
Newsletter - December 2021

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• The Gunners •

Newsletter - December 2021

Welcome to the The Royal Artillery Charities Newsletter. This is where you can keep right up to date with all the Regimental Family's news and information.

If you have any news for the Gunner website or the Newsletter from your regiments, branches, districts and regions we would like to receive them. Please ensure that you have permission to share information and images.

The Gunners



Season's Greetings from
The Royal Artillery Charities



Merry Christmas



A SEASONAL MESSAGE FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR FROM

LT GEN SIR ANDREW GREGORY KBE CB DL MASTER GUNNER ST JAMES'S PARK

I opened my 2020 Yuletide message to you, by remarking that "2020 will go down in history as a most unusual year", and I closed it with "fingers crossed for 2021". Covid has, as we all know, continued into 2021 so this year could never be described as 'normal', but we have thankfully recommenced important events that we had previously to cancel; they provide encouraging green shoots of a return to full Regimental activities.

The Royal Regiment has continued its support, in exemplary fashion, to the Civil Authorities and especially the NHS in the ongoing battle against the pandemic. Gunners have been embedded in NHS hospitals across the country, at no small risk to themselves, and have helped take some of the physical and mental strain off the normal NHS support staff, releasing them for tasks more closely associated with patient care. The typical Gunner cheerfulness and willingness to tackle almost any role asked of them, without question, was a real eye-opener and was frequently remarked upon, and their positivity and humour was a great tonic for tired NHS personnel during some very challenging moments. I congratulate all who have played their part during this National crisis. Concurrently, the Regiment has trained for and fulfilled its numerous operational commitments across the globe. I also commend our own Regimental Charities who have continued their essential work uninterrupted, providing support across the Regimental family, despite being forced to adapt and operate in very different ways. It has been truly UBIQUE!

As the COVID vaccination programme allowed other activities to resume, we were delighted by the arrival in the United Kingdom of a large contingent of fellow Gunners from the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery (RCA), including their Band. They conducted Public Duties, forming the guards for Buckingham Palace, The Tower of London, and Windsor Castle, as part of the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of their formation on 20th October 1871. Her Majesty The Queen, Captain General to both the Royal Artillery and the RCA, spent some time meeting their Colonel Commandant, Regimental Colonel and members of their Guard. The Royal Regiment took the opportunity further to cement our close ties to the RCA; two highlights were the Lancashire Artillery Volunteers Band joining with the Band of the RCA and Master Bombardier van der Post becoming the first Canadian ever, to ride on a Royal Salute with the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery on 15th November

Sport is in full swing, dinners are being held again – including an excellent Regimental Awards Dinner that celebrated the outstanding achievements of some of our people in many different areas, and we are looking at how best to combine traditional means of communication with that which we have developed during the lockdowns.

At the time of this magazine going to print, the more detailed outcomes of the Integrated Review are still to be promulgated. While there will be some changes to regimental structures and roles, the overall outcome remains extremely positive for the Regiment, not least with a shift of emphasis from 'Close to Deep', the ascendancy of 'find' and 'fires' and major reinvestments in many of our capabilities, especially Air Defence. While we will need to ensure others understand quite how much we have to offer, the Gunners have an extremely strong foundation on which to build. The years ahead have the potential to be a most exciting time for the Royal Regiment.

To all Gunners, serving and retired, and to our families, keep safe and I wish you all a very

Happy Christmas and New Year.

Master Gunner St James's Park

Please click on the recent links below of correspondence from Lieutenant General Sir Andrew Gregory KBE CB DL, Master Gunner St James's Park.

Integrated Review - [25 November 2021](#)

Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery on the 150th Anniversary of their Formation - [20 October 2021](#)

• Events •

Please monitor the RAA [website](#) and [facebook page](#) for any further information and event updates.

Forecast of Events 2021/22

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St Barbara's Day

5th December 2021

On Sunday 5th December 2021, the Royal Regiment of Artillery celebrated St Barbara's Day with a Service held at The Royal Garrison Church of St Alban with St Barbara.

The service was led by Maj The Rev Roger Grafton CF, Chaplain to 14 Regt RA accompanied by The Ven Stephen Robbins CB, Honorary Chaplain to the RA.

