



## CHAIRMANS CHAT

The Chairman welcomed members and guests **John McCarthy** from Gloucester Branch and **John Rhodes** who happened to be visiting the UJC and a special welcome to our two new branch members **Colin Appleby** and **Terry Sylvester**

**NEWS OF MEMBERS.** The sad news is that **Major 'Paddy' Dunn MBE** died recently. I have written to Annie to express our condolences. **EVE GREEN** has had a rough time in Hospital but is now at home. We have sent cards, **JO BRIGGS** has kindly visited, I have spoken to Eve, who is managing well and promises to let us know if she needs help. **DODGER LONG** has Scarlet Fever in family and advised to isolate himself.

**RECENT EVENTS** The RMR City of London Thames River Cruise was a massive bonus as our members were invited as guests. Boarding at HMS President, the weather was as hot as the Curry which we imagine was the cause of the bar almost out of beer by 2300. Thanks to RMR for the invite.

**FUNERAL Alan WILSON** Requested attendance but cancelled reason unknown. Took place today in Crawley. Our Standard bearer was there with Don Mott but sadly, only one other mourner. Thanks to Chas Timms MBE and Don Mott for there attendance

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS** The National Belgian Parade (14<sup>th</sup> July) venue has changed from the Cenotaph in Whitehall. The Parade will now all take place on **HORSEGUARDS PARADE**. Muster at **CLIVE STEPS** By the War Rooms at 1030. ID is Essential. DRESS is Full RMA RIG.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

### Next Meeting

**Thursday 9th August 1900hrs** – At the Union Jack Club. Informal gathering at the bar !?!

**Saturday 15th – Sunday 16th September.**  
RMA/Families weekend  
CTCRM

Editor's note:-

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**LAYING UP of STANDARD** Date is dependent upon a suitable venue within reach of Church we have two possible places so please watch this space.

**AUGUST** Remember no Room booked but we will muster in the Main Bar NONE UJC members will need to be booked in as Visitors.

**RMA WEEKEND CTCRM** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.** Note that ALL BOOKINGS for the November Cenotaph Parade are via the Royal British Legion Website. NOT THROUGH the RMA. They require Service Numbers and other details so do be swift if you wish to attend. **IT IS ON 11-11 this year.**

**OP FRANKTON** Jim explained that **Mdm Amele Dubrielle**, a young lady at the time when her parents took a great risk in sheltering **Blondie Haslar** and **Bill Sparks** during Op Frankton had recently died. Our member, **Lt. Col. Chris Nunn, OBE** and **Siobhan** travelled considerable distance to be at the funeral to represent the Royal Marines. Thank you Chris.

The Chairman then proposed the TOAST

**‘ABSENT COMRADES’**



Our branch committee members received the following email from our dear friend 'Fozzy' which speak's for itself.

From: Foster, Darryl Capt. (NAVY MR-RMR LONDON HQ AO) (NAVY MR-RMR LONDON HQ AO)  
<[Darryl.Foster279@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Darryl.Foster279@mod.gov.uk)>  
Sent: Fri, Aug 3, 2018 12:14 pm  
Subject: Thank You

Gents,

Yesterday members of the unit went to the Chelsea Hospital for a tour facilitated through Chaz, this was part of my leaving run as I handover to Captain Whiskey Grounsell at the end of next week. Before we went for the tour, I was presented with a gift, a most wonderful Pelikan Fountain Pen from the unit and also was made aware that the RMA City of London contributed towards its cost. I had asked for a decent pen as my gift but was not expecting anything near so prestigious!

May I take this opportunity to say an email thank you very much, apologies that I haven't been around much recently however I've moved the family to Devon ahead of my assignment and took some relocation leave along with getting everything in order for my relief who arrives on Sunday.

I will not be able to make Thursday's drinks at UJC, however **I will be back up on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September and will attend the branch meeting, have a beer with you all and introduce Whiskey to the branch.** I will then also see you at CTCRM for the Corps family weekend!

During my time here at RMR London I have been most proud of the unit's associated with the branch and the mutual support that we provide for each other where and when we can. As part of my handover the close links with the branch and attendance at monthly meetings, Graspan, Zeebrugge and seasonal events will be reinforced and I look forward to introducing him to you all after summer leave.

Kindest Regards

Fozzy

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## **RMA TRUSTEES MEETING AT PORTSMOUTH 12 JULY 2018**

### **NOTE / BRIEFING NOTES FOR SE REGION BRANCHES A FULL SET OF MINUTES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FROM CENTRAL OFFICE**

Homeport Magazine did not make the RMA objectives, therefore our part is suspended for now and the situation is been looked at.

