

FUSILIERS NEWS

Our hackle - the badge of history and heroes



The Regiment
has a Museum
in each of its
four traditional
areas

Fusilier Museum (Warwick) staff and volunteers using techniques for condition assessment, cleaning, mounting, and storing textiles

The 1 October 2026 Fusilier Newsletter

In this edition, read about 1 FUSILIERS sporting successes, 5 FUSILIERS training and sports, the new Lancashire Fusilier website, and stories from the Fusilier family.

1 FUSILIERS

Army Mountain Bike Major Unit Series Winners

An excellent finish to the season for the 1 FUSILIERS Mountain Bike Team, securing the Army Major Unit Series title.

The final round saw Cpl Currie take 1st place in the Female category, while Cpl Mason took 3rd in the Hardtail category.

These results capped off an outstanding season for both riders:

- ◆ Cpl Currie - Overall Female Season Winner
- ◆ Cpl Mason — Overall Hardtail Season Winner



Cpl Mason



Cpl Currie



A superb season from the whole team.

Army development boxing team 2026

The Fusiliers still have representation in the Army Boxing team. Fus Woodman is on his third season coaching with the Development team, and is moving onto the coaching staff with the Elite boxing team this year.

Fus Thompson, who was on the 1 FUSILIERS boxing team last season, has come over as a Development boxer this year and has had one bout so far wearing Army strips, and is boxing in the UKAF finals next week.



100km - 18 hours - One team

At 0730 on Saturday 12 September, four members of 1FUSILIERS crossed the start line of Trailwalker 2026 — taking on 100km in support of the Gurkha Welfare Trust.

18 hours, 32 minutes and 15 seconds later, they crossed the finish line, placed 125th out of 349 teams.

- Sgt S Smith ©
- Sgt M Beck
- Pte R Fitsimons
- Fus M Calderwood

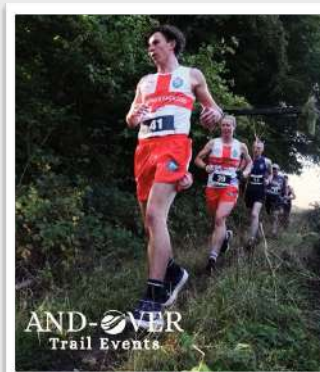
The team were backed throughout by support crew CSgt W Bolger and Fus C Payne.



Trail Half Marathon

On Saturday 5 September, four Fusilier runners took on the And-Over Military Cup Trail Half Marathon, securing an impressive 4th place team finish.

- Fus Calderwood - 18th | 1:45
- Cpl Carman - 20th | 1:45
- Sgt Smith - 22nd | 1:46 | 1st Female
- Fus Gardiner - 27th | 1:48



A strong team performance across a demanding trail course, with Sgt Smith taking the top spot in the female category.



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C Company training

C Company has recently deployed and consolidated their skills and drills over a number of areas, refining and revising in each area that they were taught on; ensuring slick, smooth drills before moving to the next lesson. The areas of focus were:

- Section Attack Lanes
- Recce Patrols
- Drone Capabilities
- Night Vision Capabilities Orders

The training consolidated in a Platoon Attack within an urban environment with peer on peer equipment, testing the Company's skills.



5 Fusiliers were recently on a training exercise in Estonia, working with other NATO nations such as the United States



Congratulations to Fusiliers Clark, Phillip, Kay and Derrough who passed out at the Combined Foundation and Battle Camp in Northern Ireland. An outstanding achievement and another 4 new members to join the Fusilier family

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

LCpl 'Watty' Watt from Z Company based in Bury, Manchester recently took part in the Front Line Services Championship where he competed as a Blue Belt in the 94.5kg Category fighting Gi and No-Gi (*Gi is the traditional suit*).

Unfortunately LCpl Watt lost the Gi match by submission, however he came back strong and won his No-Gi by submission.

He then moved to the finals and ended up 2nd overall.

Outstanding effort by LCpl Watt representing not only his Company but also the Battalion in an enduring day of martial arts, displaying courage and strength.



LCpl Watt in Silver 2nd Place overall



PEOPLE AND PLACES

The new Lancashire Fusilier website

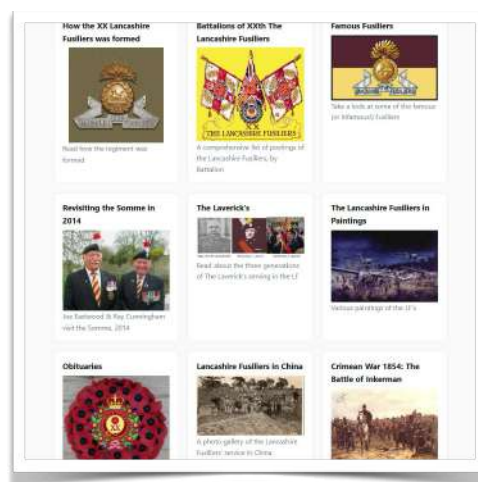
Sam White, a friend of the Fusiliers in Bury, and IT professional, writes:

In 2024 I was researching an old Allied Victory Medal medal I'd come across from WW1.

