

ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION



THE SAPPER CHARITY

NEWSLETTER #9 SEP ISSUE

"Lifelong support to the Sapper family"

Dear Sapper,

September looks to be another jam packed month. Firstly the Bristol Branch led by Roger Sutton are holding a [BBQ](#) in their new home, the Sheffield Branch are off to Eden Camp and at the end of the month the [Blackpool Sappers](#) are holding a social event. Amongst all of that Branch activity is Corps Memorial Weekend which consists of: The National Standard Bearers Competition, workshop tours, Dove Cup, the REA Annual General Meeting and Dinner, and if that wasn't enough on the Sunday it's the Freedom of Medway parade. Remember to sign up to SapperCom to keep up to date with all the latest events and news.

Ed.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

About 12 months ago the HQ decided to make it easy for sapper family members to raise funds for the benevolence of the Sapper Family. And well....the response has been spectacular. You have thrown darts, ran hills, shot clays, cycled, auctioned, rowed, raffled, dined and much more all in the name of the Sapper Charity. To date you have raised £23,000 which isn't bad for a charity which had very little in the way of precedent for fundraising, so thank you and keep doing what you're doing. A particular shout out to Geordie Craddock who is so...so close to his self imposed [£10,000 target!](#) **Ed.**

Join Geordie Craddock on his bike ride.

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AUGUST 2024
BENEVOLENCE GRANTED:
£11,475.75
THE REA ASSISTED WITH:

Riser Recliner Brown Goods Essential Food

CYCLE4HEROES
14 SEPTEMBER 2024

75KM ROUTE, FINISHING AT
THE RE MUSEUM!

FIND OUT MORE THROUGH THE LINK PROVIDED!

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FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE SAPPER CHARITY

Chatham & Chelsea

August was a bit of first for the HQ with two events being run by the HQ Community Events manager. Firstly, in collaboration with the RE Museum there vehicle restoration. A week or so later there was a visit and tour of the Royal Hospital Chelsea.

Why is the HQ organising these events? It's simple and it goes beyond having a trip to London visiting Sapper In-Pensioners or giving a 432 a lick of paint. It's more than spending time away from the day job or weekend routine. It's not just about holding an RE Victoria Cross neither is it about having a few well deserved beers down the Cannon after a day of painting. It's about being part of something bigger – ie the Sapper Family. Anything that contributes to getting more people involved is only a good thing. **Ed.**

If you and a group of Sapper mates or as a branch want to get involved with vehicle painting, a visit to the RHC or a Battlefield tour to Normandy get in touch: info@reahq.org.uk.



INFO & OFFERS

REA MEMBERS OFFER



Civil Service Sports Council.

All REA members are eligible to join the CSSC, membership benefits include free admission to UK attractions.

Details can be found [here](#).

SAPPERS NETWORK

Are you or is someone you know looking for a change of career or a new role? If yes, have a look at Sappers Network – loads of career opportunities at the click of a button – [Sappers Network](#).



REA MEMBERS OFFER

The Sapper Charity has teamed up with Farewill to offer REA members a free will writing service with the option to leave a legacy to the Sapper Charity. Farewill already partner with Cancer Research UK, the British Heart Foundation and many other charities. To find out more use this [link](#).

REA MEMBERS OFFER



Trinity travel insurance offers for REA members.

To find out more go to: [TRINITY](#)



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EVENTS

7-8th September 2024

Medway Model Show – RE Museum

Veterans & Engineer Category

Find out more - [RE Museum](#)

13th - 15th September 2024

**Corps Memorial Weekend – Dove Cup, AGM, Standard Bearers
Competition, Annual Dinner, Freedom of Medway Parade**

14th September 2024

Cycle for Heroes - start and finish at the Corps Museum. Find out more:

<http://www.cycle4heroes.com/>

28th September 2024

Vehicle Restoration - RE Museum

Find out more - [Sappercom](#)

2nd Oct 2024

Lisbon Maru Commemoration - National Memorial Arboretum

Find out more – [Sappercom](#)

5th Oct 2024

Ride to the Wall - National Memorial Arboretum

Find out more - [RTTW](#)

12th October 2024

North Midlands Group Dinner

Chetwyn Barracks Contact – [Alan Scholey](#)

12th November 2024

Presentation - The Zaire (Congo) River Expedition

Find out more [here](#)

30th November 2024

Chilwell Winter Dinner – Chetwyn Barracks

Details tbc – **Save the Date!**

30th November 2024

Swindon Branch Annual Dinner

Find out more – [Sappercom](#)

6th – 9th June 2025

Gibraltar Weekend

Find out more - [Sappercom](#)