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From the Editor.....

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I have received the below from an IMPS member concerning being charged to enter a show with a military vehicle, I know in the past this conversation has cropped up with us and the consensus of opinion is we pay for petrol, drive around an arena etc. so why should we be charged. Opinions on this would be appreciated. Please send replies to impsnewsletter@hotmail.co.uk

When I was sent my entry form for next year's show at Chatham dockyard they wanted a £5 donation to enter my vehicle. No payment no entry, other shows near me also want donations. I will give to charities if I want. I won't be forced into payment. My question to all members is: Are you happy paying to enter your vehicles. What's your view on this?

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Here we go 2016.

Happy new year to all of our members, I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and a jolly good New Year to come.

We start this year with a few new ideas, which hopefully will keep the club continuing and up to date.

The Newsletter is now only available by Email, and we are re structuring the membership renewal system. If you know of a member that does not have direct access to Email, then please print them off a copy. We don't have to have "your" Email address, just one that you have access to, a relative or at work etc.

Our first meeting at the Glentworth in February has a very good talk on the replica Glider that was built, to copy the one built by British prisoners of war while detained in Colditz castle.

Our membership secretary, Glynis will be on hand for this meeting, if you wish to renew in person. Eleanor Beal will be there with the last bits and pieces of the club shop. And all at discount prices.

The club shop will be transferring to an online system available through the clubs website.

There are some details within this edition concerning the War & Peace show and our concern of the new rules that the EEC are trying to introduce regarding De-Act firearms.

My thanks to Jim Baxter for his work on this.

That's all for now, see you at the Glentworth.
 Andy Neal, Chairman

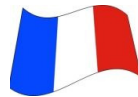
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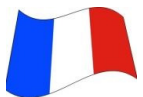
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IMPS ROAD TRIP TO **ORADOUR-SUR-GLANE**



Many of you will be aware of this French village, which was destroyed by the SS, along with all the population, during WW2. It has been preserved as a monument, in the condition it was found, and by all accounts, a most interesting place to visit.

We are planning a trip, by coach, to visit this area on 28th February. This will be a 3-day event, starting at Dover and travelling to the village, then return via Thiepval Memorial and Arras.

The cost is around £166 per person and covers travel by executive coach, Eurotunnel crossings and 2 nights half-board hotel accommodation. This is for a minimum of 30 people. If we get a maximum of 48, then costs will be reduced a little.

We ask for a deposit of £60, which will be returnable if we don't get 30 people respond. However, if we get at least 30 people, then the booking will be made, and the deposit will not be returnable.

By all means, google Oradour-sur-Glance, to find out more.

If you are interested, please contact Bob Ellis, Email bobthebolt@hotmail.com, or Mobile 07834 958290. The 15th January, is the cut-off date for deposits, and booking.

Cheques should be made to R H B Ellis, and addressed to 12 Octavian Drive, Lympne, Kent CT21 4JG. Cash will be accepted.

EVENTS

SATURDAY 23/01/2016 FRIENDS OF PETE GRAY "GET TOGETHER"

Scout Hall, Church Lane, Ashington, West Sussex, RH20 3DQ. George Kimmins is organising a 'Get Together' for friends of Pete Gray's from 1 to 5 p.m. All welcome - it is likely to be a sizeable "do".

Contact Georges Kimmins 01903 872787

SUNDAY 31/1/2016 STONELEIGH MILITARIA 2016

The Exhibition Centre Stoneleigh Park Coventry Warwickshire CV8 2LZ. A wide range of quality Militaria - British, American, German and Russian Militaria collectables including . . . Uniforms, Militaria, Books & Manuals, Weapons, Medals, Models and WW2 Clothing, Aviation & Radio Equipment, Military Vehicles and Vehicle Parts, around 350 exhibitor stands. Winter Dance 4 on Saturday night with Entry by ticket only, £12 in Advance, £14 on the door.

Contact Amanda Lycett 01743 762266

THU 7TH APRIL IMPS AGM 2016

HELD AT THE GLENTWORTH CLUB, LOWFIELD ST, DARTFORD 8PM.

THIS MONTHS MEETING WILL HOLD THE CLUB 2016 AGM.

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT: ANDY NEAL 020 8686 3840 OR 07860 192684

SUNDAY 3/04/2016 AA COMMEMORATIVE ROAD RUN – SEVENOAKS TO HASTINGS.

