LFB RMA DIARY OF EVENTS FOR 2016

Members wishing to attend an event should complete the form and return it to the Secretary with full payment which is required before any places can be booked. For some events dates and prices need to be confirmed and may be subject to change, numbers for some events are limited therefore an early response is suggested. Final details of the visits booked will be sent out one month prior to the date. Persons with mobility problems should contact the Secretary before booking as some venues are not easily accessible. Wives/partners are welcome at all events

Friday 29th April

Guided Tour of the Guards Museum Birdgcage Walk:- 16 places available Get an insight into the history of the Footguards from 1750 to the present day. Followed by lunch in the VSC (which will be extra) :- Cost £15

Wednesday 11th May

AGM & Reunion:- Carisbrooke Hall, Victory Services Club, Seymour Street W2:-

Reunion Tickets available from your Branch Secretary @ £15, lunch and cash bar available at the Reunion.

Saturday 21st May

Ceremony of the Keys Tower of London @ 6:30pm:- 25 places available

Reception in the Yeoman Warders Club with buffet and Keys Ceremony. Cash bar available in the club. Please be aware that it is not possible for persons under the age of 18 to attend the Ceremony of the Keys. Cost £20

Saturday 4th June

Rehersal for Trooping of the Colour; The Colonel's Review:- 20 places available

Followed by lunch at the Civil Service Club:- (which will be extra)

A postal ballot application has been applied for, the cost and date to be confirmed .Please do not send any money for this event just your availability. Tickets will be limited to 2 per member.

<u>Thursday 9th June</u>

Beating Retreat on Horseguards Parade:-

A pageant of precision drill, horses, cannon and fireworks accompanied by music from the massed bands, pipes and drums of the House Hold Division, Commencing at 6pm. :-Cost £25

Thursday 7th July

Guided Tour of the Dickens Museum:- 20 places available

Guided tour of The Charles Dickens Museum in Bloomsbury the only remaining London home of Charles Dickens. Step back in time and walk the halls in the footsteps of Charles Dickens. See where he wrote, and where he and his wife Catherine entertained their many guests. Cost £25 Wednesday 27th July

Gin Tasting:- 12 places available

One & half hours of tuition on gin tasting and botanicals at Mr Foggs Tavern Covent Garden:-Cost £45. Followed by supper in the Tavern (if required and will be extra)

Sunday 21st August

Sunday Lunch Cruise on the Thames with live band:-

3 Course lunch while undertaking a 2¹/₂ hour river cruise. Cash bar available on board Followed by drinks in the Civil Service Club (which will be extra). Cost £50

Friday 30th September

Bletchley Park Code Breaking Site:- 49 places available

Travel by coach and experience with a guided tour the top-secret world of iconic WW2 Codebreaking Huts and Blocks set within its atmospheric Victorian estate. Take a picnic lunch or enjoy lunch in Hut 4 café (which will be extra). Coach pickup points in Essex, East and South London (for additional pick up points please contact the secretary). The trip is dependent on the coach being filled and may be cancelled if this does not happen. Cost £45

Friday 14th to Monday 17th October

Battlefield Tour To Ardennes:- Battle of the Bulge/Band of Brothers:- 49 places available

Coach & Channel crossing, entry fees to Museums, Guided Battlefield Tour, 3 nights B&B Hotel accommodation plus 2 evening meals and 1 lunch. Cost to be confirmed in the region of £400 <u>Saturday 22nd October</u>

Annual Dinner Dance

Drinks reception followed by a 3 course meal with wine, dancing to P'ZAZ until midnight at the Amba Hotel Charing Cross (formally the Charing Cross Thistle Hotel). Cash Bar available Cost £90 November 9th

Ghost tour of the Woolwich Arsenal, followed by drinks in a local public house:- Cost £15 Monday 12th December

Members Christmas Lunch at Williamson's Tavern EC4:- 50 places available

3 course Christmas Lunch with ½ bottle of wine per person, private dining. Cost £38

Other events take place during the year at no cost, please contact the relevant organisation for more information reservations and tickets.

FFMCT Annual Thanksgiving Service:-

Following the start of various works at the National Memorial Arboretum, the Trust has reluctantly decided not to hold a Thanksgiving Service in 2016. The matter will be further reviewed during 2016 so that matters can be sorted out ready for 2017.

Friday 17th June @ 11am

Highgate Memorial Service – Highgate Cemetery, Chester Rd Gate N19 5DH followed by refreshments at Kentish Town Fire Station. For information contact the LFB Events Team on 020 8555 1200 ex 30768 or Nick Ginty at nick-laura.g123@oldies2.plus.com

Sunday 11th September @ 12:30pm

FFMCT National Memorial Service:-

Memorial Service to be held at St Sepulchre-without-Newgate, Holborn Viaduct EC1A 2DQ Members wishing to attend should be seated by 12:30pm; followed by Wreath Laying Ceremony at the National Firefighters Memorial Carter Lane Gardens at approximately 1:40pm.

For further information contact the FFMCT Secretary Paul Settle on 01233 732348 or e mail <u>firefightersmct@btinternet.com</u>

Friday 11th November @ 10:00 am

Remembrance Service City Hall:-

Service of Remembrance for LCC/GLC members who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War 1, 2 and other conflicts. Tickets available from the General Secretary.

Tuesday 20th December

LFB Carol Service to be held in St Paul's Cathedral:-For tickets contact the LFB Events Team on 020 8555 1200 ex 30768 in <u>September</u>

Please return completed form to:-

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Event	No Places	Cheque £	payable to the LFBRMA
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