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The 1 November Fusilier Newsletter

In this edition, read about commemorating those fallen in Afghanistan, the Lord Mayor of London's Cadet Music Competition, the 20 ABCT Boxing Competition and the unveiling of a new painting in the Fusilier Museum (Bury).

Commemorating Op HERRICK

On the 3rd October in commemoration of those killed during Op HERRICK, flowers were placed at the foot of the Altar within the Regimental Chapel, St Mary's Collegiate Church, Warwick.

Afterwards, an address was given to all those within the Church, then the Last Post and Reveille were played adjacent to the Regimental Sarcophagus.



Those present were Colonel Richard Cariss, Lt Colonel Richard Gale, Majors John Turquand and John Bartlett, Captain Harry Morton, Bugler Richard Stamp and Standard Bearers Graham Cluff and Ade Evans.

Remembering Fusilier Louis Carter

On Afghanistan Day, 4 October, the Warwickshire Fusiliers remembered Nuneaton's Fusilier Louis Carter who fell in Afghanistan aged just 18.

Louis was a former cadet in the Nuneaton ACF Detachment and in the local park there is a play area named after Louis. The memorial stone had faded over the years and the Lord Lieutenant unveiled the new memorial funded by the Regiment.

Murray Richards organised the day and Brigadier Charlie Calder, Louis' CO at the time, read the eulogy.



The Lord Mayor's Cadet Music Competition 2025

The Lord Mayor of London hosted his annual Cadet Music Competition on 12 October. It proved to be an excellent competition with a high standard of

music and four cadet buglers that would put regular buglers to shame.

Winner of the Bugle Competition was Cadet Jasmin Morrison of St Dunstan's College CCF, a Fusilier affiliated CCF.

Winner of the Corps of Drums Competition was the ACF with a good representation of hackles.



Cadet Jasmin
Morrison



Photos courtesy of RFCA for Greater London

Major Edmund Gartside

The Fusilier Museum, Bury, recently unveiled a new painting of former trustee and museum supporter Major Edmund Gartside.

Members of the Gartside family including his wife Valerie Gartside and Edmund's two children, Michael and Vanessa, attended the special unveiling at the museum on Saturday 11 October.

The portrait in oil is hung in the prestigious Gallipoli room in the Museum and was painted by well-known military artist David Rowlands. It also hangs next to the painting of Edmund's father James Brewer Gartside who served with the 6th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers from 1916 – 1940. James was awarded the MC for leading a successful raid on the German trenches in the Second Battle of the Somme. As Commanding Officer of the 6th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers from 1935 – 1940, he received a DSO for his bravery in the rearguard defence of the British Expeditionary Force during the retreat to Dunkirk.



Edmund on the left of his father James

Fishy Fusiliers

Captain Charlie Jenkins, Lt Col James Sayer, Colonel Brian Gorski, Brigadier David Paterson, Lt Col Guy Harnby reunited for the first time since serving with 2 RRF in Norway in 1988. The reunion took place fishing on the River North Tyne in Northumberland.

It is not recorded how many fish were actually caught...



Fists of Iron 2025 — A Showcase of Grit, Skill, and Camaraderie

Tidworth Garrison's Super Gym was alive with energy and anticipation as the 20th Armoured Brigade Combat Team (20 ABCT) hosted the **Fists of Iron** Boxing Event, marking the culmination of an intense week of training and preparation.



Over the course of several days, soldiers from across the Brigade honed their skills, sparred alongside teammates, and pushed each other to peak performance in the lead-up to fight night. The event brought together an impressive lineup of units, including The Royal Dragoon Guards, 5 Rifles, Queen's Royal Hussars, 1 Medical Regiment, 3 REME, 1 Royal Horse Artillery, and 1 FUSILIERS.

On the night itself, the atmosphere was electric. Fighters from every cap badge demonstrated the highest levels of discipline, fitness, and fighting spirit, embodying the teamwork and resilience that define the British Army. While the bouts were competitive, the shared respect and unity among participants truly captured the spirit of the Brigade.

Fists of Iron proved once again to be more than just a boxing event; it was a celebration of physical excellence, regimental pride, and inter-unit camaraderie. With resounding success and strong participation across the Brigade, plans are already underway for the event's return next year, promising an even bigger and better showcase of Army boxing talent.



NOTICES

Deployment memorabilia

The Fusilier Museum (Bury), the official Regimental Museum requests the following items from the following deployments: Northern Ireland, Kuwait, Iraq, Kosovo /Bosnia and Afghanistan:

- ❖ Operational Maps
- ❖ Operational Orders
- ❖ Videos on deployment
- ❖ High quality photographs (with names of people /location / date on back) digital and hard copy.
- ❖ Personal stories / diaries
- ❖ Important items / artefacts / equipment

Please send them to the Fusilier Museum (Bury), care of Ria Bagshaw. Ria can be contacted at:

ria.bagshaw@fusiliermuseum.com

**mob: 07961 030306 or 0161 763 8962 on
Mondays and Fridays**

The Museum address is Moss St, Bury BL9 0DF



Skiing Opportunity for Wounded Veterans

Supporting Wounded Veterans - Engagement Week/Klosters 09/03/26 - 15/03/26

Supporting Wounded Veterans is a registered charity that works with Veterans across all 3 services.

