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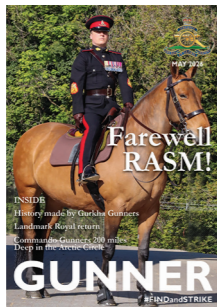
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Outgoing Royal Artillery Sergeant Major Alfie Lightfoot

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# The next chapter for Gunner Magazine

From Cheryl Bolla Creative Editor

“For generations, Gunner magazine has been a constant companion to the Royal Artillery community – informing, connecting and reflecting the Regiment’s story wherever Gunners are serving: on operations, on exercise, or at home.

But as the Royal Artillery continues to evolve, so too must the way we tell our story.

Over the next two years, Gunner will transition to a primarily digital publication, with the print edition gradually phased out. This is not a decision taken lightly. The printed magazine has a proud history and a loyal readership. However, it is a necessary and positive step to ensure Gunner remains relevant, accessible and effective in a rapidly changing world.

The way we all consume information has changed. Increasingly, our audiences – both serving and retired – expect content that is more easily accessible and available across multiple platforms. A digital Gunner allows us to meet that expectation.

It will also allow us to do more with our content. A digital platform opens the door to richer storytelling: video, photography, interactive features and direct links to related content. It allows us to better showcase the professionalism, capability and lived experience of Gunners in a way that a static printed page cannot.

There are also clear practical advantages. The costs associated with printing, storage and distribution are significant. By moving to a digital-first model, we can ensure resources are used more effectively – supporting the sustainability of the publication while protecting its long-term future.

Our purpose remains the same: to represent the Royal Artillery, to celebrate its people, and to connect the Gunner community wherever it is found.

Our digital magazine will sit alongside – and complement – the growing strength of Royal Artillery communications across social media and official platforms. Together, these channels will allow us to tell a more complete, timely and compelling story about the Regiment.

We recognise that change brings adjustment, particularly for those who value the tradition of the printed magazine. This transition will therefore be gradual, ensuring that all readers have time to adapt and continue to engage with Gunner in its new format.

This is the next chapter in the story of Gunner. One that reflects not only where we have come from, but where we are going.

A modern Regiment deserves a modern voice.

- Gunner is already found online here: <https://www.thegunners.org.uk/publications/> and will continue to be.”



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Laying the gun in required bearing and elevation before .....fire!

Staff Sergeant Tara Rana  
34th Battery  
14th Regiment Royal Artillery



### “Rounds Fired, Pounds Gained: An Unforgettable Tenure”



As I approach the end of my tenure as the Royal Artillery Sergeant Major, it’s fair to say the past few years have been anything but quiet! From heightened global tensions in Ukraine, and US/Iran conflict raising the temperature (and fuel prices) to the steady drumbeat of our own commitments, it has been a tenure defined by pace, purpose, and the occasional overindulgence at mealtimes...

I’ve had the privilege of visiting every regiment, playing a small part in three royal visits and even learning to ride a horse, proof that you can, in fact, teach an old Gunner new tricks. I have played the odd football match and far less golf than I’d have liked. Clearly, being RASM is responsible for my rising handicap... not me.

From Oman for the Sultan’s 100th Artillery Anniversary to delivering Hyde Park Remembrance with a working sound

system (a minor miracle), it’s been varied. I’ve eaten way too much and consumed the occasional alcoholic beverage, proven on my recent fitness assessment where I learned I had put on 3.8kg over the two-year period (in muscle of course). I’ve helped forge new ties with our Australian counterparts, and witnessed the historic formation of the King’s Gurkha Artillery, to name just a few memorable moments.

There have been solemn times too, like when we attended a service laying to rest some of our recently identified fallen soldiers in France and Belgium. A moving and poignant reminder of why we do what we do.

Royal Artillery Sergeant Major has been relentless, humbling, unforgettable: and an absolute privilege.

I now hand over the big badge to WO1 Keith Fisher.

**Ubique**  
Capt Alfie Lightfoot



Under glorious sunny skies, Colonel KGA, Brig Charlie Harmer, watched on as proud families of the new soldiers - and transferees from other Gurkha units - celebrated new beginnings at 14 Regiment Royal Artillery in Larkhill, Wiltshire, with the 'Kasam Khane,' a Gurkha traditional oath-swearing, and with a ceremonial touching of guns.

His Majesty King Charles officially conferred the title 'The King's Gurkha Artillery' on the unit, which is a wonderful blend of two heritage-rich, prestigious organisations, now combining culture, history and fighting spirit.

As Brig Harmer told them: "You are Gurkhas first - and Artillery always."

"We are a family of families now."

# An historic first for the King's Gurkha Artillery!



Visiting the Gurkha Welfare team before starting their Trek



Maj Lalit (GM), Lt Col Fletcher and WO1 Kinsey visiting the family members of a Gurkha veteran

Visiting the Gurkha museum in Pokhara

By WO1 Pete Kinsey



Maj Lalit (GM), WO1 Pete Kinsey & Lt Col Fletcher visiting a Gurkha veteran

# FROM THE FOOTHILLS OF THE HIMALAYAS

A team from 14th Regiment Royal Artillery and King's Gurkha Artillery recently undertook its inaugural Regimental Headquarters trek to Nepal; with the proud purpose of meeting ex-serving Gurkha soldiers and their families, reaffirming the deep bonds shared between serving personnel and the wider Gurkha community. The visit enabled the team to provide meaningful support and feedback to the Gurkha Welfare Trust (GWT), whose tireless work continues to play a vital role in supporting veterans and their families across the region.

## Welfare

Throughout the visit, the team had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the exceptional dedication to the GWT.

