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**ORDERS AND MEDALS RESEARCH SOCIETY**

**JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER**

**CURRENT SITUATION & FUTURE EVENTS**

It would be premature to suggest that complete normality has returned to Hong Kong or, indeed, anywhere for that matter. But hopefully there is some light at the end of the tunnel and that the situation is improving – albeit slowly. As I'm sure all are aware, the Government has relaxed the rules regarding the numbers participating in public gatherings and it is with this relaxation in mind that the Branch committee has decided to go ahead with an event in July.

This will be a combined visit to Stanley Military Cemetery, followed by a social gathering in Stanley village. The cemetery is the final resting place of no fewer than 5 holders of the George Cross, which ranks alongside the Victoria Cross as the highest gallantry award in the British Commonwealth. The Branch has recently had an article on this subject published in the June edition of the Orders and Medals Research Society Journal, which can be found on our website. Please visit [www.omrs-hk.org](http://www.omrs-hk.org) and click on Announcements / Matters of Interest for sight of the paper. The opportunity will also be taken during the visit to look at some other graves of interest in the cemetery of both military personnel and civilians buried there.

**Details of Visit**

**Date** : Sunday 12 July 2020

**Time** : 10:00 hrs

**Place** : Pacific Coffee opposite Stanley Police Station, near the junction of Tung Tau Wan and Wong Ma Kok Roads.

**Cost** : Nil

Please note; if you would prefer to join just the social event rather than the cemetery visit, we will gather at the Smugglers Inn pub in Stanley Village from 13:00 hrs

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onwards.

At risk of stating the obvious; mid-July is a very hot time of the year so please take all necessary precautions against the heat! On the plus side, there is not a great deal of walking involved during this visit, although it should be noted that there is very little shade available in the cemetery.

If you wish to join this event, please inform the undersigned as soon as possible. It would be appreciated if participants could advise whether they wish to attend either the cemetery visit, and / or the social gathering.

### Request from OMRS U.K.

Please see the following self-explanatory e-mail from the General Secretary of the OMRS in the U.K. If anyone is interested in being a moderator, please inform the undersigned and your details will be forwarded to Mr. Grist.

“Ladies and gentleman

You may not be aware, but the OMRS has set up a Facebook page which members can join and contribute to. There has not been a great deal of publicity about it at the moment as we are trying to recruit moderators around the world so we can cover all the time zones, which means any inappropriate postings can be removed quickly. We have several in the U.K. and one covering North America, but we need people in your time zones and it doesn't matter if we have more than one person. Will you be able to put out a request to your Branch members to ask if they would be interested in volunteering as a moderator? If you find volunteers please let me know and I will put them in touch with the person who has set up the Facebook page. I know this is all something of a mystery to those of us “of a certain age,” but we feel it is the way forward if we want to recruit new, younger people to the OMRS. You may also want to point out to your Branch members that we have pages on Twitter and Instagram.

Regards

Graham Grist”

### Miscellaneous

- (a) As many will be aware, other organizations both here and elsewhere have resorted to holding presentations via Zoom whilst lockdown restrictions and social distancing measures are (or have been) in place. Please note that the Branch committee did discuss the use of Zoom presentations, but concluded that they were not appropriate to our situation for various reasons.

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(b) Please note that OMRS subscriptions are now due. Those who are members of the OMRS in the U.K. will have already received a reminder and payment instructions from the OMRS. If you have not renewed your HK Branch membership, please contact the Hon. Treasurer, ([stevehverralls@gmail.com](mailto:stevehverralls@gmail.com)), to arrange payment.

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