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Pat/Roger/ Glenn can you give this info to your branch members please.

REgards Sam.

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From : jeffrey.smalldon7eg@btinternet.com  
Date : 13/09/2017 - 09:54 (GMTDT)  
To : 22ENGR-RHQ-ComdGp-RSM@mod.uk  
Subject : Black tie charity event.

Hi Paul, please find below details for the above event.

I have organized this to raise funds for the new John Chard Veterans Centre which opens on the 1st December 2017, it will house 8 veterans who otherwise would be living rough.

The centre will have 8 units, 4 being self contained and handicapped friendly, the other 4 being communal sharing bathroom & kitchen facilities.

The building use to be an old pub for many years, its last occupiers were the Taunton Association for the homeless.

The majority of the refurb is being carried out by a company called Splash Community projects, a Sapper founded company based in Exmouth. They do project all over the world. Founded by Simon Poole who was a WO2 in the corps and his brother Tim Poole, i served with Tim in 51Fd Sqn back in the early 80's. Tim finished his career as a Lt Col, where did i go wrong.

The centre will be opened by Mr Donald Phillips, great, great nephew of John Chard VC RE. The centre will be called the John Chard Veterans Centre.

The black tie event takes place on the 21st April 2018 at the Somerset County Cricket Club, (Long Room)

Timings 18.45hrs for 19.30.

Dress Gentlemen Black tie, Ladies Long dresses.

The format of the evening will be opening address (ME)

4 Course meal will send you copy of menu in the post.

Entertainment, Paul Diamond Local Singer, the Decadettes a four piece harmony group, Simon Sands Comedian/Compare.

It is hoped to have a well known guest speaker.

Chief Royal has been invited, but not yet confirmed.

HRH Prince Henry Of Wales has also been invited, i am hopeful of his attendance.

There will be a super Raffle, and a special Auction.

Tickets Cost £40.00. Table of 10 £400.00.

If you wish to book a ticket or book a table then please contact Sam Smalldon on 07486888252 or email [jeffrey.smalldon7eg@btinternet.com](mailto:jeffrey.smalldon7eg@btinternet.com)

Paul if you and the boss would like to come to the opening ceremony, Please let me know.

I am doing an interview with Sky tomorrow, also got a slot on local radio at some stage.

REgards  
Sam Smalldon,  
Hon Secretary Taunton REA.