Their efforts ranging from community outreach to vital welfare provision to ensure that Gurkha veterans receive the assistance, respect, and care they have earned through decades of loyal service. Engaging with these veterans and their families offered invaluable insight into their daily lives, ongoing needs, and the impact of welfare initiatives delivered on the ground.

## Travel

The trek also provided a rare opportunity for the Commanding Officer, Gurkha Major, and Regimental Sergeant Major to experience the breathtaking landscapes of Nepal. Traversing the foothills of the Himalayas allowed the team to appreciate not only the natural beauty of the country

but also the resilience required to live and travel across such demanding terrain. The route took them through remote communities where steep paths, rugged ground, and dramatic altitude changes form part of everyday life for residents.

This exposure to the challenging geography helped deepen the team's understanding of the realities faced by the Gurkha soldiers' families and the environment that shapes their culture, strength, and spirit. The warmth and generosity with which the team was welcomed made a lasting impression, reinforcing the pride and connection felt between the Regiment and the Gurkha community.

Above all, the trek was an honor and a privilege. Being granted access to the homes, culture, and daily routines of these remarkable people was a humble experience. The team returned with renewed respect for the Gurkha legacy and a stronger commitment to supporting the welfare structures that safeguard the dignity and wellbeing of Gurkha veterans and their families.

The expedition stands as a testament to enduring partnership, cultural understanding, and the shared values that unite the Regiment with the Gurkha community across continents, generations, and the landscapes of Nepal itself.

**Jai KGA**



# King Charles visits Thorney Island in landmark royal return after six decades

*By Maj Roger Bramall*

**King Charles III, our Captain General, was given a rousing welcome, as more than 1,000 RA personnel, families and schoolchildren gathered to mark his first visit to 7th Air Defence Group – an event hailed as one of the most significant at the station in decades.**

Last visited by a reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth II in 1964, the visit showcased both the cutting edge of UK air defence operations and the strength of its service community, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.

A series of immersive demonstrations showcased the technical skill and readiness of our units and the challenges our operators face with the rapidly emerging threats they are facing on four ongoing Ground-Based Air Defence missions across the world.

His Majesty's technical interest and appreciation were evident throughout, with him even taking up the offer to track and simulate an engagement against a Class 2 UAV.

He formally opened the Junior Ranks' newly-refurbished dining facility and then spoke with some of those deployed

overseas via a VTC link, watched on by their families back home.

And he met with Force Atlantic – the heroic four person all junior rank crew from 12th Regiment Royal Artillery that competed in the 3,000-mile 'world's toughest row'.

One of the highlights was the final 'walkabout' the total crowd was about 1,000 from the local community, school children, families and service people before he reboarded the helicopter and flew back to Windsor.

His Majesty's warmth, interest, and encouragement left a strong impression, reinforcing pride in service and strengthening the sense of community across the island.

The entire station can look back on it with real satisfaction. His Majesty The King's visit was not only a significant honour, but an outstanding success—reflecting the professionalism, teamwork, and spirit that defines Thorney Island.



# Digital Fires in the High North: Commando Gunners Train with Norwegian Partners

By Lt Matthew Claridge RA and Sgt Thomas Wilkinson

To ensure 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery is prepared for operations in Mountainous & Extreme Cold Weather (M&ECW) conditions, the Commando Gunners conducted live firing on Exercise White Cannon (WC) during our annual winter deployment. This year we deployed on a regimental scale and focused on interoperability with our Norwegian partners - Battery Nils from the Norwegian Artillery Battalion. This highlighted some challenges, namely in our communications architecture, and involved the amalgamation of various systems to ensure consistent communications to deliver true multi-domain digital fires.

As ever, operating 200 miles deep in the arctic circle, communications were not the only challenge. The terrain and weather conditions caused issues with survivability, and equipment that we rely on to fulfil our core role.

## Fire missions

The Joint Force Commander deployed tactically by Bandvagn 206 (BV206) with the Norwegian JFC to a conveniently placed mountain log cabin that overlooked the training area, providing the ideal location to establish reliable voice and data communication between the Fire Support Teams (FSTs), the Gun Group and Fire Direction Centre.

Fire Missions were then received from the FSTs, culminating in a multinational coordinated illumination mission employing 29's Light Guns, RM mortars, and Norwegian

K9 Howitzers for high explosive effects using digital means only.

## Limited visibility

The Gun Troop deployed tactically under the cover of night utilizing BV206. With limited visibility they established a gun line on challenging terrain, only accessible via a mountain pass. Despite the difficult terrain, the gun group remained ready to promptly respond to calls for fire in temperatures of -30°C.

The Unit's Ammo Troop played a vital role in delivering combat service support, resupplying, and enabling gun detachments to focus fully on their mission during engagement. Alongside them, the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineer (REME) Fitter Section demonstrated exceptional dedication in maintaining an ageing BV206 fleet nearing its semicentennial birthday, from resolving 'simple' lubrication issues and frozen fuel to major failures such as sheared crankshaft pulleys. In plunging temperatures, they kept the fleet moving and operational, resolving 46 significant faults at pace. Recovery operations further tested their skills, notably when a falling tree immobilized an ARO BV206 and temporarily halted range activity. Undeterred, the fitters executed an inventive recovery using felled trees for traction, freeing the vehicle enabling firing to continue.

