



Faversham Brewery Tour Report

- On Friday 7th September a group of twelve association members including three guests visited Faversham to sample the local refreshment venues and undertake a private tour of the Shepherd Neame brewery. The day started with a gathering at the Railway Hotel where multiple pints of "Late Red" were consumed before meandering into the town centre en-route to the brewery. The tour started at 14:30hrs and the group were shown a brief video before touring the brewery facility itself. Having learnt, about liquor, wort, mash, hops, barley and the like we proceeded to the brewery bar for some sampling. By the time the guide had described the beer tasting process; colour, clarity, condition, aroma, etc several members had consumed their samples in two gulps. The second sample was Bishops Finger which instantly instigated jokes about nuns and choir boys... tut tut. Upon the conclusion of the tour and a couple more "jars" at the brewery several members dispersed. The remaining core went and consumed lot's, more beer in a local Shepherd Neame pub, following which the five survivors went for a curry and yet more beer. A good day was had by all that attended and the weather was great for a change. Look out for the next brewery visit date to be notified soon.



2012 Confirmed Forthcoming Events

**Saturday 29th September – 101 ERRA Dinner
TA Centre Tunbridge Wells – contact Nigel
Clark [nigel842@btinternet.com]**

**Saturday 20th October – Bomb Disposal
Lunch – Carver Barracks Wimbish – contact
Pete Markham – REA BD Branch via
graham101plumridge@hotmail.co.uk**

**Sunday 11th November – Remembrance
Sunday – various locations – contact
Graham Plumridge for central London event
details.**

Proposed Future Events

**Derbyshire High Peak – "Off-Piste" Aircraft
Wreck Hill Walking (and drinking) weekend
– March 30th/31st 2013 – contact Brian
Green.**

**Greenwich Naval College and Mean Time
Brewery visit – TBA – contact Graham
Plumridge**

**Black Cat Ball and Fundraiser 2013 – TBA –
contact Nigel Clark/Brian Green**

**101 ERRA 2013 Battlefield Tour – TBA –
watch newsletter for details.**



Other Recent Events

Armed Forces Day / AGM – 30th June

The associate held it's AGM at 579 Squadron TA Centre in-conjunction with the Armed Forces day golden jubilee medal ceremony and family day. Thanks goes out to Major Martin Heffer TD RE (V) for allowing the association to use his Squadrons premises on the day.

DEMSS (South Visit) – 13th July

On a joint visit with REA BD Branch and the BD Officers Club several association members attended a briefing and final museum tour prior to the Units move from Lodge Hill to a purpose new build training facility near Bicester. Below is probably one of the final pictures in front of the Lodge Hill 22,000 lb Grand Slam/Tallboy Bomb. Several association members feature in the picture bellow.

Newsletter Development

Having recently been elected publicity officer at the AGM, this is my first attempt at the association newsletter. I am completely open to suggestion with regards to format and content. I will of course be carrying a camera and notepad with me henceforth. If any other members have pictures or relevant editorial content that they wish to submit for publishing then please forward to me at Brian@hawkprojects.com. The closing date for October Newsletter content will be Sunday 30th September.

Membership

The association has continued to attract new members over the summer months. Following the election of the new committee a membership audit is currently underway and a proactive association publicity programme will be made over the coming months to promote the associations' core values.



Committee Members

- Honorary President – Colonel Aidan Smyth TD RE (V)
- Chairman – Major Phil Webb TD RE (V)
- Honorary Secretary - Mr Nigel Clark
- Treasurer - Mr Dave Inman
- Membership Secretary – Mr Graham Plumridge
- Publicity Member – Mr Brian Green
- Non Serving Member – Mr Roy Hollands
- Non Serving Member – Mr Dave Smith

Association/Regimental Accoutrements



101 (EOD) RE Regimental Tie £13.00



101 (EOD) Regt RE Association Pin £3.00

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