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Newsletter Jan/Feb/Mar 2018.

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 meeting will be held on: **Sunday 25 Feb 2018**

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



IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED USE A BIGGER HAMMER

BRANCH OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2018

Following the Branch AGM which was held on 21st January 2018, the following members were duly elected to serve as your Branch Officials & Committee for the next twelve months.

The changes to the committee are highlighted.

President	Mr Brian Cocker
Chairman	Mr Tony Franklin
Secretary	Mr Roger Andrews [Webmaster; Newsletter Editor]
Treasurer	Mr Steve Harvey

Committee	Mr Paul Lloyd [Welfare]
	Jason Downey - [Social]
	Bob Herbert - [Social]
	Mr Keith Tapp- [Social]

I think we would all like to thank Keith Tapp who stood down as Hon' Branch Treasurer at the AGM after several years of valued service – well done and thanks Keith.

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.

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BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

Tony Franklin	07 January	Gary Wood	22 February
Brian Cocker	17 January	Mike Tribble	25 February
Brian Cocker	17 January	Richard Underhill	05 March
Chris Horton	19 January	Mark Stevens	05 March
Alan Duncombe	03 February	Kenneth Bradley	28 March
Sue Peters	20 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.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2017

Our Christmas lunch which was held on the 10 December 2017 was a great success enjoyed by all who attended. A total of 50 members and guests which included representatives from Bridgwater & 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 Club 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, , altogether there were in excess of over sixty prizes in the two draws and a great thank you to all who donated prizes.

With the record takings for raffle tickets of over £850.00 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.

A very special thanks must go to Steve Harvey for obtaining support from a varied number of local businesses

NEWTON ABBOT & DISTRICT BRANCH DIARY DATES & HEADS UP

Sunday 17th June: Trip to Bovington Tank Museum (Free for members and Partner).

Sunday 24th June: Our Spring Buffet Lunch at Newton Abbot RBL Club

August: Taunton Branch Summer Lunch (date to be Confirmed)

Aug/Sept: Bridgwater Branch Summer Lunch (date to be confirmed)

Sept 14/15/16: Chatham Veterans weekend (final date to be confirmed)

December: Bridgwater Branch Christmas Lunch (date to be confirmed)

Sunday 9th Dec: Our Christmas Lunch and Grand Draw at Newton Abbot RBL Club.

Our next 3 meetings will be held on

Sunday 26 Feb 2018

Sunday 26 Mar 2018

Sunday 22 Apr 2018

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Sapper Shop (RE Corps Enterprises Ltd):

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Skeleton

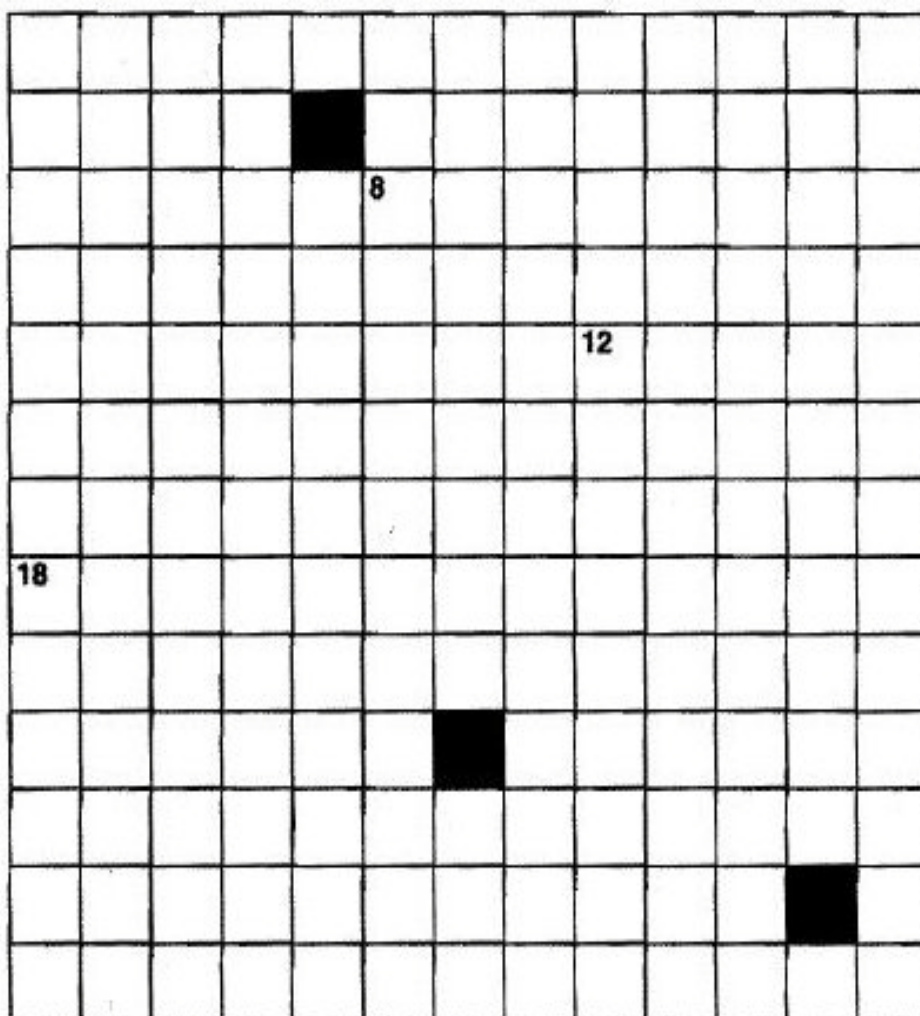
*The black squares have to be filled in as well as the words.
For a start, three black squares and three numbers have been inserted.
The black squares form a fully symmetrical pattern.*