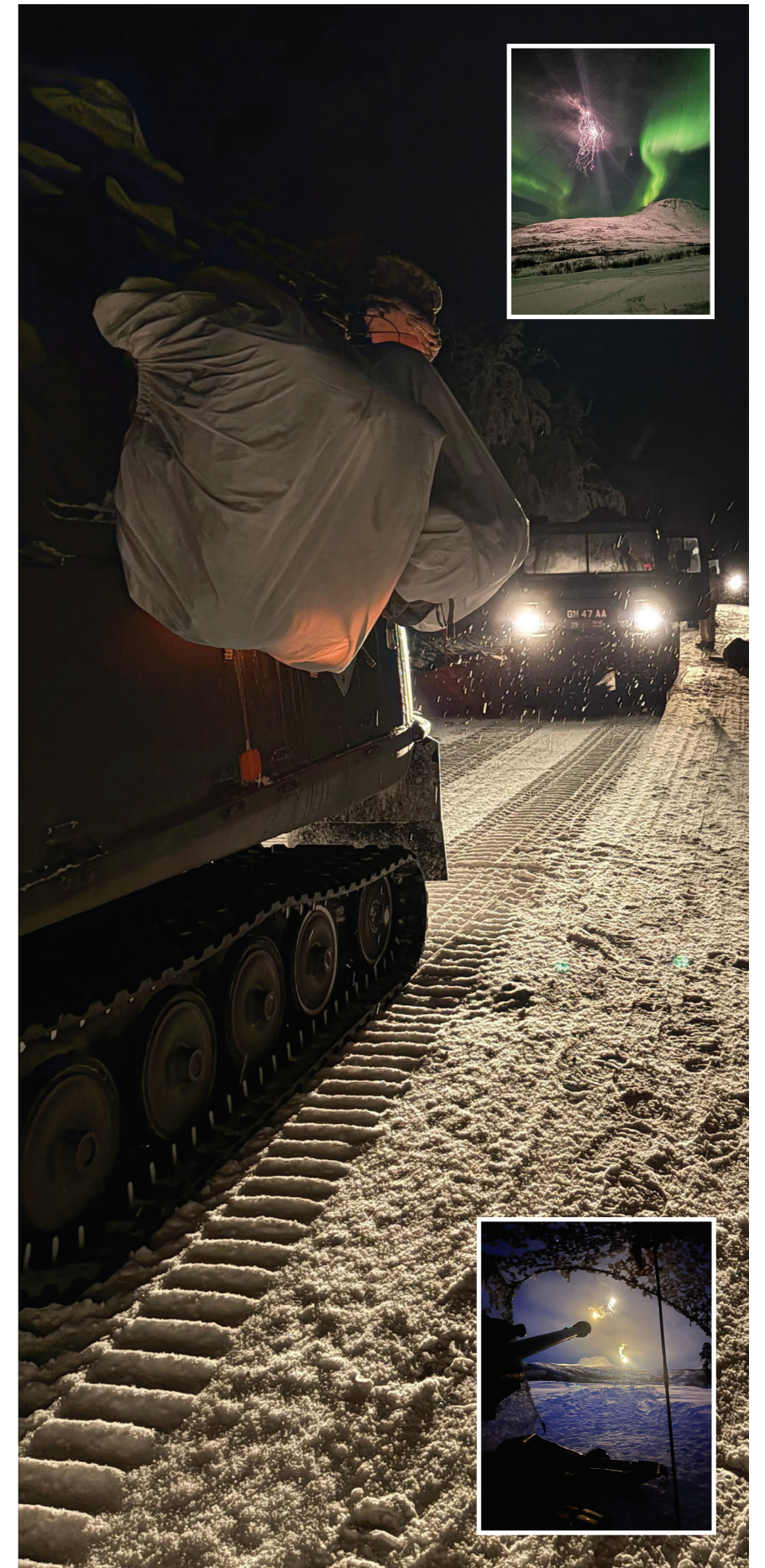
## Resilience

The FSTs undertook a series of challenging tasks designed to validate their ability to deliver fires while operating across a dispersed

and contested battlespace. Teams conducted tactical ski insertions to establish forward Observation Posts, where they observed and tracked enemy movement, and following positive identification, coordinated and integrated live fires. Their ability to balance observation, fire coordination, and Cold Weather Warfare skills under pressure highlighted the resilience and adaptability of the team.

## Challenge

Exercise WC was a test of interoperability across nations and the first Regimental deployment to the High North in 10 years. It challenged every element of 29 Commando along the fires chain. From the FSTs at the target end, calling in and adjusting fires from the Gun Group; to the Echelon and REME enabling the whole activity. We look forward to continued training with our Norwegian counterparts for years to come.





On Gunner Sunday we were honoured to meet two of our newest In-Pensioners Mr Tony Palys MBE and Mr Chris Birtwell. We wish them well in their new home.



Fire support team second-in-command course conducting live danger close fire missions on Salisbury Plain

Lance Bombardier Wilson



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**TIMINGS** Arrive from 6pm, sunset service 7pm, carriages 8pm

**REFRESHMENTS** Drinks and canapés.

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**GUNNER SUNDAY**

Gunner Sunday is our annual day of celebrating our wonderful In-Pensioners' at the Royal Hospital Chelsea. This year, the celebrations began with a parade of the In-Pensioners' and Royal Artillery Standard Bearer's, inspected by: the Duty Governor Physician & Surgeon, Fergus Keating; Duty Officer, Lt Col (Retd) de de Watts; Colonel Commandant London, Anglia and E Midlands area, Maj Gen Neil Marshall OBE and Regimental Colonel, Col Paddy Farrell OBE.

The parade was followed by Choral Matins in the Chapel and a curry lunch in the In-Pensioners Club.



**ROYAL ARTILLERY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

The Royal Artillery Association will be at the National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas on Saturday 4th July. All members of the Royal Regiment of Artillery and their families are welcome to attend. Please find further details of the events – [www.thegunners.org.uk/events](http://www.thegunners.org.uk/events)



**SOUTH PEMBROKESHIRE BRANCH**

Recently membership has increased with members joining who served with 12 Regt RA, 1 RHA, 36 Regt RA, 104 Regt RA and associate members from the Royal Welsh. The Branch use the facilities of the British Legion in Milford Haven, and we are very grateful for the support.