If you are a veteran and might be struggling in civilian life or had service attributable injuries or, suffering mental health as a result of service SWV may be able to assist you going forward using our programmes within the charity.

Why Skiing?

Outdoor activities have always been part of military life and by working with groups of veterans in this kind of setting we can recreate a similar environment to which they are used to. We specialise in adaptive skiing so most injuries can be accommodated.

All ski abilities are welcome.



Criteria?

You must be a veteran, proof of service is required to validate this.

Valid Passport and GHIC card.

Room share. (hotel)

Motivation and Willingness to work with others.

When will the trip take place?

Monday 9th March 2026 – Sunday 15th March 2026

Cost

The flights hotel and accommodation are at no cost to the participant. (including meals)

Travel to and from the UK Airport to home is at your own cost.

overnight hotel prior to flying is at your own cost.

How can I apply?

Click [HERE](#) to Apply

The Forestry Commission Veterans Oaks Initiative

On VJ Day 15th August, the Forestry Commission launched **Veterans' Oaks**, a national initiative to honour the sacrifice of the wartime generation, military and civilian, through the symbolic planting of oak trees across the UK.

An oak tree is a living, powerful reminder of the service and sacrifice of the generation who lived through the war and it is a commitment, and a pledge, to safeguard the natural world for future generations while teaching local communities about the rich lives of their veterans and how the war affected their home town and city.

The Commission is keen to generate momentum at a local level to encourage villages, towns, cities and landowners to grow oak trees and woodlands for the future.

They also want to celebrate the diversity of those who lived through the war; there are 600 species of oak, around 80 of which will

thrive in the UK and some originate from areas where the Second World War was fought.

Whether by planting a single tree, supporting a community grove or growing a wood, or simply spreading the word, your involvement will help create a nationwide canopy of commemoration, celebration and remembrance.

To learn more and express your interest, please visit Veterans-Oaks.org



Fusilier Stories



RHQ have commissioned Major (Retired) John Collicut to produce a number of short films capturing Regimental history both present and past. It can be found at the Fusilier Stories Facebook page. The link is:

<https://www.facebook.com/FusilierStories/>

Regimental Event Reminders

Fusilier Officers Regimental Dinner 2025 - Friday 28 November

The 2025 Fusiliers Officers Regimental Dinner will be held at HM Tower of London, in the New Armouries, London EC3N 4AB, on **Friday 28 November 2025**. As in previous years, it will be a Guest Night.

Enrolment and payment is via Fusilier Connect (see 'Events'). Please do not leave until the last moment to register as the capacity is 140 and cannot be exceeded.

Timings: 1845hrs for 1930hrs

Dress: Black tie. Medals may be worn. Ladies equivalent.

Location: RHQ and the New Armouries, HM Tower of London, London, EC3N 4AB

Regimental Carol Service - Friday 5 December - Save the Date

The Regimental Carol Service, in conjunction with the Fletchers Livery Company, one of our affiliated companies, will be held in the HM Tower of London's Chapel Royal, St Peter Ad Vincula on Friday 5 December. The service begins at 6.30pm and finishes at 7.30pm. It will be followed by a reception in RHQ which will conclude at 9pm.

Look out for details in the next Fusilier Newsletter and on Fusiliers Connect.



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14th August 2025

Dear BUOTC alumnus / alumna,

Reconnecting with the Birmingham University Officers' Training Corps Alumni

I hope you are well. I am writing to you as a former member of the Birmingham University Officers' Training Corps (BUOTC). Whether you left last year or half a career ago, I hope you continue to cherish the memories of your OTC days. I am reaching out to invite you to reconnect with old friends as part of the BUOTC Alumni Network.

As you may fondly remember, the BUOTC is more than another student society. It is a community that fosters personal development and leadership, and BUOTC has launched many a successful career both inside and outside the military. But it also delivers camaraderie and lifelong friendships. My aim is to reinvigorate a dedicated alumni network, allowing reconnection and reminiscing as well as reinforcing the valuable BUOTC connections within your professional network.

As part of this renewal, I intend to organise alumni events; a dinner night will be *de rigueur* and I understand there was previously an annual sports competition that was popular. I would hope that it is these human connections that catalyse the broader, virtual network and that this will serve as a platform for professional connections, offering insights and opportunities across various career fields.

We would love for you to be involved. If you are interested in our network and future events, please don't hesitate to join the Facebook and LinkedIn groups below.

Your involvement will contribute to the enduring legacy in the value of BUOTC membership, and we look forward to welcoming you back into the fold.

Yours,



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The only endorsements / adverts allowed in the Newsletter are those from Fusiliers Direct or those that directly benefit the Regiment.

Obituaries and Deaths

Obituaries are published in the annual Fusilier Journal, not this Newsletter. Significant deaths of Fusiliers during the year are reported by a Notice sent out by RHQ FUSILIERS.



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