8th successive year. Commemorating the first occasion a body of troops was moved by motor transport, in 1909. The Event is open to Military Soft skin vehicles and Motor Cycles (sorry no armour) in use by British Forces between 1909 and the present day, and Veteran and Vintage cars and motor cycles up to 1945.

Contact James Baxter 01883 740276. Jac.baxter@virgin.net

SUNDAY 10/04/2016 DALLAS DIG OUT AND AUTO JUMBLE

Dallas Auto Parts, Cold Ash Farm, Long Lane, Hermitage, Newbury, Berks. RG18 9LT. Contact Liz on 01635 201124 admin@dallasautoparts.com www.dallasautoparts.com

SATURDAY 25/06/2016 & 26/06/2016 TANKFEST 2016

The Tank Museum, Dorset BH20 6JG. 10am - 5pm. Experience the best display of historic moving armour in the world at The Tank Museum. Contact Vicki Pol at The Tank Museum 01929 405096 ext. 238

vickip@tankmuseum.org

THU 4TH FEB IMPS MAIN BI-MONTHLY CLUB NIGHT

"BUILDING THE COLDITZ GLIDER" & Other Aviation Exploits
Special Talk at the IMPS February Club night.

Thursday 4th February from 8pm, The Glentworth Club, Lowfield St, Dartford.

Aviation expert Tony Hoskins, of South East Aircraft Services, will be telling us about his experiences of building, and flying, the replica COLDITZ GLIDER for the Channel 4 Documentary "Escape from Colditz" 2012. This fascinating talk will be illustrated with slides and videos of this great achievement, and will show that the daring escape planned over 70 years ago may

Tim Hewitt. IMPS Events Secretary.

For more info on these events, and more for 2016, go to www.imps.org.uk

**26TH MAY 2016: UBIQUE 300 – ROYAL ARTILLERY
300 YEAR ANNIVERSARY. VEHICLES WANTED.**

The Royal Artillery is planning an event at the Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill Wiltshire, to commemorate the 300th Anniversary of its formation.

IMPS have been asked if we can provide Royal Artillery Vehicles of WW2, and post war Guns and Artillery Vehicles. This will be a very prestigious event and will be held on 26th May, arrival the day before will be necessary.

Any members who have an appropriate vehicle and/or artillery piece and would like to attend, or want more information.

**Contact the organiser :Keith Brigstock,
keith.brigstock@btinternet.com, Eve 01672 564562,
Mob 07765 243809**

**220 MEDICAL SQUADRON ARMY RESERVE
WANTS 40/50'S PERIOD US VEHICLES FOR
BIRTHDAY BASH – SAT 7 MAY 2016**

Starting at 1900 (7pm) Paying subsidised Bar open, until 2345. Food provided free. The Theme is that of M*A*S*H 4077th, Korean War in the 50s. Vehicles such as the Dodge Ambulance , Truck and a Willys Jeeps and other appropriate vehicles from that era. All attending are asked to dress according to the era & theme of the Party but not essential. Drivers of Vehicles are also welcome to bring their partners or along with Displaying the their Vehicles. Location: 220 Med Sqn | TAC 461 London Road | Ditton | Aylesford | Kent | ME20 6DB. **Contact: Sgt. Robin Fleet. Robin.Fleet819@mod.uk. 01732 842424**



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
**MAJOR
SERIES**



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION MAJOR SERIES- REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE



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The Royal British Legion Major Series runs a number of 5km and 10km muddy challenges for all fitness levels.

The Royal British Legion Major Series is a military themed muddy run.

For our 2016 race series we are looking to improve the atmosphere and experience within the Event Village. Therefore we would love to invite the IMPS to come and join us. We have approx. 2500 runners plus their families. Your vehicles would be just the thing to engage people coming to the event and add to the authenticity of the day. It would be a great opportunity to display your vehicles and just have a great day out. An area of the event village will be made available to IMPs members and re-enactors who wish to attend.

Upcoming events: 12th March (Ragley Hall, Warks), 20th March (Bramham Park, Leeds) and 9th April (Eridge Park, Tunbridge Wells). The events run between 0800 and 1600.

If anyone is interested in coming along or discussing this further, please get in touch with me (Michaela.brice@britmilfit.com/ 020 8996 2220/ 0785032630). For more information on the event, please go to www.britmilfit.com/major-series.