The Branch held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) in February; President (Peter Roberts), Chairman (Chris Roberts), Secretary (Jim Anderson), Treasurer (John Sliwka) and Welfare Officer (Charlie Muston). The meeting culminated in a talk by Barry John MBE, the Founder of the VC Gallery (who have branches in Haverfordwest and Pembroke Dock). Barry, who is from Neyland in Pembrokeshire, served over 25 years with the Infantry and completed tours all over the world.

Looking forward into 2026 the Branch hope to visit its affiliated Battery – 12 AA (Minden) Battery RA in August on the anniversary of Minden Day. It is also hoping to join Newport RAA which is organising a battlefield tour in October. Members will be attending the RA Assembly in Blackpool in May, especially to see our Chairman and Standard Bearer receive their well-deserved Gold Lapel Badges in recognition for their long and outstanding service to the Branch.

The Royal Artillery Association was established on 26 May 1920 by the RA War Commemoration Fund to create a 'Gunner Friend' network organisation in every part of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth



14 (COLE'S KOP) BATTERY  
16 REGIMENT ROYAL ARTILLERY

14 (Cole's Kop) Battery hosted a Heritage Day and Reunion. Designed to strengthen Battery and Gunner identity by bringing together serving personnel, veterans, and their families, reinforcing the enduring bonds within the Battery.

The Royal Artillery Association (RAA) provided £620 in support of the event. The RAA distributes over £150,000 annually in support of Community Welfare, with a focus on assisting the veteran community through the RAA Branch network—of which all active Batteries are Branches—and through activities that unite serving and retired members of the Gunner family, such as the Royal Artillery Assembly, Remembrance events, Sandown, and commemorations at the National Memorial Arboretum. Of this funding, more than £40,000 is allocated each year directly to Batteries and Regiments to support events that enhance unit cohesion and strengthen relationships between serving soldiers and the veteran community.

**Please donate to the Royal Artillery Charitable Fund & Association**

**More than £1m is granted annually – and you only need to have served for one day in the Royal Artillery to be part of our family for life; “Once a Gunner, always a Gunner”.**

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**CORNWALL CUP WINNERS**

The Cornwall Cup is awarded at the Regimental Conference in Spring to the Regiment, Gunner establishment or sports club that raises the most funds in the previous year for the RACF.

The funds can either be raised by a Regiment, a Battery or an individual or group of individuals on the posted strength of a Gunner unit or belonging to an RA Sports Club.

The award is based on funds received by Artillery House from 1st January through to 31st December. Totals are as at 31st December each year.

The results this year are:

- 1st – 32 Regiment - £3934.38
- 2nd – 12 Regiment - £2168.75
- 3rd – 47 Regiment - £1856.26

The RACF is extremely grateful for the efforts of all those units who have been able to raise funds for the charity, in addition to the significant sum donated by individuals through the service pays giving scheme each year. Donations such as this enable us to continue to support individual serving and retired members of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, and their families, who are in need, as well as supporting the serving Regiment with grants to support welfare and comradeship.

Many congratulations to 32nd Regiment for raising the largest sum. We would encourage all regiments to consider the RACF when organising sponsored events during the current year - charity begins at home!



# Once a Gunner, always supported



*Lifting pensioners out of poverty, helping soldiers fly home to families in need and funding funerals – how every day we can help*

Since the last issue of this magazine, the Royal Artillery Charitable Fund (RACF) reflects on support provided to our Gunner family; it has helped with 157 cases delivering a total spend of £171,000. On average that is £1,088 per case. Within those cases we helped 22 clients of pensionable age with quarterly grants, bringing them out of pension poverty with a total spend of £36,500. The team work tirelessly helping around 60 clients in need every month we can and must do more!

Some areas we have helped with include 25 serving soldiers and their families providing £41,500 of much needed support. Some key areas include 11 cases for our

Foreign and Commonwealth soldiers returning home for compassionate reasons to countries such as Fiji, Kenya and Ghana. Elsewhere we helped four reserve soldiers with unexpected life events which caused financial distress. Often, our reserve soldiers are impacted more widely as their civilian employment is also affected.

We also provided help towards bereavement needs, funeral costs and respite.

We also contributed £15,000 to help families dealing with life changing disabilities and terminal illness including improving home access and new providing new facilities like wet rooms and equipment such as hoists and adjustable beds.

We can be contacted by email: [RARHQ-RACF-WELFARE-MAILBOX@mod.gov.uk](mailto:RARHQ-RACF-WELFARE-MAILBOX@mod.gov.uk) or via the website - RA Charitable Fund Application - RA Association ([thegunners.org.uk](http://thegunners.org.uk))

## THANK YOUS

‘As ever, thank you! I know it will make a big difference to the XX and their [partner].’ **CO**

‘I would like to thank you very much for your help in my dark times. It has helped me and my little family a lot I could not see through the dark times last year...you have shown me there is still good people out there. Thank you so much you’re all doing a great job, and I wish I could do something to show how much you are all appreciated’ **Veteran**

‘Thank you so much for the extra support you have given XX, by funding a Mattress.