Despite a bitterly cold northerly wind a large gathering of the serving regiment, veterans and their families attended the service, with lunch being served at the Royal Artillery Mess

afterwards. Prior to the service, 14 smartly turned-out Standard Bearers paraded before the Master Gunner St James's Park.

At the beginning of the service the new Standard of 'Red Cypher', 3rd Regiment RHA's, Charity and Past and Present Members was presented and dedicated.

This year we witnessed the blessing of the new Standard of the Royal School of Artillery. This arranged as part of the RSA's Centenary celebrations. The Standard will join the other Regimental Standards that hang in the Garrison Church.

Prior to lunch, a superb historical display by the Garrison Artillery Volunteers was held outside the Royal Artillery Mess depicting artillery through the ages. An impressive spectacle that held everyone captivated.

Many thanks go to all who had been involved with organising every aspect of a day that was appreciated and enjoyed by all who attended.





Hyde Park Corner

14th November 2021

The Royal Regiment, serving and veterans, gathered at the Royal Artillery War Memorial on Sunday 14th November 2021 to remember all those who have fallen in service to the guns.

5th Regiment Royal Artillery provided the marching Troops and after the Master Gunner St James's Park laid a wreath on behalf of the Regiment, representatives of all Regiments laid a wreath.

In the words of the Duke of Connaught at the dedication of the Memorial in 1925 'See to it ye that come after that their names be not forgotten'.

We Will Remember Them



Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey

11th November 2021

HRH The Duchess of Cornwall opened the 93rd Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey on Thursday 11th November 2021. The annual event marks the start of the nation's Remembrance commemorations.

The Last Post was sounded from the parapet of St Margaret's Church by a bandsman from the Scots Guards.

After the observance of two minutes' silence, The Duchess of Cornwall met representatives from the military organisations and members of the public. The Royal Regiment of Artillery was represented by members of the Regimental Headquarters.

The Duchess of Cornwall then visited the Grave of the Unknown Warrior inside Westminster Abbey, where she laid a posy of flowers in remembrance.

'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends'.

We Will Remember Them



Gunner Sunday

24th October 2021

On Sunday 24th October the regimental family marked the very welcome return of Gunner Sunday by spending the morning with In Pensioners at the Royal Hospital Chelsea. Gunner Sunday takes place every year in April but last year, like so many events, it had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. A large gathering of the serving regiment, veterans and their families attended the event at the Royal Hospital.

The Royal Artillery Standard Bearers joined the In Pensioners on parade where they were inspected by the Hospital Governor, General Sir Adrian Bradshaw KCB OBE DL, the Regimental Colonel, Colonel Sam Shepherd MBE ADC and Royal Artillery Sergeant Major, WO1 (RASM) R Mealand. After the parade, the Standard Bearers and regimental family joined the In Pensioners in the Chapel for their Sunday Service conducted by the Reverend Steven Brookes, where the service was also shared the baptism of a very well-behaved little girl. Following the parade, lunch was held at the National Army Museum.

We are very fortunate to be invited to join the residents of the Royal Hospital on this special occasion and we always receive a tremendous welcome. Thank you to everyone who travelled to attend this special event and we look forward to welcoming you to Gunner Sunday on 24th April 2022. If you are Gunner, past or present, then Gunner Sunday is an opportunity to visit this very special residence.



Message from the Chairman

Brigadier (Retd) Mark Pountain CBE

Dear Members

2021 draws to a close, and while Omicron is the new concern (it sounds like something out of 'Transformers'), I am pleased to say that we were able to organise and deliver the majority of our planned events this year, even if the RA Gold Cup Meeting at Sandown and the RA General Assembly in Blackpool had to be cancelled. Some highlights:

- We stayed connected, through MS Teams and Zoom for meetings of the National Executive Committee (NEC) and the AGM, and through social media and the website more generally. 'Hybrid' meetings are the new norm, as we continue to exploit technology, though we mustn't underestimate the importance of 'face-to-face'.
- We were able to hold a much bigger Ceremony in July at the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) than last year, wonderfully supported by the 'Royal Artillery Band North' aka the Band of the 103rd (Lancashire Volunteers) Regiment RA, as well as 27 Standard Bearers – thank you.
- 'Gunner Sunday' in October at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, again with some restrictions, but with about 80 attending.
- The RA Ceremony of Remembrance at the Gunner Memorial in Hyde Park, hugely well attended by a large contingent of the Regimental family.
- St Barbara's Day Service at Larkhill, no doubt celebrated in other parts of the UK as well.
- I should also record a number of successful Regional and Branch assemblies and meetings, and a small but significant ceremony at the NMA in early October to remember the 288 artillerymen lost along with a great number of other POWs when the SS Lisbon Maru was sunk in 1942.