WEALD AREA REPORT

Another busy historic military vehicle year came to an end -

The Weald area Xmas party held in December was supported by 60 members - good food and excellent company - a bagpiper to lead in two lady Santa's with gifts for all.

Our RBL Poppy Appeal figure came in - £3924.70 for 2015 - well done to all the members that gave up their time to support our collecting point - over the last year we have collected just under £20.000 - well done.

My thanks to the local IMPS members for their support with Weald Area in 2015 - without your attendance it wouldn't happen.

Happy New Year to you all from Weald.

Safe motoring.

Nick Cowles, Weald Sec.

IMPS/WAR & PEACE REVIVAL AGREEMENT

Following is a summary of the revised IMPS/W&PR Agreement

1. IMPS Club members VEHICLES enjoy free entry for up to TWO adults & two children after two years of continuous club membership. BOTH adults must be members of the IMPS to receive free entry. Any non members will need to purchase a show (NB. All vehicle entries, regardless of whether affiliated to a club or not, and including MVT and IMPS, are required to pay £10 per entry form towards provision of 24 hour toilet facilities. This fee is per entry, so if more than one vehicle on an entry still only £10 for the entry).
2. 100 Free tickets for IMPS members as before.
3. IMPS receive free promotion of the club in Field and Rural Life Military History & Vintage News Value £2400.00p Plus a free article in each monthly issue promoting IMPS unlimited text & pictures value £1200.00p total value being £3600.00p
4. Full page ad for IMPS in W&P Magazine, and IMPS provide free advertising for W&P in IMPRINT.
5. IMPS to have full use of W&P/Rural Life social media (data base is just over 600,000 people).
6. War & Peace Revival show in association with Invicta military vehicles Preservation Society
7. IMPS logo to remain on all W&P advertising
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9. IMPS provide support personnel for the W&P Revival Show.

The Board are of the opinion that this is a very good agreement a fully support it.

Please note that paper entry forms will not be issued. All entries will be done no line through the W&P Revival website.

Any queries let me know.

James Baxter

DEACTIVATED WEAPONS – EU PROPOSAL (INCLUDING BANNING OF DEAC AUTOMATIC WEAPONS)

Many members own deactivated weapons either for attaching to their vehicles, or part of overall displays with vehicles, or for re-enactment purposes. As a consequence of the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, and elsewhere, the EU has introduced proposals to revise the regulations regarding deactivated weapons, tightening up on the strictures for deacs to be approved. However, one specific element of the proposal is to ban all automatic weapons completely (even deacs), referred to as Category A weapons in the proposals.

A committee of UK members of the European Parliament has been set up to consider the proposals and recommend appropriate amendments.

This committee has asked for interested parties to contact them with views and recommendations on the proposals. If you have an interest in deac weapons it may be in your interest to review the proposals and comment to the Committee. The IMPS Board will be doing this on behalf of the club, but it is recommended that individual members do the same.

Details of the proposals for the regulations for the deactivation of weapons are at:

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:JOL_2015_333_R_0007&qid=1450637621527&from=EN

The committee can be contacted at: <http://firearmsuk.org/2015/12/09/eu-firearms-proposal-committee-members/>. The overall EU proposal is also accessible at this website.

Suggested comments to the Committed might include:

- Vehicle collectors often own suitably deactivated WWII weapons and they are of great historical value. They are used for display with vehicles for the interest of the public, and to illustrate our military history.
- Many owners use them in conjunction with local authorities for education purposes.
- In the UK weapons are deactivated to strict UK SPECIFICATIONS, this results in them being harmless and cannot fire munitions of any kind, nor be converted to do so.
- Banning these items will not prevent terrorist attacks/activities.
- The only people who will be affected by this law will be law abiding citizens who own completely harmless weapons.

James Baxter

PAS-DE-CALAIS REGION, FRANCE, HAS BANNED DE-AC AND REPLICA WEAPONS

The Prefecture of the Pas-de-Calais Region (Local Government) has announced that all fire arms, replica firearms, de-activated firearms, and imitation firearms, in effect anything that looks like a firearm, are prohibited in public places in the Pas-de-Calais Region. So, for example, it will not be possible to take deacs to Souchez although we already recommend members not to take deacts to France. IMPS do however have permits for large armour and artillery.