

Contribution to Globe & Laurel

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Dave Lawton (P032249T) writes:

All branch Scribes will tell you how much we look forward to our Articles being printed in the Buster! Only to go to the Monthly meetings and to be told by Members, why didn't you mention this that and the other and what about me abseiling from Mount Callosa for charity, with me dressed in a Tutu! As the Editor pointed out recently sometimes it just isn't possible to print everything- hope that explains it all Bert!!!!

The Month of may got off to a cracking start with a Coffee morning at our former Chairman's Villa (Royston Kear; P015758E) and his lovely lady Iris . . . 100 euros raised for Branch Funds. Although Designated the NATO term Coffee morning, San Miguel and Levante are also officially recognised. Royston is enjoying his second crack at life and making the most of it, we will miss him when he sneaks back to Kent and his Mobile home for a few months, or is it a shed on wheels?

On the 27th of May we held a Special Memorial Service at La Siesta church in Memory of those fallen Comrades who lost their lives on the recent operational tour to Afghanistan, poignantly we had to add an extra name on the day, not a dry eye in the house as our resident Bugler John Atkins played the Last post; as I read the names of the fallen, I and others were moved and reflected their ultimate sacrifices. Thanks to Philip Hayward MBE (Squadron leader retired RAF) for acting as our Honorary Deacon and Chaz Sergeant; former Royal Green Jackets for representing the 1st Rifles. We retired to Casa Ventura for the usual few beers and a Buffet to remember our friends in the usual manner.

Final notes: Any Royals in the area are most welcome to attend our Meetings (Last Tuesday in the Month), at Casa Ventura. San Luis, or give me a call anytime and we can arrange a few beers in a local hostelry. We also wish Christine and Ernie Sheppard (P018328M) all the best on their return to the UK; also we think of Jim Rowan still un-well from his stroke and a poor prognosis; a legend of a man and missed at our Branch Meetings.

Note to Editor

I am awaiting a Photograph of the Memorial Service and will forward ASAP. What is the DEADLINE please?