In addition to our events, there has been the financial and welfare support we contribute as part of the Regimental effort. In sum, doing what we do: remembering, celebrating and helping our Regimental family.

A big 'thank you' you to all staff and volunteer helpers for all for you've done and all you do, and to all our Members, stay safe, and best wishes for the Season's celebrations and for the coming New Year.

• RAA Branch News •

East Kent Branch

PCSO Adrian Butterworth (Treasurer of East Kent Branch RAA) was determined that the memorial in Trinity Memorial Gardens, Margate, would look at its best in readiness for this year's Remembrance service. As a veteran, who served in the Royal Artillery, the cause is also close to the PCSO's heart.

Adrian said: "I attend the Remembrance Service every year. A while ago I spoke to a woman who said the paved area was covered in dry grass and she mentioned how nice it would be to clean it up. I thought it was a great idea, so I spoke to other agencies to see if they wanted to get involved. I just took the idea by the reins and drove it forward.

"Obviously the council would normally have carried out the maintenance of it, however I just thought it would be nice to give something back to the community."

The clean-up operation was carried out on Wednesday, November 3 and saw boots on the ground from Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, Thanet District Council and Kent County Council, as well as Margate's Mayor and local councillors, who were all happy to pick up a tool and get the job done. Veterans from Age UK also came along to help out with the work.

PCSO Butterworth is hoping that his actions will inspire others to consider whether they can do and added "A simple activity such as this can have a big impact on where you live.



Lewes Branch

In early October Lewes Branch RAA held their Annual Dinner. Guests from 43 battery (Lloyd's Company), 47 Regiment Royal Artillery joined the Branch and family members to strengthen affiliations between the Branch and Batter. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was held in Lewes, East Sussex.



Shoeburyness & South Essex Branch

On 29th October the Branch held a Winter Ball at the Holiday Inn, London Southend Airport. This was a great opportunity to dress up, see old friends and enjoy each other's company. The Branch invited the Royal Artillery Association Secretary, Captain Allan Solly and his wife, Cath and members of Colchester and North Essex Branch.

A wonderful evening of comradeship, good food, presentations and a disco. Congratulations to all the members who received awards and a Lifetime Achievement Award to Ron Clifton, presented to his wife, Pam and daughters, Heather and Tracy. A thoroughly deserved award in memory of our dear friend and a great Gunner.



Dedication of the Newbury and District RAA Branch Standard

The Newbury and District Branch of the Royal Artillery Association laid up their Standard of 25 years and dedicated a new Branch Standard on Saturday 9th October 2021.

Reverend Keri Eynon presided over the Service, which was held in Newbury's Royal British Legion Club and was attended by Colonel Matthew Carter, the Regimental Secretary, and Mrs Janine Westropp, the President of the Newbury Branch of the Royal British Legion. Other guests included Councillor Clive Hooker, Chairman of West Berkshire Council, Councillor Gary Norman, Newbury's Deputy Mayor, and Colonel Mike Relph MBE, the Artillery Association's Branch President.

Newbury's Royal British Legion Standard was paraded in honour of the dedication of the new Standard, and the Branch's affiliations with the regular army were marked by a detachment of soldiers from 74 Battery (the Battle Axe Company) Royal Artillery, from Larkhill Garrison.

Trevor Lisseman, Branch Secretary, said "It was a privilege to arrange the Service of Dedication for the new Standard, which embodies the honour and traditions of the Royal Artillery Association". Colonel Relph added "The Branch is grateful to all those who attended this important event, and particularly to Colonel Matthew Carter who represents Headquarters Royal Artillery, which contributed so generously to the cost of the new Standard".