They are aware you funded it and have asked me to express their deep gratitude in enabling XX to be as comfortable as he can be at this testing time. I would also like to thank you for your quick response, especially as time is at a premium for him.’ **Veteran**

‘Thank you so much for supporting my client. The money came into the bank the same day. XX is now settled in his new home and is aware of your support and thanks you very much, he is looking forwards to his new life, Many Thanks’ **Veteran**

# EVENTS

<b>MAY</b>		<b>7</b>
RA SPORTS AWARDS DINNER	LARKHILL	
<b>MAY</b>		<b>15-17</b>
RA ASSEMBLY	BLACKPOOL	
<b>MAY</b>		<b>21</b>
CHARITIES' F&GPC MEETING	LARKHILL	
<b>MAY</b>		<b>26</b>
ARTILLERY DAY	WORLDWIDE	
<b>JUN</b>		<b>4</b>
KGA FORMATION PARADE	LARKHILL	
<b>JUN</b>		<b>18</b>
HAIL & FAREWELL DINNER	LARKHILL	
<b>JUN</b>		<b>24</b>
RA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING	LARKHILL	
<b>JUL</b>		<b>4</b>
NMA SERVICE	STAFFORDSHIRE	
<b>OCT</b>		<b>1</b>
ALANBROOKE LUNCH	LONDON	
<b>OCT</b>		<b>14</b>
RAA NEC MEETING	LARKHILL	
<b>OCT</b>		<b>14</b>
CHARITIES' F&GPC COMMITTEE	LARKHILL	
<b>OCT</b>		<b>23</b>
ALAMEIN DINNER	LARKHILL	
<b>NOV</b>		<b>5</b>
FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE	WESTMINSTER ABBEY	
<b>NOV</b>		<b>8</b>
RA CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE	HYDE PARK CORNER	
<b>NOV</b>		<b>25</b>
RA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT	LARKHILL	
<b>DEC</b>		<b>6</b>
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## LAST POST

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 Glenn Robert Davies March 2026  
 Jim Bisset 30 March 2026  
 Steve Chitty April 2026

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**GIBBS** - John Francis 'Henry' Gibbs passed away on the 3rd November last year. Henry enlisted at the age of 17 in April 1946 and passed out from Sandhurst in October 1948 with a regular commission in the Royal Artillery. He became a senior instructor in gunnery and left the Army in 1977 to pursue a second career having gained a diploma in management studies. He retired in November 1988 after almost ten years as manager of the Northgate Arena leisure centre in Chester. During his 30 year army career he was stationed in Egypt, various locations in Germany (Munsterlager, Verden and Paderborn) and in Singapore, as well as at Larkhill and Bulford. Other postings in the UK included Liverpool, York and Chester.



**WATKINS** - Maj Gen (Retd) G H Watkins CB OBE passed away after a short illness on Tuesday 17th February 2026 aged 92 years at Frimley Park Hospital. General Guy was a Battery Commander in 12 (Minden) Battery RA and went on to command 20th (Heavy) Regiment RA. He was the Royal Hong Kong Jockey club Chief Executive from 1986 to 1996.

## RA Historical Society 2026 Programme

Date and Timings	Event	Subject	Lecturer/Lead	Bookings Close
Wednesday 08 July 1930 hrs	Webinar	Fishguard 1797: The last invasion of Britain	Mr Phil Carradice, Author: Britain's Last Invasion	Sunday 05 July
Friday 18 to Sunday 20 September	Historical Field Tour to Dieppe	The Dieppe Raid 1942. Request Prospectus from Secretary	Maj Magnus Thompson RA	Places available. Book now
Friday 23 October 1045 to 1600 hrs	Shrapnel Lecture Day, Artillery Centre, Larkhill	4 Lectures on Operation SEALION 1940, Defeating the V1, the Cold War and Nuclear Confrontation	Dr Spencer Jones, RA Regimental Historian and other notable speakers	Friday 09 October

These events are open to all Gunners. To register please email Lt Col Clayton, RAHS Secretary: richard.clayton312@gmail.com by the dates shown

All Gunners are eligible to join the Society. Please contact the Secretary for details.



# An Officer of the British Army of the Rhine has fallen



Major Richard William Frederick Hutt TD\* RA(V) BSc MBA FRICS died suddenly on January 8th 2026 whilst visiting France, overcome by sepsis. He was a very proud Gunner with 27 years Service, much of it as a Field Ordering Officer (FOO) with 266 (Gloucestershire Volunteer Artillery) Battery Royal Artillery, "The GVA": in his day one of three Independent UK based Observation Post Batteries each tasked with supplying eighteen Operational Post Parties to Field Regiments in British Army of the Rhine in time of War.

**Shot down**

Richard was born in Newmarket, the son of Winifred and Donald, who served as an RAF Navigator in the World War II, and who was shot down in the Italian Campaign, enduring brutal treatment before repatriation. After the Perse School

Cambridge, Richard trained as a Chartered Surveyor at Bristol Polytechnic where he joined Bristol University Officers' Training Corps, collocated with the Generic Vehicle Architecture (GVA) at the Artillery Ground in Clifton. Commissioned in 1978, Richard joined the GVA, progressing from the Gun Troop and Recruiting Officer, to FOO.

**Career**

When the Berlin Wall fell the Battery's role reverted to a Field Battery and Richard transferred to the All Arms Watchkeeper Pool at Central Vehicle Headquarters Royal Artillery: a post he held until 2005 when, recommended for promotion to Senior Officer One Air Defence, that post was eliminated in further cuts to the order of battle. With a young family and his own Chartered Surveying Practice, Alpha Browett Taylor in the City of London, he reluctantly retired from Military Service.

**Funeral**

At his funeral 12 Officers under Command Captain Bishnu Ghale RA, Late Gurkha, formed an Honour Guard, for he was the most delightful and generous of men, and a great funster and loyal friend.

In 1986 Richard had the great fortune to marry Caroline,

younger daughter of the late Captain Brian Hutchings RN and his wife Patricia, who as a Naval daughter knew all about duty and steadfastly supported him throughout their marriage. Caroline survives him with their sons Nicholas, working in the family business, Christopher, an RAF Officer, and Marcus his brother, who together saw him through the great stress when he was defrauded, during an enforced hospital stay, by an employee subsequently jailed for four years.

