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Newsletter Jan/Feb/Mar 2017.

Our monthly meetings are normally held on the 4th Sunday of the month, at Newton Abbot RBL Club, Marsh Road.

Parking is available at the Cricketfield car park opposite The RBL Club (Park and Display, pay on exit .Sundays free) There is free on street parking in the surrounding streets (Sundays only)

Our next 2 meetings will be held on: **Sunday 26 Feb 2017**
Sunday 26 Mar 2017

Members should be seated ready to start at 11: 30hrs. In the upstairs function room



[Centurion AVRE \(Armoured Vehicle Royal Engineers\)](#)

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Please support you local branch of the Royal Engineers Association.
We need your support to survive.

BRANCH OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2017

Following the Branch AGM which was held on 15th January 2017, the following members were duly elected to serve as your Branch Officials & Committee for the next twelve months.

President	Mr Brian Cocker
Chairman	Mr Tony Franklin
Secretary	Mr Roger Andrews [Webmaster; Newsletter Editor]
Treasurer	Mr Keith Tapp
Committee	Mr Paul Lloyd [Welfare]
	Jason Downey - [Social]
	Bob Herbert - [Social]

All the branch Officials and committee members who were re-elected to serve another term of office thank the Branch members for their continued vote of confidence.

If any member has any ideas or suggestions to benefit the branch please feel free to contact any one of the committee to discuss it.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

Tony Franklin	07 January	Richard Underhill	05 March
Brian Cocker	17 January	Mark Stevens	05 March
Sue Peters	02 February		
Alan Duncombe	03 February		
Mike Tribble	25 February		

If we have missed your birthday we apologise, if you would like your date mentioned here let me know your details so the records can be updated and your name included in the future.

REA BADGE OF MERIT

The Management Committee of the REA has awarded Tony Franklin the REA Badge of Merit for meritorious service to the Association. This will be presented at the SW Group AGM in March. Congratulations Tony.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2015

Our Christmas lunch which was held on the 11 December 2016 was a great success enjoyed by all who attended.

A total of 45 members and guests which included representatives from Bridgwater Taunton & Plymouth branches sat down to an excellent meal at the Newton Abbot RBL Club. There was plenty of food and the wine flowed well.

I would like on behalf of the branch to thank the RBL Steward "Dave" and his staff for the excellent well cooked and presented meal along with the complimentary Wine and Port which was supplied.

The two raffles were also a great success, and thanks to Serenity Bridal Wear of Newton Abbot for their support in the donation of funds to cover cost of the Lucky Ticket draw, altogether there were in excess of over fifty prizes in the two draws and a great thank you to all who donated prizes.

With the record takings for raffle tickets were able to show once again a profit on our Christmas event so thank you all for your participation and a heartfelt thanks to all involved in making the day so enjoyable.

NEWTON ABBOT & DISTRICT BRANCH DIARY DATES

Sunday 11th June Our Spring Buffet Lunch at Newton Abbot RBL Club

Sunday 10th December Our Christmas Lunch and Grand Draw at Newton Abbot RBL Club.

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS – KEY HISTORICAL DATES

In 1066 William the Conqueror's King's Engineer, Humphrey de Tilleul, erected a pre-fabricated fort at Hastings after the battle with King Harold.

In 1415 Nicholas Merbury, who had been King Henry V's King's Engineer at the Battle of Agincourt, was made the first Master of the King's Works and Ordnance under whom was established an Office of Ordnance, which in 1518 was renamed the Board of Ordnance.

In 1660 King Charles II appointed Sir Charles Lloyd as the first permanent Chief Engineer of England.

In 1714 the organisation of the Board of Ordnance was reassessed and the then Chief Engineer, the Right Honourable Brigadier Michael Richards, proposed that artillery and engineers should be placed on separate establishments.

On 26th May 1716 a Royal Warrant of King George I established 2 companies of artillery and 28 engineer officer posts. It is from this point that the Royal Artillery and

the then Corps of Engineers pursued their separate paths, the latter consisting solely of officers.

In 1757 engineer officers were given military officer rank.

On 25th April 1787 a Royal Warrant granted 'Royal' status leading to the current Corps of Royal Engineers title.

On 6th March 1772 events in Gibraltar had inspired the Chief Engineer there to gain authority to form the first 'Soldier-Artificer Company' - the fore-runners of today's non-commissioned ranks.

On 10th October 1787 the Corps of Military Artificers was formed; officered by the Corps of Royal Engineers.

On 6th March 1813 the Corps of Military Artificers became the Corps of Royal Sappers and Miners; still officered by the Corps of Royal Engineers.

On 17th October 1856, following the abolition of the Board of Ordnance in 1855, the Corps of Royal Sappers and Miners was amalgamated with the Corps of Royal Engineers to form the Corps we know today.

In 1877 the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia) was incorporated into the Corps of Royal Engineers. Although not initially part of the Royal Engineers, it can nevertheless trace its origins as far back as the Muster Roll of 1539 and is now the senior Reserve Regiment in the Army.

In 1904 the Royal Engineers handed over responsibility for submarine mining to the Admiralty.

In 1912 the Royal Flying Corps was formed out of the Royal Engineers Air Battalion.