This led me to the Lancashire Fusiliers volunteer website. The team there gave me a lot of information on the person behind the medal. It belonged to Albert Chorley, from Manchester. He was relatively unknown and sadly died in the Somme. It was fascinating stuff and I was grateful to the research team for their assistance.

I created an online 'mini-memorial' website for Albert. A place to collate all the information we'd discovered about

this person, and in some optimistic hope that perhaps one day, I could perhaps reunite it to a descendent of Albert's, however unlikely.



A sample page from the new website

Albert's website highlighted a problem. Since the death of the previous webmaster, access to the old website was a long drawn-out process. Together with Geoff Pycroft, the researcher at the website, we managed to get access.

Geoff needed help with the technicalities of website management so I was happy to assist.

However, in August 2026, with aging volunteers, health issues and increasing website hosting costs Geoff made the



The Bill Dean page

hard decision to close the old website down.

I knew the value of the website, what it meant to everyone involved, and the significant amount of historical data it held. I could not let all that fade away so I offered to host it and modernise it. For example, so people could view and navigate it easily on tablets and mobile phones. The site is now relaunched as www.lancashire-fusiliers.co.uk

The full migration is still in progress, but updates are happening on a weekly basis, adding stories and features. We've

also included a messaging board so that LFs old and new can make connections or make contributions.

Myself and Geoff want the Fusilier family to know that this Lancashire Fusilier website lives on its new guise. Take a look, and give us feedback, suggestions, corrections or new articles.

Please note that this new website is not managed by, or linked to RHQ FUSILIERS. Any feedback should be directed to the website admin, not RHQ. Contact details are on their About Us page.

Lt Col Nick Beswick's 1,000,000 steps

Nick stepped up for the Diabetes UK Million Steps Challenge this summer to support the 5 million people in the UK who live with diabetes, day in day out. He clocked up 1 million steps with time to spare and saw many birds along the way!

You can help too, just by making a donation. Like Nick, many of you will know family or friends who suffer from diabetes. Did you know someone is diagnosed with diabetes every two minutes?

Diabetes UK are on a mission to create a world where diabetes can do no harm by funding vital research into life-changing treatments and providing support to help people to live better with diabetes. But they need our help. No matter how much you can give, it will make a difference. So please donate today. Here's the link:



Nick Beswick with his 1M Step medal

<https://donate.justgiving.com/fundraising/nicholass-million-steps-challenge>

Charity bike ride

On Sunday 27 September, MindfulStep co-founder and Fusilier veteran Geoff Green will set off from Alnwick Castle on a 683km cycle ride, finishing at the Tower of London on Monday 5 October.



He's taking on the crazy challenge to raise vital funds for the Fusiliers Aid Society, Mindful Step CIC and the British Legion. To donate, his link is on Fusiliers Connect.

The eight days on the saddle with a rest day at Lilleshall will take in the sights of Catterick Garrison, Settle, Bury, Warwick, Henley and then RHQ at The Tower of London.

Fusiliers v The Mercers' Company Golf Match

The annual golf match between the Regiment and The Mercers' Company was held at The Berkshire Golf Club near Ascot on Wednesday 16 September.

The Fusiliers 10 player team was made up of 6 serving and 4 retired golfers. It was probably the strongest Fusilier Golf team ever assembled. The five 1st Fusiliers gladiators had an average handicap of 3.6 !

However, the Mercers' always field a delightfully competitive team and with the handicaps applied it was likely to be a hard fought contest. And so it proved. But the end result was a 3 - 2 win for the Fusiliers, to secure the Mercers' trophy for a second successive year. Both the weather and the course conditions couldn't have been better.

The Commanding Officer, Lt Col Chris Shaw joined us for the famous Berkshire lunch, together with WO1 (RSM) Shambayati, OICs Golf Maj (QM) Gaz Bowen and WO2 Harrison. At lunch, the CO gave a brief talk on the Battalion and the wider Army, providing an insight that was welcomed by the Mercers.



The Fusilier team Serving: Capt Chris Mills, Fus Harry Ben, Cpl Niki Sutton, CSgt James Grigg, LCpl Callum Eke, Maj Nathan Morley. Retired: Paul Ormesher, Alastair Young, Isabel Thomson, Charlie Bishop.

NOTICES

112th Anniversary of 1st Battle of the Marne 1914 - Annual Association Event 10-14 September 2026

"This year's annual Marne event was the best ever with an enjoyable long weekend in France, based in Epernay. It was greatly enjoyed by 44 Fusilier veterans and two LCpls from the 1st Battalion.

In addition to attending ceremonies commemorating the great allied victory in the Marne battle in September 1914, we remembered the fallen from all four antecedent regiments of the FUSILIERS who took part in the epic encounter.

The social and comradeship element was outstanding to say the least. Difficult not to have a good time in the Champagne region of France...

Next year's dates are 2027 dates are 9 to 13 September 2027"



Richard Adams

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