# ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION



# Newsletter

News and events from across the Corps and Sapper Family

#18 - June 2025

# THE SAPPER CHARITY

#### Welcome to this edition of the newsletter!

Earlier this month, members enjoyed a hugely successful and memorable weekend in Gibraltar - look out for photos and stories from the event featured inside. As we reflect on the camaraderie shared there, we now look ahead to the Sapper Games, promising more opportunities to reconnect and compete in true Sapper spirit. With the UK currently in the grip of a heatwave, we also offer a friendly reminder: stay cool, stay safe, and keep well hydrated - especially those attending outdoor events. We hope you enjoy this issue and thank you for your continued support.

# Sapper Spirit in Full Swing at the 2025 Games

As this newsletter reaches you, the unmistakable hum of competition and camaraderie is already echoing across Carver Barracks, Wimbish - home of **35 Engineer Regiment (EOD&S)**. The Sapper Games 2025, running from 30 June to 3 July, are now in full flow - bringing together Sappers past and present for a unique celebration of sport, service, and Corps spirit.

Over four high-energy days, the Games are showcasing the very best of Sapper versatility. From the full-contact intensity of Rugby 7s and Rugby League 9s, to the precision and skill of Squash, Tennis, and Swimming, teams and individuals are going head-to-head in spirited competition. The much-anticipated Top Sapper challenge is already pushing competitors to the limit across multiple demanding events - testing physical endurance, mental resilience, and raw determination.

Elsewhere, crowd favourites like Tug of War, Volleyball, and team relays are keeping the energy high and the banter flowing. Whether taking part or cheering from the sidelines, there's no mistaking the pride and passion that define these Games.

Importantly, this year's event is as much about belonging as it is about performance. With serving soldiers, reservists, and veterans all taking part - many returning as volunteers, officials, and competitors, the Games serve as a powerful reminder of the enduring bonds within the Corps.

For those on the ground, the experience is about more than medals - it's about connection. From early-morning

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warm-ups to evening debriefs over brews (or beers), the Games offer a space to share stories, rekindle friendships, and forge new ones.

If you're not able to be at Carver Barracks, we'll keep you posted on social channels throughout the event. And if you're there - keep going strong. Your presence keeps the Sapper spirit alive.

As well as a major sponsor of the Games the REA will be in attendance cheering from the sidelines, providing support on site from our hospitality area where competitors can find energy boosting snacks, plenty of hydration and cooling shade as well as plenty of sun-cream!

We also want to give a big shout out to all of the sponsors without whose support none of this would be possible. Click on the logos below for more information.



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# **Sapper News**

#### **Where Eagles Dare!**



Ex Eagle Sapper saw **23 Para Engr Regt** exercise on Salisbury Plain. The Regiment and attachments spent 2 weeks validating their skills prior to taking up readiness. There were bridge dems', infantry skills and also Plant after dark!

#### **Map Attack!**



Not to be outdone the men and women of **42 (Geo) Engr Regt** took part in Ex Best Mapper 2025! The competition was a mixture of Night Navigation, Geo Int and fieldcraft.

#### **Chemical Brothers and Sisters**



28 (C-CBRN) Engr Regt continue to get out and about, this time it was **77 (C-CBRN) Engr Sqn's** turn who are keeping up to speed and ready in an uncertain world.

# Gibraltar Weekend 2025













# **REA Annual General Meeting**

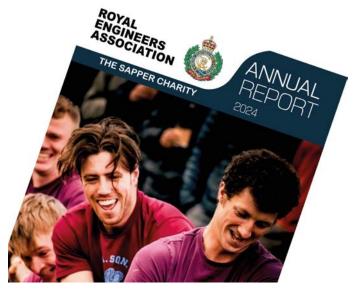


For the first time the Gibraltar Weekend provided the location for the REA Annual General Meeting. Turnout in-person was exceptional, with others attending online via the live stream - attendance far exceeding previous AGMs held in London.

**Download AGM Minutes** 



### **Annual Report 2024**



Now available for download

### **New Exhibition Opens - RE Museum**



The Royal Engineers Museum has launched a remarkable new exhibition spotlighting the Mulberry Harbours - the ingenious wartime engineering feat that made the D-Day landings possible. With the support of a significant grant from the Lottery Heritage Fund, original blueprints, models, and artefacts are being preserved and digitised for the first time.

Running from 28 June to 20 December 2026, the exhibition features interactive displays, talks, and access to the newly digitised archive.

Find out more

## **Corps History Preservation**

#### Normandy 14th - 17th October 2025



You may or may not be aware that small teams of determined Sappers have been keeping Corps History alive – mainly in the Corps museum but more recently at Juno Beach Normandy where 1 Charlie (pictured) sits as a memorial to the Corps and in particular the Sappers 79th Armoured Division. Due to the popularity of these activities the Sapper Charity has teamed up with the **Mulberry Harbour Museum** in Arromanche.

To take part visit **SapperCom**.

#### **Upcoming Events**

1st - 3rd July 2025 Sapper Games, Carver Barracks, Wimbish

4th - 6th July 2025 Capel Military Show

10th July 2025 Royal Hospital Chelsea Tour

24th July 2025 Chilwell Families Day

16th July 2025 **Vehicle Painting RAF Wittering** 

25th – 26th July 2025 **Grave Restoration Workshop, Fort Pitt** 

26th July 2025 Swinton Barracks Open Day, Tidworth

26th August 2025 **Houses of Parliament Tour** 

31st August 2025
Armed Forces Fair, March (Cambs)

5th – 6th September 2025 Grave Restoration Workshop, Fort Pitt

19th - 21st September 2025

Corps Memorial Weekend, Brompton Barracks

2nd October 2025 **Royal Hospital Chelsea Tour** 

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