

# FUSILIERS NEWS

**Be Tough – Be Infantry – Be Fusiliers**



1 FUSILIERS will  
receive the BOXER  
wheeled combat  
vehicle in 2026/27

OC X Company 1 FUSILIERS and the Battalion EME at 112<sup>th</sup> Stryker Regimental Combat Team in Thailand to learn more about operating wheeled combat vehicles in advance of receiving BOXER

## The 1 July 2026 Fusilier Newsletter

In this edition, read about various commemorations, a range of articles from across the Fusilier family and a variety of sporting wins and achievements.



## Colonel of the Regiment's Congratulations

**T**he Colonel of the Regiment and all Fusiliers congratulate Major Thomas Edward Rutherford on the award of the MBE in the King's Birthday Honours List published on the 12 June 2026.

Maj Gen J Swift OBE  
Colonel FUSILIERS

## 82nd Anniversary of the D Day Landings

**R**epresentatives from the Regiment attended the 82nd Anniversary Commemoration of the D Day landings in Ville D'Arromanches on Saturday 6 June. They also attended a special ceremony and laid wreaths in Lebissey, with representatives from the Fusiliers Club (Warwickshire) also in attendance.

The Lebissey Monument commemorates the 154 Royal Warwickshire Regiment who were killed



or wounded in a fierce battle for Lebissey Wood on 7 June 1944.

## RNF Aden Veterans Association Event

Over 50 RNF and RRF veterans and families attended a wreath laying ceremony at the Fusiliers Memorial at St Thomas the Martyr Church in Newcastle on Saturday 20 June. This was the 59th anniversary when the Aden Police mutinied and killed 22 British personnel in Aden 1967, including nine Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.

Major (Ret'd) Joe Foster presided over the event, followed by a lunch at X Coy 5 FUSILIERS. The day was organised by Harry Carr, Deputy Vice President of the North East Fusiliers Clubs. Members from the Aden Veterans Association also attended.



## Recognising our Fusilier CFAVs

In June at Mercers Hall in the City of London, the Lady Mayor of the City, Dame Susan Langley DBE attended a dinner to recognise the service of our Fusilier **Cadet Force Adult Volunteers**.

The dinner, initiated by Brigadier Jez Lamb and Col (Hon) Gary Langley was aimed at raising awareness of the great work done by the volunteers and to promote the Cadet Expansion Plan.

Guests included scores of Fusilier CFAVs as well as Sector Commandants, Master and Clerks of City Livery Companies and school head teachers.

During the evening, Brigadier Lamb and Col (Hon) Langley promoted engagement with the Army Cadet Force and Combined Cadet Force. Professor Simon Denny spoke about the results of his government directed studies that demonstrate empirical evidence to the benefit of of cadets activities to young people and the wider State.



## Cadet Cambrian Patrol

South West London Army Cadet Force recently returned from the Cadet Cambrian Patrol competition held at the end of May, and the team achieved a fantastic Silver Award overall.

Of the eight cadets who took part, three were Fusilier cadets, all of whom successfully completed the competition weekend. Considering the very limited preparation time available to the team

prior to the event, this achievement is an outstanding reflection of the hard work, resilience and determination shown by both the cadets and the staff who supported them throughout the training and competition period.



## 20 Brigade Iron Fist Challenge

The 20 Brigade Iron Fist Challenge proved to be an outstanding event, strengthening teamwork, morale, and camaraderie across the wider Adjutant

General Corps family through a series of demanding competitions.



The 1 FUSILIERS Detachment emerged as the overall winners among all participating detachments — continuing

strong form following the previous competition hosted by QRH on 20 May 2025, when the Fusiliers Detachment were placed first across all events in the competition.

A great result built on teamwork, professionalism, and competitive spirit.

## 5 FUSILIERS in action



The Fusilier Band was seen at their summer concerts in Wolsingham and at RAF Boulmer



A Company 5 Fusiliers recent campaigns



## Recruiting now...

**X** Company 5 FUSILIERS, based in Jesmond, Newcastle Upon Tyne, are actively recruiting - whether it's as a Fusilier or as an Officer. Drop in any Tuesday night 1930 - 2130 and take a look at what we do...



