

ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION



THE SAPPER CHARITY

NEWSLETTER #11 NOV 2024

"Lifelong support to the Sapper family"

Dear Sapper,
Hopefully not too much chaos was caused by the clocks going back and the autumn days are treating you well. A few parish reminders before you peruse the newsletter. Have a look at the 3rd page for offers and remember REA members have free access to the [RE Museum](#) (just show your REA membership card). For those who have signed up to [SapperCom](#) you will be well aware of the activity that has been listed for 2025. Not all of these events have specific REA input but they provide a good opportunity for you and your mates to RV - so get them in your diary. Apart from that – take a couple of minutes on the 10th November to remember in what ever way you seem appropriate and if you can take a second to check in on those you've not heard from in a while.

Ed.



On the 20th October 60 REA members travelled to [Ijzenidjke](#) to take part in the town's 80th liberation celebrations. The commemorations also included the remembrance of some twenty Sappers who perished when a Conger (the forerunner of Giant Viper and Python) exploded resulting in the largest explosion on the western front in 1944. Jim Speckman was on point for the REA and did a grand job of working with the Ijzendijke liberation committee to ensure the right balance of enjoyment and commemoration was achieved.





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OCTOBER 2024
BENEVOLENCE GRANTED:
£34,435.41
THE REA ASSISTED WITH:

 Wheel Chair
 Brown Goods
 Housing

REA EVENTS

VEHICLE RESTORATION IN 2025!



The first vehicle painting date has been announced. The format is as follows:

28th March 2025 Friday Night

Arrive at Brompton Barracks
Take over accommodation
Meet and greet

29th March

Saturday Morning

Start restoring
Behind the scenes tour of the museum.
Lunch.
Continue restoring

Saturday Evening

Meal out.

30th Mar

Sunday Morning

Return home.

Even if you're sat down painting you're still helping!

To get involved click [here](#)

EVENTS

6th November 2024

Online - The CWWGC and how to research your family's military history
Find out more: [here](#).

10th November 2024

Remembrance Sunday

29th November 2024

Swindon Branch Annual Dinner

Find out more - [here](#)

30th November 2024

Chillwell Winter Ball

Find out more - [here](#)

30th November 2024

Plymouth Dinner Dance

[Contact Plymouth Branch](#)

18th January 2025

East Anglia Sappers Gathering

Carver Barracks

Find out more [here](#).

26th January 2025

John Chard VC Lunch

Find out more - [here](#).

8-9th February 2025

Birmingham Military Tattoo

Find out more - [here](#)

3rd May 2025

Army v Navy

Find out more - [here](#)

10th May 2025

FA Cup 150th Celebrations

Details tbc

11th May 2025

Sapper Sunday

Royal Hospital Chelsea - Details tbc

18th May 2025

Army v RAF

Find out more - [here](#)

6th – 9th June 2025

Gibraltar Weekend

Find out more - [here](#)

28th June 2025

Armed Forces Weekend

19th - 21st September 2025

Dove Cup, AGM, Annual Dinner, Freedom Parade

Details tbc

Offers and News

SAPPER



Keep up to date with the latest news and events – sign up to:

www.sappercom.com



How to become a Chelsea Pensioner
click - [here](#).

FREE WILL WRITING SERVICE



The Sapper Charity has teamed up with Farewill to offer REA members a free will writing service with the option to leave a legacy to the Sapper Charity. Farewill already partner with Cancer Research UK, the British Heart Foundation and many other charities. To find out more click [here](#).

The Sapper Shop™



Supporting The Sapper Family

Visit - www.sappershop.com

REA MEMBERS OFFER



TRINITY

Trinity travel insurance offers for REA members.

To find out more go to: [TRINITY](#)

WARTIME CHRISTMAS WEEKEND



23rd & 24th NOVEMBER



- Meet Sapper Santa
- Fantastic locally-produced treats and beverages
- Over 20 stalls including Vintage clothing, books, art and crafts
- Test your aim on our firing range
- Living history groups
- Enjoy the evocative sounds of the 40's



BRANCHES

Click on the links to find out more....

[HQ and Overseas](#)

Ubique Sappers
Bulawayo
Cyprus
Gibraltar
Jersey
Middle East (Gulf)
Willich

[London Group](#)

Central London
Peckham
Sappers in the City (Social)
West London

[South East Group](#)

Blue Light (Nat Branch)
Football (Nat Branch)
Gravesend & District
Junior Leaders (Nat Branch)
Medway
Plant Branch (Nat Branch)
Radio (Nat Branch)
Sapper Rugby
Swimming and Waterpolo (Nat)
Thanet & District

[Southern Group](#)

Brighton
Eastbourne
Invicta Sappers (Social)
Maidstone
Tunbridge Wells

[Central Southern Group](#)

Communications (Nat Branch)
Diving (Nat Branch)
Isle Of Wight
Minley
Reading & West Berks
Solent & District

[South West Central Group](#)

Armoured Engrs (Nat Branch)
Bath
Bridgwater & District
Bristol
Swindon
Taunton
White Horse Sappers (Social)

[South West Southern Group](#)

Andover & Winchester
Bournemouth & District
Postal & Courier (Nat Branch)
Weymouth

[South West Group](#)

Commando Engrs (Nat Branch)
Newton Abbot
Plymouth
Truro-Cornwall

[South Wales Group](#)

Cardiff
Chepstow
Malvern & District
Monmouth
Newport and Cwmbran
Pembrokeshire & District
Swansea

[South Midlands Group](#)

Birmingham
Cannock
Gloucester & District
Leicester
Lichfield & Tamworth
Stratford upon Avon & District
Stafford
Walsall
Wolverhampton

[East Anglian Group](#)

Bedford
Bomb Disposal (Nat Branch)
Cambridge
Colchester
Cycling (Nat Branch)
Fenland Sapper
Luton
Lowestoft & District
Peterborough

[National Group](#)

Mil Survey (Geo) (Nat Branch)
Airborne Engrs (Nat Branch)
Riggies (Nat Branch)
Boxing (Nat Branch)

[North East Group](#)

Bridlington
Hartlepool
Hull & District
Newcastle & District
Scarborough
Whitby & District
West Cumberland

[Eastern Group](#)

Amphibious Engrs (Nat Branch)
Bradford
Leeds
Ripon & District
Wakefield

[North West Group](#)

Birkenhead
Blackpool
Chester
Crewe
Manchester
Potteries
Lancashire (formally Preston)
St Helens
Warrington

[North Midlands Group](#)

Chesterfield
Derby & District
Doncaster Sappers Social Club
Doncaster Sappers-South Yorkshire
Nottingham
Sheffield

[NI & Scotland Group](#)

Aberdeen
Dundee
Edinburgh
Fife
Forth Valley
Glasgow & West Of Scotland
Highlands & Islands
Lanarkshire
Riders (Nat Branch)
Northern Ireland
Paisley