

Liberty color guard enters Trafalgar Square.
Photo by Richard Viles

A fun-filled stay in Londontown
Photo by Steve Haskewich

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Lined up to be photographed by Royal Albert Hall, where the Grenadiers performed on March 23 are (from left) Tom Nagdon, Jim Kusner, Chris Marucci, Tom Sluder and Renee King.
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Dean Matvevicha (left) and Mike Moskewich (right) in Bristol. Chris Elin (left) and Dave McCarthy fall asleep on the boat during the Easter Sunday.
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Martin Novocentz, 4, tries on the Grenadier uniform of one of the band members who stayed with the family in Bristol. The youngster was fascinated by the uniform, and exact copy of those worn by the British Coldstream Guards. A carriage leads the procession to the guard at Buckingham Palace.
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