Mrs Janine Westropp, who has been a Branch member for 27 years said "Today is very special for the Newbury Branch of the Royal Artillery Association, and I send them many

congratulations on behalf of the Royal British Legion and myself. My late Husband Michael and I have been members of this excellent branch for many years and during this long period have seen many different events and changes. We have also seen the wonderful support and friendship this Branch has always given to members. I wish them well in the future”.

The current Standard Bearer, Mr Mark Ballard, had the honour of carrying the new Standard.

Newbury and District Branch of the Royal Artillery Association meets at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month in the RBL Club Newbury. Gunner veterans interested in joining will be made very welcome.



•RAA Annual Return & Summary of Accounts•

For those Branches who want to make a start on their Annual Return and Summary of Account for 2021, the forms can be downloaded from the website.

- Summary of Accounts - Required by 31 January 2022
- Annual Return (with nominal roll) - Required by 31 March 2022

Download Forms

RAA Workshop - 11th January 2022

The RAA will run a workshop on Tuesday 11th January at 6pm on line via ZOOM or MS Teams.

The workshop is for Branch Committee Members, in particular those who hold roles of Secretary, Treasurer and Welfare Officer. This meeting would benefit Members who have recently taken over the role or need assistance in completing the Annual Return and Summary of Accounts.

The Workshop will cover:

Communication - share best practice

Summary of Accounts

Annual Return

Welfare Aid Memoire

Please register your interest with Cas, (cas.thoburn603@mod.gov.uk) send the name, role held and email address of those who wish to attend by 17th December 2021. Further details of the link will follow in the New Year.



JOB VACANCY – MAY 2022

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION SECRETARY

Captain Allan Solly, the current RAA Secretary, has announced that he will be retiring in May 2022, after some 16 years in post. The Association is therefore inviting applications for the appointment.

The RAA exists to promote efficiency within the Royal Artillery by: maintaining contact with past and present members of the Regiment; fostering comradeship, esprit de corps and welfare; and by providing welfare support to serving and veteran members and their families.

Based in RHQRA, in Larkhill, the primary role of the RAA Secretary is to provide advice and guidance for the Association's regions, districts and branches, and to coordinate all national RAA activities and events. Jointly with the Assistant Secretary, the role also involves promoting the RAA and its activities through all forms of media. A significant element of the job involves visiting branches on a rotational basis. This often involves overnight stays.

Applications are invited from individuals who have served, or are still serving, in the Royal Artillery. Serving applicants should be within 6 months of retirement.

The successful candidate will be a highly motivated, proven, hands-on leader who is able to: work confidently with all stakeholders from Gunner to General; demonstrate a strong affinity for the objects of the Association and an empathy for its members; communicate effectively both orally and in writing; have strong IT skills including the effective use of websites and social media; plan and manage large scale events; and operate as a highly effective Secretary for the Association's National Executive Committee, setting agendas and taking minutes.

The appointment is at SO2 level. It is a full-time role. Remuneration and other T&Cs are comparable with a Civil Service C2 grade.

Applications are invited by 20 Dec 2021. Those short-listed for interview will be notified by 07 Jan 2022 and should be prepared to be interviewed in the second half of January 2022, with the intention of confirming Captain Solly's successor by early February. The successful applicant will be expected to start in the role with effect from Monday 02 May 2022 and handover completed by Friday 28 May 2022 (to include the RA General Assembly in Blackpool, 19-23 May 2022).

For a full job description and an application form, please contact Mrs Emma Pagan-Skelley at Emm.Pagan-Skelley100@mod.gov.uk

For an informal discussion or to enquire further about the role, please contact Col (Retd) Matthew Carter, the Regimental Secretary, at matthew.carter133@mod.gov.uk

· The Royal Artillery Charitable Fund ·

A message from the Chair of the Welfare Committee

Major Andrew Dines TD, LLB, MBA

The 'Gunner' charities support the life and ethos of the 'Gunner' Regimental Family, both serving and retired. This is an especially important role.

The Welfare Committee oversees the direction and day-to-day workings and performance of the charities in fulfilling this role for the benefit of all Regimental Members and their dependants within our Gunner Family.

We are still living through a global pandemic which has severely tested our resilience and ability to cope in tough and difficult times. We will all have our own and diverse experiences but it is clear that the effects for some will have been very hard perhaps through lasting effects upon their health or well-being or in losing their job, working reduced hours or receiving lower Universal Credit payments.

