

	 <p>The Royal Engineers Association</p> <p>RIPON BRANCH NEWSLETTER</p>	 <p>October 2023</p>
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Once a Sapper, always a Sapper

<p>Your Local Branch Needs You</p> 	<p>Registered Charity 258322</p> <p>www.reahq.org.uk</p> <p>President — Lt Col P Bishop RE, CO, 21 Engineer Regiment</p> <p>Honorary Secretary – WO1 (RSM) Donald Campbell CGC, RE</p> <p>Chairman — Kenn Hart BA (Hons)</p> <p>Vice-Chairman — Ian Smith</p> <p>Secretary — Hamish Hamilton</p> <p>riponreasec@gmail.com</p> <p>Treasurer — Awaiting AGM to vote in Jeremy Banyard,</p>
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

The Ripon REA Branch AGM will take place in the **WOs & Sgts Mess**, 21 Engr Regt, Claro Bks, Ripon on Fri 17 Nov 23.

Names and car details to **Duke Dukalskis** asap and on Fri 20 Oct 23 at the latest, in order to get the details to 21 Guardroom in plenty of time.

Need: Name of driver. Car Registration. Make. Passengers:

Ser	First Name	Last Name

Get to Claro Bks in plenty of time to book in at the Guardroom and then into the Mess. Gathering starts at 1930 hrs and the Meeting starts at 2000 hrs. Dress: Full rig/Blazers. Only time we dress like this, at a meeting. A formal Branch photograph after the meeting will take place.

As part of the AGM, the President, Lt Col P Bishop RE will be giving a brief on the Corps and 21 Engr Regt, in particular.

Doctor said the only cure for it was a double whisky.

One for medicinal purposes and one to sterilise my hands.

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REMEMBRANCE

RIPON MEMORIAL GARDEN 2023

This garden is opposite the Ripon Cathedral, I am led to believe, this was a truly Ripon localised project, initiated and sponsored in a truly community manner.

Over the years the service has grown along with attendance. Ripon RBL has now closed down and Ripon REA have picked up the baton and are running with it this year and a long-lasting organiser is required for the future.

The service this year will take place at **1030 hrs on Saturday 4 November 2023**. Please supply your own crosses/poppies if you wish to place one in the garden.

After the service the standard bearers are invited to the Cathedral for a quick rehearsal for the Remembrance Service which will be on Sunday 12 November 2023.

SERVICE NOT SELF

REMEMBRANCE

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WOODEN CROSSES – THE SAGA

At a monthly Branch meeting, many years ago, Ian Smith, Deputy Chairman, requested on behalf of the Ripon Royal British Legion (RRBL) for assistance in placing Wooden Crosses for the fallen, buried in the Ripon Area. There were insufficient RRBL numbers for this task.

It was passed unanimously by the Ripon REA members.

Six (6) years later on, this will be the last service to the Fallen, by Ripon REA, because we have been informed that the RBL will only be supplying 200 crosses in 2023. We have laid **760** Wooden Crosses every year, when we have been allowed to, since we started.

We have received letters of Thanks from both the Canadian and Germany Embassies in London for recognising their fallen comrades. Local families have also contacted us with their thanks.

Branch members and their families have turned out, sometime in inclement weather, to carry out this labour of respect. We must not forget the pupils and staff of Sharow CE Primary School who placed 240 crosses on the cemetery, next to their school, each year. They have a short service and then it is “one Cross per Grave”! One grave had two because they were the grandsons of the Fallen. Thanks to all those involved.

It is hoped that RBL will be able to provide Wooden Crosses for Ripon’s Fallen in the future because I know that Ripon REA will supply the teams to lay them. Kenn

DIARY OF EVENTS

OCTOBER	
Fri 20 – 1930 for 2000 hrs	Branch Meeting – RAFA Club
Tue 24 – 1030 hrs Sharow.	Wooden Crosses – Lister House & Sharow cemetery,
NOVEMBER	
1 - 30	Ripon Community Poppy Project. Place poppies all over the city. A sight worth seeing. Photos in Nov.
Sat 04 - 1030 hrs.	Garden of Remembrance. Standards present.
Sun 5 – 1200 hrs	Wooden Crosses Ripon Cemetery. OIC: Ian Smith and Hamish Hamiton. Standards present.
Fri 10 – 1000 hrs	Lister House service. Standards present. Wreath required, purchase direct from RBL..
Sun 12 – 1030 hrs TBC	Remembrance Sunday – Spa Gardens & Parade
Fri 17 – 1930 hrs	Branch Meeting AGM at 21 Engr Regt Mess.
Fri 24- – 1930 hrs at Hot Lava. Raffle prizes to RAFA Club at 1900 hrs.	Xmas Party. Please ensure you book in with Hamish or Kenn by 141123. Menu is with the chef at present and will be forwarded to individuals when known, for their choices. There are 23+ pax at present.
Sat 25	21 Engr Regt Childrens Panto. Tickets all taken.
DECEMBER	No Meeting

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Fri 15	Jim Phillips Xmas Curry - Ripon Rugby Club. Book in on 201023. See below.
2024	
JANUARY	
Fri 19	Meeting.
Fri 26	Burns Supper at Black-a-Moor. OIC: Jim Phillips.
FEBRUARY	
Fri 26 – Leeds REA invite,	Book in on 201023. Contact Simon Scott Leedsrea@outlook.com for details.

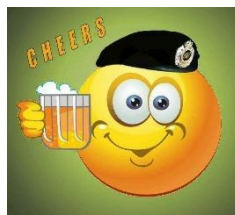
Except ye Lord keep ye cittie ye wakeman waketh in vain'

Ripon 75



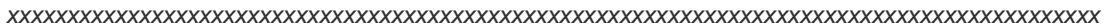
2024 – CLARIFICATION

Kenn attending a Ripon Parish Council meeting on 251023 and will forward information on, once confirmed.



Chance made us colleagues.

But fun and laughter we share made us friends.



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Hi Ken

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BEST WISHES from

KENN HART & HAMISH HAMILTON

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