



CHELTENHAM & GLOUCESTER BRANCH
of
THE WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION

MINES, MEDALS & MUDDLES

Thursday 12th to Sunday 15th September 2019

Centered at the Flanders Lodge Hotel, Ypres, our tour will examine the development of mine warfare primarily between 1915 and 1917 in and around the area of the Ypres Salient. We will look at some of the important characters involved in the development and execution of the war underground, some of the units involved as well as some of the actions and medals won in the resulting battles above ground. A few muddles will also be included along the way.

Allocation of places will be strictly on a **first come, first served basis**. We shall be travelling in a 17-seater mini-bus and for comfort and practicality we are strictly limiting the numbers to a maximum of 15. The collection and drop off points will be in Cheltenham.

We will be staying at Flanders Lodge on a bed and buffet breakfast basis. Evening meals can be taken in the hotel or in one of the many excellent restaurants in the town at your own expense.

The cost per person (based on sufficient places being taken up) is £460 per person for a double room and £545 for a single. The cost includes either packed lunch or lunch, plus entry fees to any museum or attraction. You will be expected to arrange your own Travel Insurance.

If you are interested in joining us, please complete the attached application form and return it to Hilary Jennings with your deposit (£100 per person) as soon as possible.

NB: The cost of the tour has been calculated on the basis of a minimum of eleven bookings and where we have to meet any costs in Euros the exchange rate will not be below £1 = €1.06 (prudence being exercised in view of Brexit uncertainty). Should booking numbers exceed the above figure and Euro related costs in Sterling terms be less than anticipated then we would expect to generate a surplus which, at the discretion of the Branch Committee, would enable us to make a proportionate refund on the original cost of the tour (as has been the practice in the past): all branch tours are run on a 'not for profit basis'.