**GET YOURSELF CHECKED**

The family asks that all who receive Bowel Cancer Screening Tests use them immediately. If as a consequence, just one life is saved, then the great loss of Richard will not have been in vain. The NHS invites all people aged 50-74 years for bowel cancer screening and sends home testing kits.



# Former Artillery Officer awarded MBE for improvements in safety at Northern Ireland Prison:



Lieutenant Colonel William James Collings MBE RA enjoyed Sandhurst but was pleased that at 18 he had joined the Royal Artillery as a Gunner, so learned much about soldiering before becoming an officer.

**Serving tours**

He joined 45 Field Regiment from the YO's Course at Larkhill then served in Malaya and Borneo during the Indonesian Confrontation. Other Regimental tours included time with 19 Field Regiment and 25 Field Regiment both in Germany and Catterick, which included tours in Northern Ireland. It was during his first tour in NI that he devised a plan, which was implemented and which improved safety for Crumlin



Road Prison Officers. For that he was awarded an MBE.

**Influential Officer**

Larkhill featured large from time to time, but more varied tours included the Junior Tradesman's Regiment in Troon; a BEMAT tour in Zimbabwe just after Mr Mugabe became Prime Minister and a 4-year tour in Finland as Defence Attaché.

He retired after a last tour in Larkhill and eventually became Chief Executive of Ravenswood Medium Secure Unit near Fareham, where he changed the culture and expanded the facility.

**Community worker**

Charity work was important to Bill and amongst other things he served on the Salisbury Community Health Council. He also joined the Committee of the Salisbury League of Friends for many years - latterly helping in the sweet shop. A very different role for him, which he greatly enjoyed.

He died in September 2025, aged 85. He is sorely missed by his wife Jenny, his 2 daughters Sarah and Clare and their families. All remember the fun of sharing many of Bill's love of various sporting activities.

**For the Fallen**

by Laurence Binyon

With proud thanksgiving,  
a mother for her children,  
England mourns for her dead across the sea.  
Flesh of her flesh they were,  
spirit of her spirit,  
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill:  
Death august and royal  
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.  
There is music in the midst of desolation  
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle,  
they were young,  
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against  
odds uncounted,  
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left  
grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the  
years condemn. At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing  
comrades again;  
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;  
They have no lot in our labour of the  
day-time; They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes  
profound, Felt as a well-spring that is hidden  
from sight, To the innermost heart of their  
own land they are known  
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we  
are dust. Moving in marches upon the  
heavenly plain, As the stars that are starry  
in the time of our darkness,  
To the end, to the end, they remain.



## Exceptional soldier, leader, and horseman: Lt Col William Dickins



Lieutenant Colonel William Alan Dickins, who has died aged 92, was a soldier of breadth, steadiness, and quiet distinction whose career carried him from post-war Germany to the operational jungles of Borneo and the streets of Northern Ireland. His service was marked throughout by calm professionalism, an instinct for leadership by example, and an unwavering commitment to the soldiers under his command.

Born on 1 January 1934, Dickins was educated at Rossall School before attending Sandhurst, where he was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1955. His early years were spent as a Gun Position Officer with 6th Field Regiment in Germany, part of the British Army's forward presence during the Cold War. He quickly established a reputation for reliability and an assiduous technical competence—qualities that would define his career.

From 1959 to 1962 he served as a Section Commander in The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, mastering the ceremonial precision and horsemanship for which the Troop is renowned, and bringing to bear his accomplishments as a prolific three-day eventer at Badminton and Burleigh Horse Trials.

### Resolve

Yet it was in more demanding operational environments that Dickins' abilities came fully to the fore. As Troop Commander with 4th Field Regiment in the Far East, he undertook an operational tour in Borneo during the Indonesia–Malaysia confrontation, where the challenges of terrain, climate, and counter-insurgency required adaptability and resolve.

Following selection for the Staff College, Camberley, in 1967, his appointment as Staff Officer (Operations) with 3 Commando Brigade, Royal Marines placed him at the heart of joint-service planning. This took him to the Far East and postings in both Hong Kong and Singapore.

### Demanding tour

Promoted to Battery Commander in 26 Field Regiment, Dickins returned to regimental soldiering in the United Kingdom, undertaking two operational tours in Northern Ireland during the early 1970s. These were demanding years, and his steady command

presence earned the respect of both his soldiers and his superiors.

The latter part of his career was spent in a series of significant staff appointments: Brigade Major, Royal Artillery, HQ 2 Division in Germany; Instructor at the Nigerian Staff College, where he contributed to the professional development of an emerging officer corps; and Military Assistant at HQ Allied Forces Central Europe in Holland, supporting high-level policy and exercise planning during a critical phase of NATO's Cold War posture.

### Second career

He retired in 1986 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, however, remarkably, he embarked on a second professional life even before leaving the Army. Studying part-time, he had earned an LLB from London University a year before in 1985, and after retirement he completed his legal training with Parker Bullen in Salisbury, qualifying as a solicitor in 1988. His legal work—spanning probate, conveyancing, and civil litigation—reflected the same diligence and integrity that had marked his military service, so much so that he rose to the level of partner in just a few years before his final retirement.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years Elizabeth (Polly), his four children, and nine grandchildren.



## From Sword Beach to Chelsea: RA veteran and Légion d'Honneur recipient dies aged 101 - Ernest Arthur Boyden



A former RHA soldier, who was presented with the Légion d'Honneur medal after helping liberate France during the Second World War, has died aged 101.

During the fierce campaign on Sword Beach just after D-Day, Ernest 'Ernie' Boyden had to be medically evacuated to Bayeaux – then returned to the UK on a tank landing craft for hospital treatment.