In 1920 the Royal Corps of Signals was formed out of the Royal Engineers Signals Service.

In January 1962 I (Roger A) joined the Royal Engineers (The obvious start of the decline in the Corps).

In 1965 the Royal Engineers handed over responsibility for railway and inland waterway transport, port operations and movement control to the Royal Corps of Transport.

In 1994 the Royal Engineers handed over the Postal and Courier role to the Royal Logistic Corps.

Sapper Magazine

The Corps of Royal Engineers produce a magazine every two months, which highlights what the Corps is doing across the globe. The magazine is produced by the Regimental Headquarters Royal Engineers (RHQ RE).

The Sapper:

'The Sapper' magazine was first published in August 1895, with the first few editions published at the School of Military Engineering (SME) Printing School.

Articles that regularly feature in the magazine are exercises in foreign locations, such as Belize, Kenya and Canada. The magazine also regularly contains information about units on Operational Tours, such as OPERATION HERRICK in Afghanistan and OPERATION TELIC in Iraq and has a round up of sports articles and adventure training articles.

At the back of the magazine are the regular features of the "Gazette" and Royal Engineer Association (REA) pages.

Sapper Magazine - Digital Edition:

The Sapper Magazine is now available online in a digital format.

Subscription:

A one year subscription (six issues) to 'The Sapper' costs only £12(GBP) including postage and packing. A direct debit can be setup to pay for your subscription. [Download the Order Form & Direct Debit.](#)

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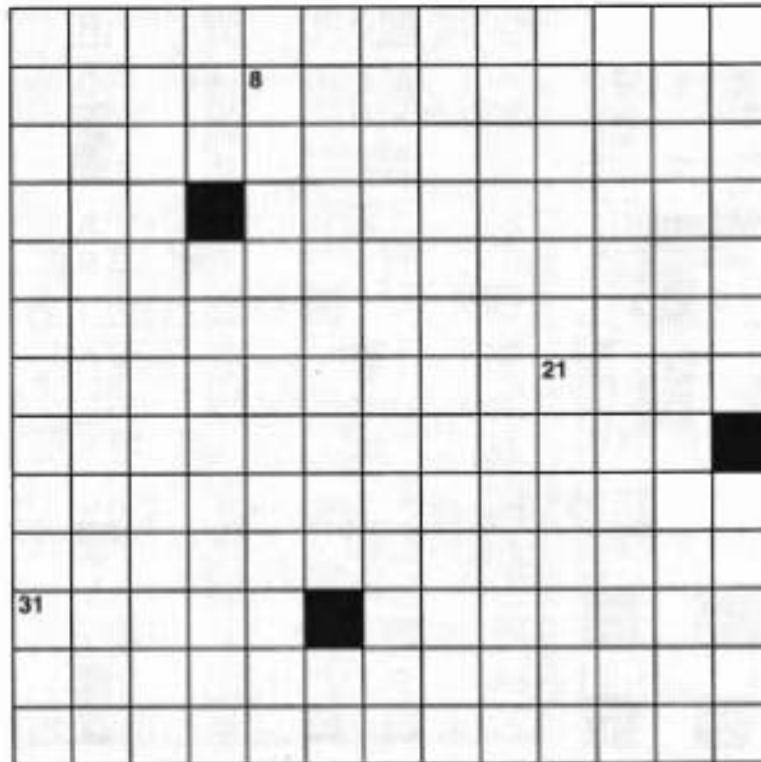
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Sapper Shop (RE Corps Enterprises Ltd):

The only official online shopping website for the Royal Engineers – [Sapper Shop.](#)

Skeleton

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The black squares form a fully symmetrical pattern.



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| 1 Implant | 21 Country, capital Tehran |
| 5 Latin American dance | 22 Sloping typeface |
| 8 Bird of prey | 23 Marble-like agate |
| 9 Golf clubs | 25 Cry of a dog |
| 10 Observe | 28 Blue-green gemstone |
| 11 Adolescent years | 31 Fried |
| 14 Festival | 32 Arrange in a row |
| 17 Sedate | 33 Feeling of dread |
| 19 Sweetly scented flower | 34 Power of vision |
| 20 Block of bread | 35 Supplementary |

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| 1 Cake topping | 16 Attach |
| 2 Dirty look | 17 Lawn flower |
| 3 Exam | 18 Oyster gem |
| 4 Fairy-tale giant | 23 Fertile desert spot |
| 5 Old stabling yard | 24 Juvenile |
| 6 Christmas cracker saying | 26 Oust from a dwelling |
| 7 Shade of yellow | 27 Bamboo-eating animal |
| 12 Lift up | 28 Rhythm |
| 13 Unkindly | 29 Intense anger |
| 15 Embellish | 30 Overdue |

The solution can be found on the back page

Wisdom from a WWII veteran:

"If you encounter a unit you can't identify, fire one round over their heads so it won't hit anyone."

"If the response is a fusillade of rapid, precise rifle fire, they're British."

"If the response is a s**tstorm of machine-gun fire, they're German."

"If they throw down their arms and surrender, they're Italian."

"And if nothing happens for five minutes and then your position is obliterated by support artillery or an airstrike, they're American."



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