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

Our next 2 meetings will be held on: **Sunday 28 April 2013**

Members should be seated ready to start at 11: 30hrs.

Spring Buffet lunch on: **Sunday 26 May 2013** 12:30 for 13:00

Once a sapper



always a sapper

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

Richard Underhill	05 March
Michael Bunzuk	08 March
Michael Hawley	27 March
Keith Tapp	28 April

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.

ATTENDANCE OF BRANCH MEETINGS

It is appreciated that it is sometimes difficult for members to attend all meeting, but of late attendance has fallen to a level that if it continues the branch will cease to be viable.

As you are aware we do not charge any form of branch fees to members which means our only form of income is from donations and raffle receipts generated at our monthly meetings, I don't think anyone would wish to see our funds drop to such a level that the branch was unsustainable.

We have now reached our tenth year since formation, so come on members support your local branch and let us go on for another ten years.

SPRING BUFFET LUNCH

We will be holding our Spring buffet lunch on Sunday 28 May (12:30 for 13:00) this will be instead of our normal meeting and will be held in the upstairs function room of the Newton Abbot RBL club.

All members are welcome to attend, there is no charge for this event with the cost being paid from branch funds.

An invitation has been extended to our three other surrounding branches, Taunton, Bridgwater And Truro.

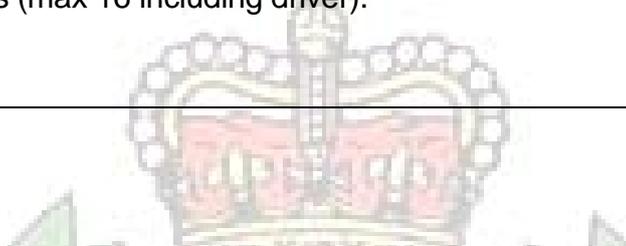
Don't forget to bring a prize for the raffle.

SW GROUP REA SUMMER BBQ

The date for South West Group REA Annual BBQ has been set for Sunday 28th July 2013 to be held at the WO's & Sgts Mess 22 Engr Regt RE, Swinton Bks Tidworth.

Once again it is hoped that some of the branch members will wish to attend. If enough of you show an interest in attending a mini bus could be arranged.

We will need to know numbers attending, so please inform the Branch secretary at your earliest convenience whether you and your partner/wife wish to attend and if you require transport, numbers will be limited to one minibus (max 16 including driver).



THE 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' 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. You can view the current edition and back editions of The Sapper online at <http://free.yudu.com/library/17198/>.

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](#).

Quotes and Poems

Below you will find some quotes and poems about the Royal Engineers, that have been written by well known historical figures:

"The Sappers really need no tribute from me; their reward lies in the glory of their achievement. The more science intervenes in warfare, the more will be the need for engineers in field armies; in the late war there were never enough Sappers at any time. Their special tasks involved the upkeep and repair of communications; roads, bridges, railways, canals, mine sweeping. The Sappers rose to great heights in World War II and their contribution to victory was beyond all calculations."

- Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery, 1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, 1945

Extract from the poem "Sappers"

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,
With the rank and pay of a Sapper!

- Rudyard Kipling

"The ideal engineer is a composite. he is not a scientist, nor a mathematician, nor a sociologist, nor a writer, but he may use the knowledge of any or all of these disciplines in solving engineering problems."

- N. W. Dougherty, 1955

"We have had such an expenditure of Engineers that I can hardly wish for anybody, lest the same fate befall him as has befallen so many"

- Wellington

"What is a Sapper? This versatile genius... condensing the whole system of military engineering and all that is useful and practical under one red jacket. He is a man of all work of the Army and the public - astronomer, geologist, surveyor, draughtsman, artist, architect, traveller, explorer, antiquary, mechanic, diver, soldier and sailor; ready to do anything or go anywhere; in short, he is a Sapper."

- Captain T.W.J Connolly, the historian of the Royal Sappers and Miners, 1855

"In the event that the situation had deteriorated and a break-in operation to Sarajevo....had become necessary then armoured engineers would have been the lead element. Once again we are reminded that there comes a time in war when Sappers have to go in front to open up the way.

'Follow the Sapper' is a timeless cry."

- Brigadier I.T.D. McGill's Report to the Corps, 1995

MILITARY HUMOUR

There's an Naval guy driving from Portsmouth to Aldershot, and an Army guy driving from Aldershot to Portsmouth. In the middle of the night with no other cars on the road they hit each other head on and both cars go flying off in different directions.

The Naval guy manages to climb out of his car and surveys the damage. He looks at his twisted car and says,....."Man, I am really lucky to be alive!"

Likewise the Army guy scrambles out of his car and looks at his wreckage. He too says to himself, "I can't believe I survived this wreck!"

The Naval guy walks over to the Army guy and says,..... "Hey man, I think this is a sign from God that we should put away our petty differences and live as friends instead of archrivals"

The Army guy thinks for a moment and says, "You know, you're absolutely right! We should be friends. Now I'm gonna see what else survived this wreck"

So the .Army guy pops open his car boot and finds a full, unopened bottle of Jack Daniels.

He says to the Naval guy, "I think this is another sign from God that we should toast to our new found understanding and friendship"

The Navy guy replies, "You're damn right!" and he grabs the bottle and starts sucking down Jack Daniels. After putting away nearly half the bottle the Navy guy hands it back to the Army guy and says, "Your turn!"

The Army guy twists the cap back on the bottle and says, "Nahh, I think I'll wait for the cops to show up."

A boat carrying red paint and a boat carrying blue paint crashed into each other. Apparently the crews were marooned.

Q: What is the second most dangerous thing in the British army?

A: an officer with a map

Q: What is the most dangerous thing in the British army?

A: Two officers sharing the same map,



North Korea Air Force

ROGER'S WORDSEARCH 13-02

M K E U N D T S R U B D P W
A L R A G K N O C K N C O X
E T L L L E W S Y E L L O V
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S M H R M G I T B N H O N A
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T E O O T R R B E U A E E A
A D G R S T A A N N M K L C
L O O A M R G O B C S U T K
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BACKFIRE
BARRAGE
BELLOW
BOMBARDMENT
BURST
CLATTER
CRASH
EXPLODE
GONG
HORN
KLAXTON
KNOCK
RATTLE
ROWDY
SCREAM
SHOT
SIREN
SMASH
STORM
THUNDER
TUMULT
UPROAR
VOLLEY

ANSWER TO WORDSEARCH 13-01

F O H C W R E N Y L F C O E
T L R S V H G N E S F L Y N
Y Y Y E U E I P G V O R Y O
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L T K U N L Y A Y E L J C
P T E M R Y K C L C C U O N
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L L I L B C D R N D O G L I
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Life Members.....	68
Active Members.....	31
Associate Members.....	3
Friends of Branch.....	5