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Newsletter Sept 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 also free on street parking in the surrounding streets (Sundays only)

Our next 2 meetings will be held on: Sunday 27 Sept 2015

and on: Sunday 25 Oct 2015

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



NEXT TWO MEETINGS

Meeting this Sunday 27 Sept 2015 (upstairs in the function room at 11:30)

and then Sunday 25 Oct 2015 (Downstairs in the bar at 11:30)

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS TO:

20 July

George Hughes	05 June	Paul Lloyd	24 August
Tony Everson	12 June	Glenn Gallaway	04 September
Reg Little	20 June	Terry Kelly	12 September
Neil Freeman	08July	Martin Jones	13 September
Jim Mayo	10 July	DATE NOW NOW!	When I

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.

MEMBERS DETAILS UPDATE

Jason Downey

Bob Thompson 20 July

It is over 5 years since the branch membership records were last updated, so to enable the records be brought up to date there is a Performa enclosed with this newsletter. I ask you to please complete it and return it to the Secretary either by Post, Email or by hand at your earliest convenience.

If a non response is received from any member then they may be recorded as a non-active member and removed from the mailing list.

OUR SPRING/SUMMER BUFFET LUNCH

Our spring lunch which was held on the 14th June was a resounding success. The function room of the Newton Abbot Branch RBL was packed with members and their guests, Representatives from Taunton and Bridgwater branches were also in attendance. The takings from the raffle, and kind donations from some members and guests has greatly boosted branch funds.

Thanks must go to Barbara and her helpers for laying on such a superb array of food with a vast quantity and quality for all to enjoy.

There is no problem that cannot be solved by the use of high explosives

TAUNTON SUMMER LUNCH

The Taunton branch REA held its summer lunch on the 2 August 2015. In the Village Hall, Monkton Heathfield, Taunton. Our branch was kindly invited to attend and four members attended, a great afternoon was had by all.

BRIDGWATER SUMMER LUNCH

Bridgwater branch held it's summer lunch on 23 rd August 2015 at the Sea Scouts Hall Bridgwater, six members of this branch took up the kind invitation from Bridgwater to attend.

A great time was had by all who attended with good company, good food and a good time had by all in attendance.

BRANCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Following the success of last year's Christmas meal once again this year's event will be held at the Royal British Legion Club Marsh Road Newton Abbot. It will be a three course lunch with wine and held on Sunday 13 December 2015 at 12:30 for 13:30. The cost of the meal will be £12.00 per head. Tickets for the meal will be available from the September meeting. There will be a detachable counter foil to enable you to make your menu choices and return to the Secretary.

We are restricted to the numbers that can be catered for so initially tickets will be available for members and their Spouse/partner only, with any spare tickets for additional guests being made available on a first come first served basis from the end of October.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

This year as usual we will be holding two Draws at the Christmas meal

1. A Grand Draw. Ticket price 20p each

Prizes include:- Electrical, Household, Watches and other Fancy Goods.

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(Donation of additional prizes will be welcomed).

As is our Christmas Draw tradition please gift wrap any donated prizes to disguise items thus enabling an equal chances to all draw winners.

2. Bonus Booze Draw. Tickets £1.00 each

1st prize:- 3Ltr Bottle of Ashbach Uralt (German Brandy).

If you would like to purchase Draw tickets they are available from the secretary from the September branch meeting up to and including the Christmas meal, or they can be posted out to members on receipt of payment.

Both draws are open to all members whether attending the Christmas lunch or not.

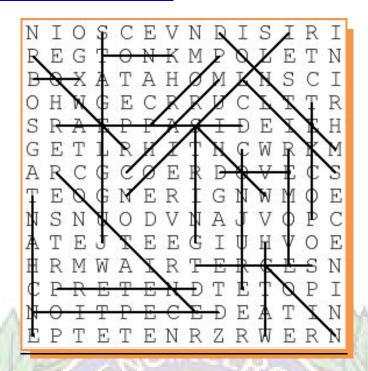
Winners not attending the Christmas lunch will be notified of their win and they must arrange collection of prizes.

ROGER'S WORDSEARCH # 15-03

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ANSWERS TO WORDSEARCH #13-02



HUMOUR IN UNIFORM

British Army's answering machine

HELLO ...? IS THAT THE BRITISH ARMY?

"Thank you for calling the British Army. I am sorry but all our units are out at the moment, or are otherwise engaged.

Please leave a message with your country of origin, name of organisation, the region, the specific crisis and a number to call you."

"As soon as we have sorted out the Balkans, Northern Ireland, The Firemen, Iraq 2, marching up and down bits of tarmac in London and equal opportunities training, we will return your call."

"Please speak after the tone, or if you require more options, please listen to the following."

"If your crisis is small and close to the sea, press 1 for the Royal Marines."

"If your problem is distant, with a tropical climate and good hotels, and can be solved by a few low risk – low level bombing runs, press # for the Royal Air Force. – Please note this service is not available after 16:30 or at weekends."

"If your enquiry concerns a situation that can be resolved by a bit of grey funnel, bunting, flag waving and a really good marching band, please write WELL in advance to the First Sea Lord, The Admiralty, London."

"If your enquiry is not urgent. Press 2 for the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps."

"If you are interested in joining the Army and wish to be shouted at, paid little, have premature arthritis, train to be a fire-fighter, execute regime changes in hot places, put your wife and family in a condemned hut miles from civilisation, and be prepared to work your arse off daily with leave being cancelled at short notice, whilst watching the treasury erode your original conditions of service and career – your call will be connected to a bitter, passed-over recruiting Sergeant in a grotty shop out of town."

"Thank you for calling the British Army!"

The reason the Army does so well in wartime, is that war is chaos, and the Army practices it on a daily basis

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SAPPER AND A ROYAL MARINE

A little boy was standing in front of a mirror in the toilets at Heathrow Airport when in walked a Royal Marine Sgt, dressed in his dress blues.

The little boy turned to the Marine and said; "Wow, are you a Marine?" The Marine replied, "Why yes I am young man – would you like to wear my hat?" "Boy, would I" said the little boy. He took the hat and placed it on his head and turned to admire himself in the mirror.

As he was looking in the mirror, he heard the door open and through a ray of bright light, a man entered the room. But this was not just a man, he was more than a man, he was a Sapper

The little boy turned and went over to the Sapper. As he approached him, he could see the reflection in his boots. His eye's widened and he stared up at the Sapper's chest full of medals. He tried to speak, but he couldn't. Finally, he took a deep breath and managed to say, "Excuse me Sir. Are you a Sapper?"

The Sapper replied in a thunderous voice, "Why yes I am, would you like to shine my boots?"

The little boy smiled and said, "Oh no Sir!! I'm not a Marine; I'm just wearing his hat!"



Always remember to pillage BEFORE you burn

Anything worth fighting for is worth fighting dirty for

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