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Newsletter December 2015.

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 (Free parking on Sundays)
There is free on street parking in the surrounding streets (Sundays only)

Our next meeting (our AGM) will be held on: **Sunday 17 Jan 2016**

The next ordinary meeting will be held on: **Sunday 28 Feb 2016**

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



BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Dave Cairns	04 October
David Bunce	30 October
Luke Allum	1 November
Ernie Stables	08 December
Ian Sadler	12 December
Bill Freeman	15 December
Mel Cooper	16 December
Roger Andrews	24 December
Peter Southwood	26 December

If I have missed your day or any anniversary or similar date let me know so that I can include it in future issues of the newsletter



Merry Christmas

Seasons Greetings

It's that time of year again (time seems to speed up more and more the older we get) I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Members and their families a happy and healthy New Year.

Don't Loose touch

Calling all branch members who have not recently attended meetings or who have not made contact with the branch of late.

Please contact the Branch Secretary and let him know how you are, is there anything we can do to help you? are you well? have you moved? please keep in contact the address is on the back page of this news letter.

Attendance at meetings has dropped over the last twelve months we need your support to keep the branch viable, so please try and make an effort to attend meetings occasionally!!!!

“The Comradeship continues.....Don't break the Link”

Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunch this year will be held on Sunday 13 December. For those who have booked and paid for their ticket, don't forget 12:30 for 13:00 (The bar will be open from 12:00.

The Christmas raffle along with the booze draw will be held after the meal with all profits generated going to branch funds. Additional prizes will be welcomed. If you are bringing a draw prize as is our tradition for the Christmas draw please gift wrap it, this will allow all winners an equal chance at the prizes.

Each meal ticket purchased has a lucky number, two lucky ticket holders will each win the cost of his and his partners meal in the special lucky number draw.

Corps of Royal Engineers

Although British armies have included engineers since medieval times, they were first constituted as a corps in 1716. That year saw the establishment of an officer-only Corps of Engineers, which gained its 'Royal' prefix 70 years later to become the Corps of Royal Engineers. Other ranks were supplied by contracted civilian workers then, from 1787, by members of the Corps of Royal Military Artificers.

In the 20th century the Engineers were also involved in the beginnings of British military aviation, running the Army's School of Ballooning and in 1911 forming an Air Battalion that provided the basis for the Royal Flying Corps a year later. Technological innovation also marked their involvement in the two World Wars and Cold War, with an expansion into tunnelling, trench-building, forestry, quarrying, gas warfare, inland water transport, aerial survey, camouflage, bomb disposal, mine clearance, bridging, airfield construction and the range of tanks adapted for battlefield engineering known as AVREs (Armoured Vehicle Royal Engineers) or 'Funnies' in the Second.

Other inventions associated with the Corps include the Bailey bridge and the Nissen hut, whilst the Corps also provided most of the Army's contribution to the UK's atomic weapons development programme. A Royal Engineer was only the third recipient of the George Cross, in 1941.

Motto:

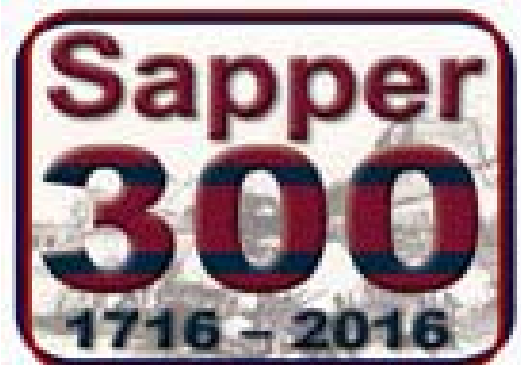
- 'Ubique' (meaning 'Everywhere' - awarded in 1832 as the unit has been involved in all the British Army's combat theatres)

Nicknames:

- The Sappers (other ranks in the corps are known as 'sappers', not privates, after the 'saps' or trenches dug by them right up to the Victorian period)
- The Mudlarks
- The Measurers
- The Mounted Brick-layers

Titles to date:

- Corps of Engineers
- Corps of Royal Engineers
- Corps of Royal Military Artificers
- Corps of Royal Sappers and Miners



Roger's Wordsearch 15-04

ALPHABET
ANGEL
BOX
BREAK
CACTUS
CARD
CAROL
CELEBRATION
COOKIES
COUNTDOWN
CRACKER
DAY
DECORATION
DINNER
DISPLAY
DRINK
EDITION
FARE
FATHER
GAME
GIFT
GREETINGS
ISLAND
ISSUE
JOB
JUMPER
LIGHTS
LUNCH
MARKET
MERRY

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MESSAGE	SOCIAL	TELEVISION	TURKEY
PARTY	SONG	TIME	VACATION
PRESENT	SPIRIT	TINSEL	VISITORS
PUDDING	STOCKING	TRADITION	WHITE
SHOPPING	STORY	TRUCE	

Answer to Roger's Wordsearch 15-03

E	L	S	A	S	T	E	R	N	U	M	R	A	E
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A	C	A	L	O	M	L	B	U	X	C	L	M	L
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Army Rules for Gun fighting

1. Bring a gun. Preferably, bring at least two guns. Bring all of your friends who have guns.
2. Anything worth shooting is worth shooting twice. Ammo is cheap. Life is expensive.
3. If your shooting stance is good, you're probably not moving fast enough nor using cover correctly.
4. Move away from your attacker. Distance is your friend.
5. If you can choose what to bring to a gunfight, bring a long gun and a friend with a long gun.
6. If you are not shooting, you should be communicating, reloading, and running.
7. Always cheat; always win. The only unfair fight is the one you lose.
- 8 Use cover or concealment as much as possible. The visible target should be in FRONT of your gun..
9. Watch their hands. Hands kill. (In God we trust. Everyone else, keep your hands where I can see them).
10. The faster you finish the fight, the less shot you will get.

Navy Rules for Gun fighting

1. Adopt an aggressive offshore posture
2. Send in the Marines
3. Drink Coffee



Nominations for Branch Officials/Committee 2016

On 17 Jan 2016 the Branch Annual General Meeting will be held, at this meeting as is normal practice the residing committee members will all formally step down and a new Committee is to be elected to serve for 2016

If you wish to stand for election or re-election to the committee or wish to nominate someone for any of the vacant positions please would you indicate your wishes by completing and returning this page to the Branch Secretary before the AGM.

I (name)_____ would like to Be considered ^{*} / Nominate ^{*}
(Delete as applicable)

(Nominee name)_____ For the position of:

1. Branch president
2. Branch Chairman
3. Branch Secretary
4. Branch Treasurer
5. Branch Welfare Officer
6. Committee member
7. Committee member

Newton Abbot and District Branch - Royal Engineers Association
Officers/Committee

Branch President	Brian Cocker
Branch Chairman	Tony Franklin
Branch /Secretary	Roger Andrews – [Webmaster/Newsletter Editor]
Branch Treasurer	Keith Tapp
Standard Bearer	Alan Duncombe
Committee	Dave Cairns – [Welfare Advisor] Bob Herbert – [Raffle Supremo & <i>Enforcer</i>] Jason Downey – [Social]

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Current Membership

Life Members.....	89
Active Members.....	33
Associate Members.....	3