

ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION



THE SAPPER CHARITY

JANUARY ISSUE

NEW YEAR NEW FORMAT...

So why the change? Basically, we in HQ REA aka the Ivory Tower, Castle Grey Skull, Puzzle Palace etc. are conscious that the members of the Sapper Family are busy people. Making sure that Sappers know what is going on not just in their Association (.....the REA) but in the wider Corps is important to us and hopefully to you. In short not everyone is a fan of Social Media. Not everyone can get involved in their local branch. And not everyone wants to read through the minutes of various meetings – although there are some.....(You know who you are and thank you for pointing out the spelling errors...).

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS AND SAPPER MAG'?

Great question and one that had to be answered before putting pen to paper. Sapper Mag' is published 4 times a year. By the time activity, news and details are published it's often too late for people to get involved. By having a newsletter we can keep you up to date more regularly. The REA will still contribute to Sapper Mag' as it's important that we retain the link to the serving Corps. Sapper Mag' will be about what the REA has done and this newsletter will be predominantly about what the REA has planned. So keep sending in those articles for Sapper Mag' to info@reahq.org.uk



DECEMBER 2023

BENEVOLENCE GRANTED:

£21,296.32

THE REA ASSISTED WITH:



Household Goods



Housing



EPV

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JustGiving

THE SAPPER CHARITY

You may or may not know that the REA has a Just Giving Page and since September 2023 numerous people have run, cycled and eaten (yes eaten) in the name and cause of the Sapper Charity. Currently we have spaces on the Edinburgh 10km, 1/2 Marathon and Marathon taking place 26th May 2024 – simply click on this [link](#) to run for the Sapper Charity.

So far the following people have raised money for the Sapper Charity:

Steve Craddock – Curry Lunch & Cycling £900
Ken Kirk – Loch Ness Marathon £950
Major Katie Bristow – 1/2 Marathon £200

If you have a fund raising idea or would like to enter an event and raise funds for the REA contact: info@reahq.org.uk

Useful Links and PoC

REA Email address - info@reahq.org.uk

REA Website - <https://www.reahq.org.uk/>

Armed Forces Pension Society - <https://forcespensionsociety.org/>



Sappercom.com is the online password protected REA community platform. Details of events, forums and news updates are all available on the platform.

Sign up by going to:

<http://www.sappercom.com>

REA EVENTS

There are some cracking and unique events taking place in 2024.

80th Anniversary Monte Cassino, Italy
12 -13th May 2024

Sapper Sunday, Royal Hospital Chelsea
19th May 2024

Founders Day Royal Hospital Chelsea
6th June 2024

Gibraltar Weekend
24-26th May 2024
(Final details tbc)

80th Anniversary of the Armd Engrs, IJzenidijke,
Holland 8-21 Oct 2024

Details can be found on
[Sappercom.com](http://www.sappercom.com)

Replica Corps Rugby Shirt Prize Draw



Win yourself a brand new Corps rugby shirt in the size of your choice. Entry is £2 a ticket. All funds raised will go to the benevolence of the Sapper Family. The winner will be selected using Google's random number generator and contacted to get the shirt size they desire! The draw closes on the 2nd February 2024 – [Link](#).

SAPPERS NETWORK

Are you or is someone you know looking for a change of career or a new role? If yes, have a look at Sappers Network – loads of career opportunities at the click of a button – [Sappers Network](#).

D-Day 80th Anniversary Corps Memorial Arromanche, Normandy



The men and women of 6 HQ & Sp Sqn are conducting a recce in Feb to make sure the Corps Memorial in Normandy is Sapper Smart for the 6th June 2024

Remembrance Sunday Whitehall Cenotaph Parade



This year's Cenotaph Parade in London will take place on Sunday 10th November 2024. Last year REA members from across the country took part. The event was so popular names were drawn out of a hat as applications exceeded the REAs allocation from the Royal British Legion. To take part complete the form at this [link](#).

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