ACROSS

- 1 Sagacity
- 4 Stiff undergarment
- 7 Adjoin, border
- 8 Motor vehicle
- 9 Last word of a prayer
- 10 Terrace
- 13 Shaving blade
- 15 Overdue
- 17 Small cove
- 18 Numbered golf clubs
- 19 Person living abroad
- 21 Town chief
- 26 Academic test
- 27 Rotten, bad
- 28 Flat token
- 29 Suspend
- 30 Acclaim

DOWN

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|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Handloom worker | 10 Light refractor | 20 Large-beaked bird |
| 2 Astound | 11 Ongoing score | 22 Without company |
| 3 Fine coffee | 12 Riverbank animal | 23 Proposition |
| 4 Welsh breed of dog | 14 Animal collection | 24 Young deer |
| 5 A few | 16 Fast monologue music | 25 Writing implement |
| 6 Loudspeaker | 18 Propose, mean | |



Answer on Back page

HUMOUR IN UNIFORM

The Sergeant-Major growled at the young Sapper: "I didn't see you at camouflage training this morning."

"Thank you very much, sir."

A Sergeant was addressing a squad of 25 Sappers and said: "I have a nice easy job for the laziest man here."

"Put up your hand if you are the laziest Sapper."

When 24 men raised their hands, the Sergeant asked the other man: "Why didn't you raise your hand?"

The Sapper replied: "Too much trouble raising the hand, Sarge."

A Drill Sergeant had just chewed out one of his Sappers, and as he was walking away, he turned to the Sapper and said: "I guess when I die you'll come and dance on my grave."

The Sapper replied: "Not me, Sarge...no sir! " I promised myself that when I got out of the Army I'd never stand in another line."

The Squadron Commander and the SSM were in the field. As they go to bed for the night, the SSM said: "Sir, look up into the sky and tell me what you see?"

The CO said: "I see millions of stars."

SSM: "And what does that tell you, sir?"

"Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Theologically, it tells me that God is great and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, SSM?"

SSM: "Well sir, it tells me that somebody stole our tent."

At one Sapper Camp, the annual trip to the rifle range had been cancelled for the second year in a row, but the semi-annual physical fitness test was still on as planned.

One Sapper mused: "Does it bother anyone else that the Army doesn't seem to care how well we can shoot, but they are extremely interested in how fast we can run?"

DEFENSE SECRETARY READIES HUGE CUTS IN
MILITARY SPENDING





Kipling's tribute to the sappers

When the Waters were dried
an' the Earth did appear,
("It's all one," says the
Sapper),
The Lord He created the
Engineer,
Her Majesty's Royal
Engineer,
With the rank and pay of a
Sapper!

I have stated it plain, an' my
argument's thus
("It's all one," says the
Sapper),
There's only one Corps
which is perfect — that's us;
An' they call us Her
Majesty's Engineers,
Her Majesty's Royal
Engineers,
With the rank and pay of a
Sapper!

Newton Abbot and District Branch - Royal Engineers Association Officers

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Answer to Skeleton Crossword