Replacing worn out Standards, the RMA will fund up to 50% of the cost but an application has to be submitted to Central office and the Standards must be of the highest quality.

D Day Normandy Anniversary next year, Phil Gilby has secured some accommodation D DAY vets get first grab, but applications to Central office or if you want further info contact Phil.

It is very limited.

Financial situation of the RMA is very good. There will be a cost reduce regarding Mind works who run the web site, also Legal fees will reduce due to completing the merger.

The RMA have received several Legacies, which have helped.

Merger, it is hoped to complete this in later this year beginning of next year, it will be very important that all Branches are being Consistent with their accounts and returning them on time to Central office. Also following the Charity Commission rules is equally important. Continuing work by the CEO and the RMC is taking place and it main source of our CEOs work at the present time.

Phil Gilby and Richie Puttock will be visiting all Branches offering training regards accounts once a year in the near future.

The Family weekend at CTC is looking really good this year so please encourage your members to attend.

The MFM is now on the web site re application for tickets before they go on sale to the public so have a look now.

RM Shop will need to change its soft ware in the near future and will have to donate 10% to MOD regarding the use of the Globe and Laurel Badge as they hold the copyright. Be warned re getting your own Polo and T-shirts printed and not through the shop.



GDRP by now all Branches should be complying when holding members details.

The RMA charity number is as follows 1168387

Corps update – morale no change in the pattern again due to outside influences

Navy signed up to a lateral strike force and the CGRM is working on this.

Future CDO FORCE will turn the RM into the 5<sup>th</sup> generation CDO, supported by the new Carriers using today's technology, looking promising.

62% of the Corps on ops and are busy, see globe and Laurel re all the units deployments.

Females in the RM start pre training Jan 19 could be in a unit by 2020

Every Marine on completion of training goes to Leckonfield to complete Driver training this is down to the new cat on the DL. This training in the future could move for RM people to CTC.

The average Marine stays in the Corps 5 .6 years

The policy regarding the collection tins will have to be reviewed also the accounting procedures; a clear policy from Central will some time in the future be published.

The new RM CLUB, which is a virtual Branch, has been approved.

Richard Spenser the CEO is hoping to visit Branches, so please feel free to contact him re a date etc.

This a small brief is to keep you all updated I hope you find it useful so please inform your Branch members.

Yours Paul Richardson

Deal Branch

# CORPS FAMILY WEEKEND

15 - 16 September 2018 at CTCRM

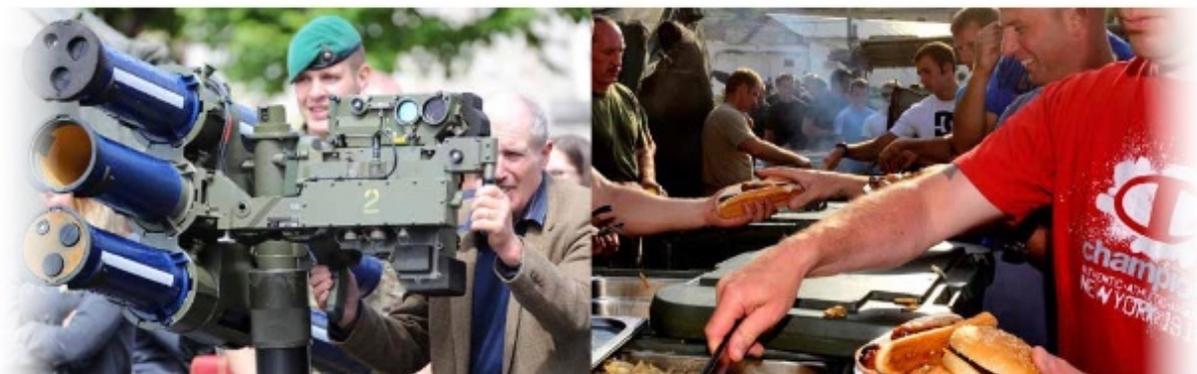


**1100 - RM Veterans football & rugby matches - Top field**

**Saturday** • Funfair stalls • Inflatable assault course • Zip wire  
• Military hands-on displays • Music • Go karts • Tug of war  
• Zorbing balls and more... **Gates open 1100.**

**Sunday** • Cadet parade • Corps parade • Memorial service  
• UIF shop **Gates open 1000.**

**Entry fee only £1 each. Wristbands available from CTCRM Central Bank and Amenities Office.**



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**Guide Dogs only**