If people need our help then the key is how can we make sure they know we are here to support.

I would, therefore, just like to emphasise the following areas:

- The range of welfare support that can be provided by the Regimental Charities is diverse. The report from the Welfare Team below gives some clear indicators as to the areas of support provided in 2021.
- The Regimental Charities must make sure that as many 'Gunners and their families and dependants' know about and are able to access the support services that can be provided by us.
- The role of the Welfare Team is to signpost, provide information about potential welfare support and then process those welfare applications, as appropriate. The Team works closely with SSAFA (as they case manage welfare applications) and the Army Benevolent Fund (ABF) who can provide additional funding support for welfare bids (with other charities).
- So if you, or anybody that you might know, potentially needs help please do encourage them to give their names to their local RAA branch, SSAFA, RBL, ABF, Unit Welfare Teams or the Welfare Team itself (contact details below). If not, can you please make contact on behalf of that person?

Before signing off I would like, on behalf of the Trustees, to give my heartfelt thanks to all members of the RACF and RAA teams for their commitment, dedication and enthusiasm this year in delivering this most important service and role on behalf of the Regiment.

With my best wishes to you all for Christmas and for the New Year 2022.

RACF Welfare Team Quarterly Report

As we draw a close to 2021, the RACF Welfare team have awarded £477,621 in grants to 545 members of our Royal Artillery regimental family.

We have awarded £65,134 to serving Gunners and their dependants with the remaining £412,487 going to our veterans and their dependants. The area where help was needed most by our veterans was with Annual Grants, that we award to help our veterans and their dependants who are past state retirement age, and they need extra help with day to day living cost. We know the help that we award to our most elderly veterans makes a huge difference to their quality of life. We awarded £67,748 to help our veteran and their dependants with essential household goods. We have helped many of our veterans with mobility grants and so far, this year we have awarded just over £45,000 to support them with mobility aids. Sadly, we have awarded £43, 632 in bereavement grants to help with funeral costs. £32,542 has been awarded to help those with critical household arrears and a further £22, 071 helped our veterans with general needs. £26,612 was awarded to help some of our veterans living in care homes. Other areas where we provided assistance grants: well being, training, travel costs, house maintenance, education, debt and home removals.

Are you struggling or do you know of any member of our Regimental family that need our support and help? If you do let us know. Call SSAFA on 0800 731 4880, the Royal British Legion on 0808 802 8080 or contact us on either 0300 167 3998 or 0300 158 7035. We can be contacted by email: RARHQ-RACF-WELFARE-MAILBOX@mod.gov.uk Please don't hesitate [RA Charitable Fund Application - RA Association \(thegunners.org.uk\)](https://www.thegunners.org.uk)

• The Gunner Lottery •

Gunner Lottery is for the benefit of the Gunner charities and replaced the RAA Annual Draw. The hope is that the Lottery can raise much needed funds and raise awareness of the good work done by the Royal Artillery charities. Thank you to everyone who supports the Lottery and congratulations to the winners each week. Good luck in future Draws.

3 Digits: You'll win 5 Entries into the next Draw

4 Digits: £25 Cash Prize

5 Digits: £1,000 Cash Prize

6 Digits: £25,000 Cash Prize

You can take part as an individual or syndicate; Battery, Regiment or RAA Branch. You could be in with a chance of winning the top prize of £25,000 each week.

The Draw takes place every Friday.

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· Regimental News ·

Thank you very much for your continued support and fundraising for the Gunner Charities.

Fundraising for your Charity

The Charities use Enthuse as their fundraising platform. If you are fundraising for the RACF/RAA or supporting the Charity with individual donations, please click [here](#) to donate or to set up a fundraising page.

The Cornwall Cup

All donations for the Royal Artillery Charitable Fund and Royal Artillery Association go towards winning the Cornwall Cup and must be received by **31 December 2021**.

Fundraising is vital for the Royal Artillery Charitable Fund if we are to keep supporting all our individual cases and our Regiments. As part of the regimental family I hope that the Royal Artillery Charitable Fund, if not already, will become the 'Charity of first choice' to all serving Gunners.

The Royal Artillery Charitable Fund and Royal Artillery Association are very grateful to everyone who has fund-raised on behalf of the Charities and for the funds that you have collected so far this year.