## Best Educator Award

**T**he Worshipful Company of Educators, a Livery Company of the City of London, is affiliated to the Defence Academy of the UK. Each year the Company makes an award to the Best Educator at the Academy.

On 2 June the Best Educator award was presented to Lt Col Jonathan Stott FUSILIERS. Jon is part of Defence Capability Management School (DCMS), Technology Integration Team. The citation for his award highlighted that:

*"...his commitment to course content development has ensured that educational outcomes remain aligned to the future needs of Defence, all on a backdrop of a 50% workforce shortage. Most notably, his work has resulted in a seismic change to the syllabus and delivery of the Battlespace Technology Course (BTC); an MSc level course that prepares graduates for the challenges of implementing, integrating and managing capabilities within the modern battlefield."*



**Prof Simon Denny  
presenting the prize to Lt  
Col Jon Stott**

## The Fusilier London Volunteer Museum

**O**n a visit to C Company 5 FUSILIERS at Balham on Tuesday 2 June, Major General Johnathan Swift and Lt Col Ian McGuire, CO 5 FUSILIERS had chance to visit the Fusilier London Volunteer Museum (FLVM).



**Col of the Regt**

Both were surprised at this hidden treasure of London Volunteer history.



**CO 5 FUSILIERS**

# SPORT & COMPETITIONS

## Running the Ultrathon

**J**ohn McCowliff and Nathan Jackson, Darren Robinson and 'Fallsy', have run the ultrathon from Bamburgh to Tynemouth Priory. A distance of over 60 miles.



## Fusiliers Golf

The Fusiliers Golf Society (FGS) team of both serving Fusiliers and veterans played in the Queen's Division Triangular match against the PWRR



and the R ANGLIAN yesterday at Melton Mowbray Golf Club.

In miserable weather - see photo - the FGS fought a hard match but were placed second a couple of points behind the R ANGLIAN.

## Fusiliers on the Run

**I**n early June, the 1 FUSILIERS Running Team competed at the Armed Forces Inter-Service & Corps 10km Championships in Nottingham.



Competing in the new Fusilier Running Team kit, runners also represented their respective Corps, with Sgt Sophie Smith securing Gold with the RAMS Female Senior Team.



There were strong performances across the team, including LCpl Hodor, who finished 2nd among AGC runners.

The Infantry results were:

- CSgt Urwin — 10th overall, 2nd Veteran
- Gardiner — 11th
- LCpl Hill — 12th
- Fus Calderwood — 13th

Next up is the Newcastle Half Marathon on 12 July, where the team hopes to field a combined 1 and 5 FUSILIERS team

## Nigel Benn honoured

**F**ormer Fusilier Nigel Benn was inducted into the Boxing Hall of Fame at the weekend in the USA. At the event, he was also presented with the Regimental Medal of



Merit for services to Fusilier boxing and as an advocate for the Regiment and how it helped him.

## The Summer Spine Race

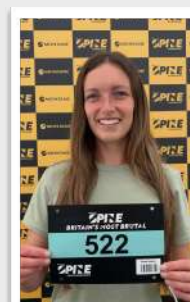
**I**n mid June, Musician Emma Coleman, one of 5 FUSILIERS Band's clarinet players, took part in the Summer Spine Race Challenge, a 160 mile race across the Pennines.

The race started at 6pm on Sunday and, with just one hour of sleep, she finished 53 hours and 52 minutes later on Tuesday evening in Kirk Yetholm.

This amazing feat of endurance saw her take second place in the woman's race and 13th overall. Congratulations on a huge achievement.



At the start...



..at the end

## Passing the Boxing Officer baton

**1** FUSILIERS Boxing Team Coaches attended the Annual Army Boxing Awards Dinner Night. Lt Col Chris Shaw, CO 1 FUSILIERS was in attendance. It was great to see dedicated athletes recognised and awarded for their achievements. Maj McCowliff was awarded the last award of the evening, a special recognition award for services to boxing. He was presented the award by Col Chris Head, who whilst CO in 2020, appointed Maj McCowliff as the Boxing Officer on commission.

Capt Chris Mills (MTO) assumes the role of 1 FUSILIERS Boxing Officer and will continue to lead the team to greatness.



Capt Mills, Maj McCowliff,  
Col Head

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