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OBITUARIES

It is with regret that we inform you that 24022457 Pte Kenneth C. ROSE of Bulwell, Nottingham died on 31 March 2018 aged 71. Ken enlisted into the 1st Battalion Sherwood Foresters in 1965 and served with HQ Coy MT. On amalgamation in 1970 he continued to serve with 1st Battalion The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment until leaving the Army. During his service he represented the Regiment and the Army as a Boxer. His funeral is to take place at Bramcote Crematorium, Coventry Lane, Bramcote, Nottingham on Tuesday 24 April 2018 at 1445 hours. Members and Standards would be welcome.

The funeral of 14189210 Pte Harold James MANNING of Allenton, Derby who died on 31 March 2018 is to take place at Markeaton Crematorium, Derby on Friday 27 April 2018 at 1320 hours. Members and Standards welcome.

001 99th ANNUAL REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION DINNER - SATURDAY 30 JUNE 2018

The 99th Annual Regimental Association Dinner (The Crich Supper) is to be held at

Welbeck Hall, Welbeck Road, Nottingham NG2 7QW on Saturday 30 June 2018 at 1930 hours for 2000 hours. Dress: Jacket, Tie and Medals. Tickets are now available at £20.00 per person for a four course meal with wine and tea or coffee. The Calling Notice, Menu choices and accommodation details can be found [here](#)



Miss Jayne Darling, vocalist will be singing songs from the forties after the Dinner

002 WREATH LAYING CEREMONY – GHELUVELT PARK 14 APRIL 2018

There is to be a short wreath laying Ceremony at the Regimental Stone in Gheluvelt Park, Worcester on Saturday 14 April 2018 at 1045 hours in Memory of 2nd Lt John James Crowe VC. Usual format; Standards & Bugle, Dress:- Berets, Blazers, Medals. If you can spare the time please do come and support us.

His citation reads:

For most conspicuous bravery, determination, and skilful leading when the enemy, for the third time having attacked a post in a village broke past on to the high ground and established a machine gun and snipers in the broken ground at the back of the village. 2nd Lt. Crowe twice went forward with two NCOs and seven men to engage the enemy, both times in face of active machine-gun fire and sniping. His action was so daring that on each occasion the enemy withdrew from the high ground into the village, where 2nd Lt. Crowe followed them and himself opened fire upon the enemy as they collected in the doorways of the houses. On the second occasion, taking with him only two men of his party he attacked two enemy machine guns which were sweeping the post, killed both the gunners with his rifle and prevented any others from reaching the guns and bringing them in action again. He then turned-upon a party of the enemy who were lined up in front of him, killed several and the remainder withdrew at once. He captured both the guns, one of which was the battalion Lewis gun which had been captured by the enemy on the previous day.

Throughout the seven days of operations 2nd Lt. Crowe showed an utter disregard of danger and was recklessly brave. His personal example and cheerfulness contributed largely to the determination of the garrison of the post to hold out. It may safely be said that but for his coolness and skill at the last moment when he personally placed the covering party in close proximity to the enemy who were again closing round and were also forming up in fours nearby, the garrison of the post could never have effected its escape. The valour and zeal displayed by 2nd Lt. Crowe were of the highest order." (London Gazette 28th June 1918)

003 COMMEMORATION SERVICE - KIDDERMINSTER 22 APRIL 2018

On Sunday 22 April 2018 at 1030 hours there will be a short service at the memorial bench at the Kingsford Inn, Sladd Lane, Wolverley, Kidderminster DY11 5TA where on the 3rd December 2017 Worcester Branch were present at the unveiling of the bench to the Worcestershire Regiment, The Engine manufacture in WW2 at the Kingsford site and the War Effort of the people of the Black Country. The Kingsford Inn are celebrating with a St Georges Day Weekend and WFRA are part of that Celebration. Food will be provided. Numbers needed on this please for catering purposes. Contact Nigel Fish through Worcester Branch or through his website.

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004 MAYOR OF WORCESTER LECTURE 24 APRIL 2018

Every year Worcester Civic Society arranges a guest speaker for the Mayor's Lecture in support of their chosen charities as every Mayor of Worcester selects several charities they wish to support and help raise money for.

Entry to the lecture is free and open to everyone, voluntary donations to the Mayor's chosen charities would be most welcome. This year's guest speaker is Lieutenant Colonel Mark Jackson OBE who has extensive military knowledge and experience. During his lecture entitled "Your Regiment" Mark will talk about the Worcestershire Regiment, its forebears and successors, covering some notable episodes in its history and their impact. The talk will be illuminated by images of items and events and also show sites and parts of Worcester today

that illustrate the relationship between the City and its Regiment from 1694 to the present day. The lecture will take place in the Guildhall, Worcester City Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th April 2018. Be sure to put the date in your diary so as not to miss this most interesting talk. Further details may be found at:

<http://www.worcestercivicsociety.org.uk/mayors-lecture/>

005 WORCESTERSHIRE AREA MEETING SATURDAY 12 MAY 2018




This year's Worcestershire Area Meeting will be held at Claines RBL, Cornmeadow Lane, Worcester WR3 7PL on Saturday 12 May 2018, 1045 hours for 1100 hours start. Please forward items for the agenda to N Fish Worcester Branch. Teas coffee and biscuits provided.


006 MERCIAN REGIMENT CHARITY GOLF DAY - FRIDAY 24 AUGUST 2018

The entry form for the 2018 Mercian Regiment Charity Golf Day on Friday 24 August 2018 can be found [here](#). Once again it is being held at the Rufford Park Golf and Country Club, Rufford Lane, Rufford, Notts NG22 9 DG. Your outstanding support for this event in previous years has been amazing and all monies raised previously have been distributed within the Mercian Regiment Benevolent Fund to all injured soldiers, their families and the other needs supported by the fund. It is hoped that once again you can support this worthwhile event and it is requested that you pass the entry form around your golfing friends and Golf Societies.

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for Executive Committee

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