5th Regiment Royal Artillery

Five members of Q (Sanna's Post) Headquarters Battery took part in the North Yorkshire Ultra Marathon. Starting at Scarborough, following the coast up to Saltburn before heading towards the cheeky finish line at the top of Roseberry Topping covering a distance of 104 kms, 2,661 meters elevation climbed, all this in just over 18 hours! What an amazing team effort and congratulations on completing this challenge and raising £1,135 for the Royal Artillery Charitable Fund and helping Gunners in need.



3rd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery

In September, J (Sidi Rezagh) Battery completed the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge in sweltering conditions. After an exhausting day the Members raised an amazing £415 for the Royal Artillery Charitable Fund.



14th Regiment Royal Artillery

On the 21st September, members of 1st Battery (The Blazers) completed a 24 hour, 100km walk fundraising for two charities chosen by Bdr Atkins; Royal Artillery Charitable Fund and Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood. Well done to all who took part and fundraised for the Charities.



26 Regiment Royal Artillery

159 (Colenso) Battery took part on a 48 hour endurance challenge to raise money for the Royal Artillery Charitable Fund and Combat Stress. The Battery ran, cycled and rowed continuously for 48 hours to cover the distance from Larkhill to Colenso, a whopping 8,500 miles/13,500 kms. This impressive effort from the Battery raised over £4,000 for the Charities.



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- Have no unspent convictions.

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Fast Track Pathway - 4 weeks



Regular Rejoinder Pathway - Approximately 8 weeks

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REJOINERS: YOUR NATION NEEDS YOU

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Depending on your personal circumstances, if you've left within the last 36 months, you could be fast-tracked back in within a month or sooner.

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· Awards/Grants ·

Royal Artillery Association Battery Grants

One of the charitable objects of the Association is to promote comradeship, fostering esprit de corps and preserving traditions. Each year the Association makes funds available to Batteries in the form of annual grants to help fund Battery events, improve conditions for members of the Battery and their dependants.

Find out more information from emm.pagan-skelley100@mod.gov.uk or through your chain of command.

Joan Wanklyn Memorial Prize

The Joan Wanklyn Memorial prize is a bursary to be presented each year by the Royal Artillery Association in memory of Miss Joan Wanklyn who was, for many years, our Regimental Artist.



(King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery - oil on board is reproduced by kind permission of Jess Hills.
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The Bursary comprises a cheque of £500 is to be presented at the RA Assembly to the artist who produces a piece of work judged worth of exhibition at the following year's Assembly. Applications are open to the sons, daughters and grandchildren of Serving or Retired members of the Regiment, regardless of rank or station, who have reached the tertiary stage of education and are in or about to begin their first year of a course at a recognised College or University to study art in its broader form.

Contact Emma Pagan-Skelley on 01980 845895 or Emma's email for further details
emm.Pagan-Skelley100@mod.gov.uk

· Community and Companionship ·

The RA Charities can keep you in touch with the
Regimental Family

Join Your Association Here

·RA Historical Society·

Military History Webinars



The RA Historical Society arranges Zoom On-Line Webinars for its members on Gunner military history subjects. If you would like a copy of the Back Catalogue with links to the You Tube recordings of webinars held in the last 12 Months, please contact the RAHS Secretary.

If you wish to attend the webinars below please contact the RAHS Secretary, Lt Col Richard Clayton: richard.clayton312@gmail.com:

Thu 27 Jan 22 @ 1930 hrs - Mining and the tactical problem of the Western Front in WW1

Wed 2 Mar 22 @1930 hrs - The Russo Japanese War 1904/05

·Regimental Christmas Cards·

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·RAA 100 Commemorative Coasters·

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Artillery Association you can purchase a special commemorative coaster gift set. To order, please complete the order form at the attached [link](#) or the order form below.