Born in Brixton, London on 14 October 1924, Ernie enlisted at Sheffield into the General Service Corps in May 1943 and completed his basic training with the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

He later transferred to the Royal Artillery and was posted to Rhyl in Wales. After signal training he moved to 4 Regiment Royal Horse Artillery based in Colchester, who had just returned from North Africa.

### Epsom Battle

The Regiment then moved up to Scotland for artillery

practice and then later to Salisbury Plain in preparation for D-Day.

They set sail from Tilbury, Essex, as part of 4th Armoured Brigade, supporting 51st Highland Division and landed on Sword Beach on D+2.

Ernie was deployed as an Observation Post Signaller and they advanced along the coast and prepared for the Epsom Battle - where his actions would earn him the Légion d'Honneur, later presented to him by the then French Ambassador.

### Later career

Following his Army service, he found employment within the tobacco trade until 1970, when he became an Executive Officer HM Customs & Excise London with whom he remained until 1986 when he retired.

### Royal Hospital Chelsea

Ernie joined the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, in March 2006 and was posted to Long Ward 12 which at that time was located in the East Wing as part of Number 3 Company. He was keen to get involved and subsequently undertook the role of a Long Ward representative in 2016, where he attended well over 100 separate external events including a number of events in support of SSAFA.

Following his move into the Infirmary, Ernie was happy to lead a quiet life, and he

enjoyed visits from his family, where he would often be seen walking around the grounds as well as attending the many musical performances and concerts held.

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## Field Promotion Under Fire: The extraordinary career of Geoff Fryatt MBE



Geoff's father and his father's seven brothers all joined 298 Field Regt (Territorial Army) Queen Mary's Regiment, Surrey Yeomanry at King's Road in Clapham between 1935 and 1944 and so Geoff joined as soon as he could, in 1956. He enlisted in the Regular Army in 1960 and soon found himself a new home in 3rd (Air Portable) Regiment Royal Horse Artillery, stationed in Gil Gil, Kenya. 3RHA was trialling the manoeuvrability across soft terrain of 105 mm Pack Howitzers and, from 1962 onwards, 'Shiny' D Battery was deployed intermittently from Kenya to Seederseer Lines, in the West Aden Protectorate.

D Battery provided fire support to the counter-insurgency operation against rebel operations in Aden city (Crater) and the mountains (Radfan). Gunner Fryatt was

the TARA for the D Battery Gunnery Post Officer. On one day the Officer was absent and so Gunner Fryatt performed both roles and issued fire orders to the Battery.

Even the AI explanation of the role is impressive: "The rapid, manual computations performed by Technical Assistants - Royal Artillery (TARAs) and Surveyors represent a pinnacle of mental mathematics applied to ballistic science. At their peak, these specialists achieved near-instantaneous results by internalising complex logarithmic scales and trigonometric identities to solve the Fundamental Problem of Gunnery: converting a target's map location into precise firing data (bearing, elevation, and fuse timing) while accounting for ever-changing environmental variables. The integrated logarithmic trigonometry, vector calculus for wind, and thermodynamics for propellant behaviour, all executed under extreme pressure, to ensure that the first round fired would land on target."

### Promotion

The battery action that day was pivotal in the conflict. The Commanding Officer flew in by helicopter, unheard of in 1962, and 'without reference to Royal Artillery records'

promoted Gunner Fryatt in the field to Lance Bombardier.

An extract from 3rd Royal Horse Artillery Regimental diary records: "The Yemenis opened fire on 3 FRA group with 75mm guns, mortars and machine guns. The CO of the 3rd Battalion, considering that the lives of his men were in danger, ordered the section to open fire. This they did with devastating results! The mortars were silenced and one 75mm gun was destroyed, the barrel had in fact been cut in half ... the CO 3FRA signalled HQ FRA ... Shell Drake shooting beyond all praise ... during this action the GPO was Lance Bombardier Fryatt."

### RSM three times

Geoff Fryatt raced through the ranks, reaching WO2 ten years after enlistment. By 1973 Geoff was the youngest ever RSM in the British Army at the time. He was RSM three times (22 Loc Bty, 94 Loc Regt and Leeds University Officer Training Corps before he had served long enough to take a Late Entry commission.

### Germany and Cyprus

Quartermaster postings to 12 and 22 Air Defence Regiments in Dortmund were followed by a Loan Service tour in Brunei and then Training Major at the Junior Leaders' Regiment Royal Artillery in Bramcote in 2015.



Geoff served as Staff QM at HQ 1 (Br) Corps in Bielefeld, Woolwich and MoD and was awarded the MBE in 1990. His last posting was as Lt Col QM of Episkopi Garrison and he retired in 1996 but kept on serving the local military and expat community. He and Doris led the Army Benevolent Fund Cyprus team to raise record amounts, whilst also enjoying leading walkers through the Cyprus countryside.

He painted and published two guidebooks of trails.

After nearly 30 years in Cyprus, Geoff and Doris returned to the UK in 2021 and settled in Amesbury, where he passed away peacefully on 26 February 2026. A bugler played the last post and reveille at the Memorial Service at the Amesbury Parish Church on 30 March 2026.

Geoff will be remembered for his professionalism, his

warmth and humanity and untiring energy to serve.

Geoff is survived by Doris and their son Alex and their grandchildren Molly and Charlie. Alex and Charlie both followed into the Army and Molly leads in MoD cyber defence.

He leaves behind a legacy of service, leadership and devotion that will be deeply missed but long cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing him.



