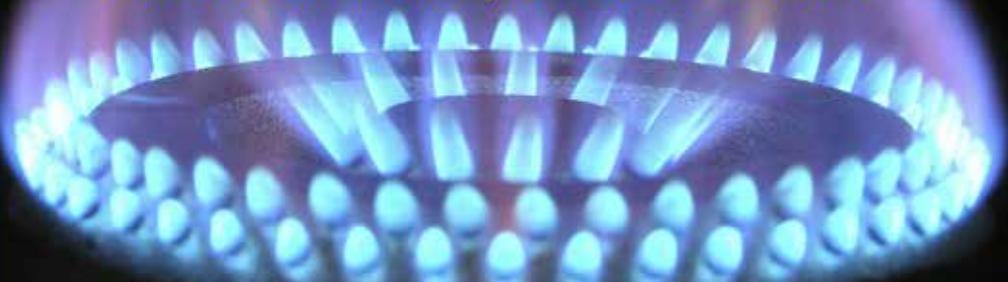
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Nightingales

by Mark Mellor, referee & regular contributor



My favourite acronym for the word “team” is “Together everyone achieves more.”

In the last 18 months or so, never has that been more proven than the teamwork and co-operation of 2 British institutions, The Army and the National Health Service.

With the joint skill sets of their combined work force, 7 Nightingale Hospitals were constructed and fully equipped across the UK, the first one in London, with a 4,000 bed capacity taking just 9 days to complete.

Although, thankfully, these rapidly converted conference venues and concert halls were never fully optimised, their mere presence as an “ultimate

insurance policy” in the fight against Covid 19, ensured that the wider infrastructure that Hospitals may have needed were firmly in place.

This is just the latest example of the British Army working alongside the medical world in the fight against diseases and infections, including those in the aftermath of military action.

One particular Lady set out many of the safeguarding practices that are still used today and after whom, the Nightingale Hospitals were named. In October 1854, Florence Nightingale and her team of volunteer nurses were sent by Sidney Herbert, Britain’s War Secretary, to the Ottoman Empire (part of modern day Turkey), following horrific reports of the condi-



tions for the wounded soldiers being treated at the Military Hospital near Constantinople having been involved in the Crimean War.

She arrived to find that poor care and conditions for the treatment of the wounded was compounded by almost non-existent hygiene procedures and overworked medical staff. Mass infections were common and she set about making changes that are still being used to this day.

She sent a plea back to Britain for a solution to the poor conditions of the facilities. The Government responded by commissioning Isambard Kingdom Brunel, a famous civil engineer famously known today for his Railway Bridges and Tunnels and a pioneer of

the construction of ocean going steam ships. He designed a pre-fabricated facility that could be shipped to the area and used as a makeshift Hospital. This, alongside Florence Nightingale's organisational skills and hygiene standards, greatly reduced the number of deaths.

Although the norm today, she introduced the practice of washing hands both before and after treating individual patients thus reducing the chance of infection. She was also horrified to note that the fatality figures were only sent back to Britain following a head count once per week. This meant that any soldier that entered the Hospital for treatment but died within days, were never recorded. She ensured this was corrected and a daily total was



logged. (Similarities with the Government daily debriefs).

However it was still believed that far more soldiers were dying from illnesses such as Dysentery, Cholera and Typhoid than from battle wounds. Improved ventilation, spacing of beds and the cleansing of the main sewers, alongside the newly implemented hygiene routines, meant that during her first winter there it is estimated that the death rate fell from 42% of admissions to just 2%. (Hands, Space etc.).

Florence Nightingale's work led to the transformation of British Army medical statistics and as a consequence resulted in reduced peacetime deaths of British soldiers.

Incidentally, Florence Nightingale was actually born in Italy in 1820 in the City after which she was named, and the first Nightingale Hospital opened exactly 200 years later.

In this, the Centenary Year of the Royal British Legion, we should all give thanks for the sacrifices made by our Military and Nursing personnel and support them in any way we can.

Photos shown:

Florence Nightingale (1820 -1910) English nurse, in the barrack hospital at Scutari during the Crimean War (1853-56).

Army personnel and ambulances at the Nightingale Hospital, Excel centre, London.

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