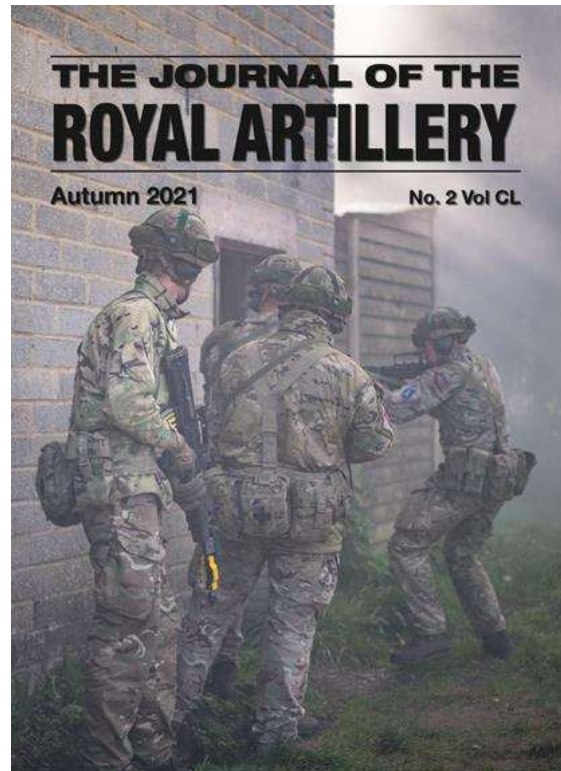
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| <i>The Royal Artillery Association, Artillery House, Artillery Centre, RA Barracks, Larkhill, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP4 8QT</i> | |

• Gunner & Journal of the Royal Artillery •

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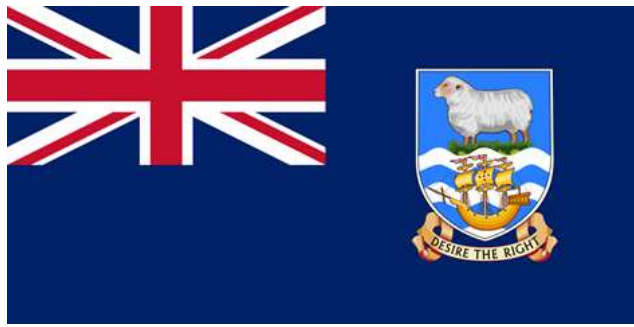


Falklands 40

Award-winning documentary production company, The Garden, is producing a landmark documentary film for the BBC about the Falklands War. The film will focus on the experiences and first-hand accounts of those who were there. It will also explore how veterans have made sense of those experiences in the 40 years since – and what the war means to them now.

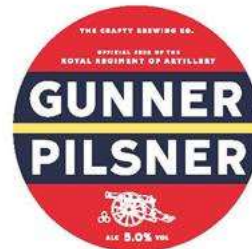
The filmmakers would like to speak to veterans to talk about their experiences – whether or not they want to be part of the film.

All conversations will assist with the research and be in confidence. Please get in touch with adam.hagerty@thegarden.tv



The Royal Artillery Craft Beers

We are proud to announce the arrival of two very special guests.



THEY TASTE GOOD. THEY DO GOOD.

Champions in their own right, these fine craft beers were hand-picked in June 2019 by a tasting committee of over 90 Gunner soldiers. Gunner IPA and Gunner Pilsner are more than simply great-tasting, flagship examples of the brewer's art. For every litre of beer sold, The Crafty Brewing Co., will make a donation to Royal Artillery Charities – to fund sport, adventure and challenge activities for all Gunners – be they regular or reserve.

So now, when you raise a glass of your very own Royal Artillery craft beer – to slake a thirst, make a toast or in tribute to absent friends – you'll be putting a smile on more faces than just your own.

These delicious Gunner craft beers make their debut this evening and are provided courtesy of The Crafty Brewing Co. for you to enjoy. They will shortly be available in keg and 500ml bottles to every Royal Artillery Mess and for purchase online from November 2019.

To place your advance order visit www.craftybrewing.co.uk



TASTING NOTES:

Gunner IPA – ABV 4.2%

Gunner IPA is a modern classic. It is a golden amber, lightly-hopped IPA bearing all the hallmarks of its four international hop superstars– Simcoe, Chinook, Amarillo and Perle. Refreshing citrus and pine notes are mellowed by toasted fine English crystal malts.

Gunner Pilsner – ABV 5.0%

Gunner Pilsner is a refreshing, full-flavoured, mellow craft lager. Expertly crafted with pale malts and the prince of 'noble' hops – Tettnang. This pilsner is conditioned for 12 weeks and naturally carbonated for a crisp, mouth-filling quaff.



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