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REUNIONS

103 REGIMENT ROYAL ARTILLERY: ST BARBARA'S DINNER 26

On 5th December. At 208 Battery, 103 Regt RA, Aigburth Road, Liverpool, L17 9PH. Open to officers of 103 Regiment RA, serving and retired, and their guests. For places, please apply to [Alexander.Lane102@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Alexander.Lane102@mod.gov.uk)

13 HQ BTY (MARTINIQUE 1809) PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS ASSOCIATION (13 PPMA) REUNION

The bi-annual reunion and inaugural meeting of 13 PPMA which includes 13 Fd Bty, 13 HQ Bty and HQ Bty 19 Regiment is to be held on Saturday 23rd May at Bosworth Hall Hotel and Spa, The Park, Market Bosworth CV13 0LP. Cost of the function is £35 per head. Please contact **Bambra Freeman (Barney)** [bambra@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bambra@hotmail.co.uk) or **Jimmy Edge** [jaedge@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jaedge@hotmail.co.uk)

5TH REGIMENT ROYAL ARTILLERY (THE YORKSHIRE GUNNERS): OFFICERS' MESS REUNION

On Friday 4th September 5RA will host a reunion. The event will take place in Marne Barracks, Catterick. This will include a Regimental update focussing on our return to warfighting (including individual Battery stands), food, live music, but most importantly a focus on good conversation between old friends. Invitations will be sent out in due course, but those interested in the event should email [5RA-OMReunion@mod.gov.uk](mailto:5RA-OMReunion@mod.gov.uk) or reach out to **Maj Josh McAleer, BC P Battery**



THE 36TH REUNION OF THE ROYAL ARTILLERY BOYS AND JUNIOR LEADERS' ASSOCIATION

The 36th reunion of The RA Boys and Junior Leaders' Association will take place at the Holiday Inn Coventry M6 Junction 2, over the weekend of 2-4th October.

Full details, contact the **Secretary, Ted McKenzie**, on [exboysra.tn@gmail.com](mailto:exboysra.tn@gmail.com)

EVENTS

ALANBROOKE LUNCH

The next Royal Artillery Officers' Alanbrooke Lunch is on **Thursday 1st October** at the Army & Navy Club, St James's Square, London. Our guest speaker at this lunch is the Minister for Veterans and People, **Louise Sandher-Jones MP**.



Field Marshal Lord Alanbrooke

Drinks 1200. Lunch 1245. The Alanbrooke Lunch Club is open to all Gunner officers, Regular and Reserve whether serving or retired. The lunch is £80 per ticket. The price includes pre-lunch drink, wine and port. A cash bar is available after lunch. The dress code for this event is lounge suits or equivalent. To attend the lunches you must be a paid-up member of the Alanbrooke Club. There is an annual membership fee of £10 but this is waived for serving officers. To join the Club, please

contact [carla.brawn100@mod.gov.uk](mailto:carla.brawn100@mod.gov.uk) Do spread the message among your Gunner friends, and of course you may bring a guest (who may be non-military) or a group of friends you served with. Commanding Officers are asked to encourage and facilitate attendance by their officers.

To purchase tickets:



HAIL & FAREWELL

The next Hail and Farewell will be held at the RA Mess on **Thursday 18th June**. In addition to those newly commissioned Late Entry Officers being dined into the Officers' Mess, all Direct Entry Officers retiring this year, but not serving at Regimental Duty, are welcome to attend, with a partner, as guests of the Regiment. The dress for the event is Black Tie, timings are 1900 hrs for 1930 hrs. Those being dined out are welcome to invite additional guests at their own expense. If you would like to attend, please contact **Carla Brawn** [carla.brawn100@mod.gov.uk](mailto:carla.brawn100@mod.gov.uk) or Tel **0300 160 9714**

RA MUSEUM

The Guns on the Plain Project in Larkhill has received £286,999 in development funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. To visit keep a lookout on their website for open days.



ROYAL ARTILLERY DAY

Artillery Day is our 'birthday'. It marks the founding of the regiment more than 300 years ago and will be celebrated on Tuesday May 26th this year.

King George I issued a Royal Warrant forming the first permanent train of two companies of artillery at The Warren, Woolwich in 1716.

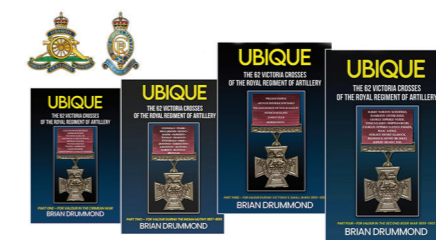
Since that day, we have remained one extended Regimental family. It does not matter how long somebody has served; the timeless adage, 'Once a Gunner, Always a Gunner' drives our welfare support - and just as any family does, we look everyone and anyone when difficulty or crisis looms.

We therefore wish all Gunners, serving and retired, home and abroad, and their families, our best for Artillery Day. Keep your guard up, stay safe and continue to honour our motto,

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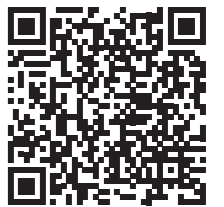


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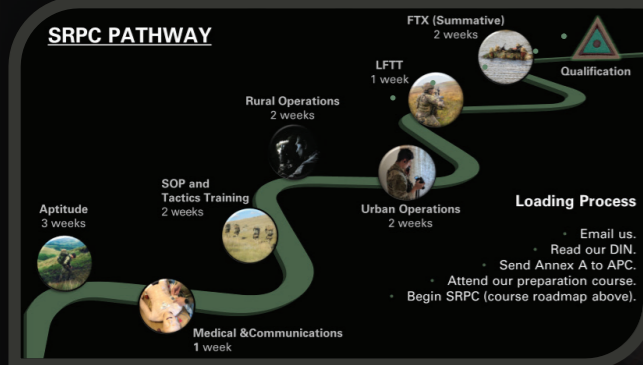


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1952-1959  
GOVERNOR OF THIS  
ROYAL HOSPITAL  
1959-1969

Regimental Colonel, Colonel Patrick Farrell Inspecting

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