



## Regimental Matters

### Hardy Close Unveiling



On Saturday 2 April at a poignant and moving ceremony at Hardy Close in Chelmsford, in remembrance of the late L/Cpl Scott Hardy, who was killed in action on 16 March 2010 in Afghanistan. The event was attended by the Mayor of Chelmsford and supported by members of Scott's family, his nephew, Private Mason Godfrey, a serving Viking helped unveil the sign along with members of the Vikings who served with Scott. Colonel Charles Thomas, County Colonel of Essex represented the Regiment.



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- Maj N J P McGinley Nov 2015

Reg C (LE)

- Maj A J Buxton Nov 2015
- Capt L A Waghorn Nov 2015

IRC

- Capt F A Eaton Nov 2015
- Capt T J W Green Nov 2015
- Capt W R Hoy Nov 2015

Ist Clasp to VRSM

- LCpl C J Cox

LS and GCM

- Sgt S Mercer
- OCdt J A Mattin to be 2Lt Dec 2015

Retirements

- Lt Col A C E Marinos Jan 2016
- Capt T M Duncalfe Jan 2016



## Diary Dates

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May 2016

- 1 Chapel Sunday
- 3 Freedom Parade Uppingham
- 4 Lincoln Freedom Parade
- 14 WOs and Sgts Past and Present
- 27 Regt Battlefield Tour & Pilgrimage

June 2016

- 5 Chapel Sunday
- 17 Regimental Representative Event ARC Cambridge
- 19 Leicester Parade and 7th Bn Queens Colour Laying Up
- 26 Salamanca Day Memorial Warley



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# 1st Battalion (The Vikings)

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## RSMs Changeover

This week the Regimental Sergeant Major of the Vikings changed hands from WO1 Alex George to WO1 Steve Armon. The role of the most senior serving soldier in the battalion is all-encompassing but includes upholding discipline, standards and bearing; providing advice to the Commanding Officer both in camp and on operations; managing the careers of aspiring SNCOs; and all things ceremonial. This is to name but a few. Thank you very much to Alex George for his service, it has been a great two years which included our time in Kabul and Mali on operations; he will be sorely missed. We now welcome Steve Armon as he steps into the fold as the new Vikings RSM.





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## 2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

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The Poachers Boxing Team have been training in the Peak District, getting ready for the Inter-Unit Boxing Semi Finals against 2 PARA.





# 3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

## Battalion Training Weekend Steelback Thunder 16



### Battalion Skill At Arms Meeting

The Battalion held a Skill at Arms Competition at Beckingham Ranges, Lincolnshire during the Weekend of 15-17 Apr 16. 145 officers/soldiers took part in the weekend which saw a variety of shoot taking place from 'Soldiers Under Training' familiarisation shoots to the 'Section Advance to Contact' match. Overall winners of both the Annual 'Roberts Trophy' and the Skill at Arms Competition were Headquarter Company. During the presentation the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Spiers also awarded 3 recruits with their Regimental Stable Belt for completing the final part of their recruit training; the 'Combat Infantry Cadre'.



## Lincoln 10km Race

19 Soldiers from the Battalion departed the Battalion Skill at Arms Competition early on Sunday morning to take part in the Lincoln 10k race. The soldiers, all carrying weighted day-sacs, completed the event in squadded formation to raise awareness of ongoing efforts to grow a Rifle Company in Lincoln and Grimsby.



## Steelback RSM Handover

Warrant Officer First Class (RSM) Witkowski (right) handed over the Regimental Sergeant Major appointment to Warrant Officer First Class (RSM) Greenhill (left) during the Battalions Skill at Arms competition at Beckingham Ranges on 16 April 2016.



# Military Benevolent Charities

## Military Veterans to Kickstart Goals 15 May Stowmarket



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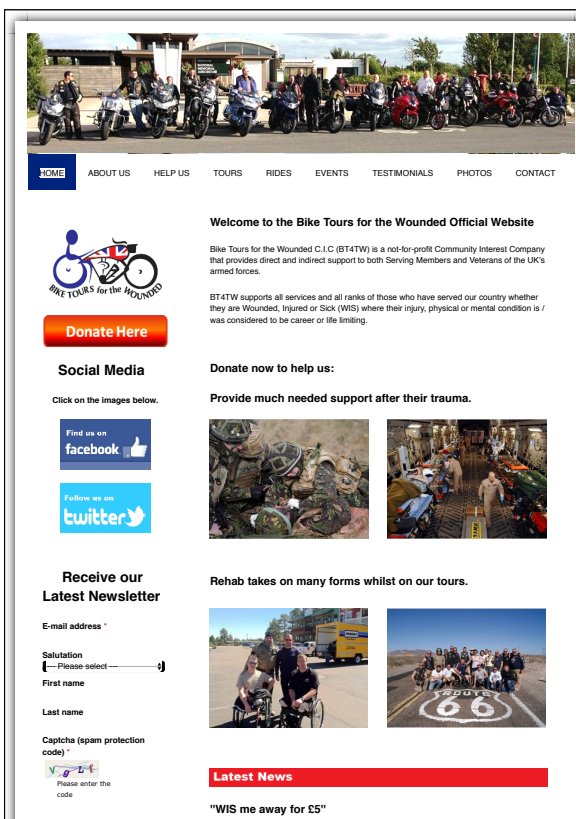
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### Support centre for military families opens at old Norwich barracks

Thousands of armed forces veterans and their families are to be given a vital lifeline, with the opening of a new support centre at a former Norwich barracks. In the first project of its kind in the UK, all of the region's military charities will be represented under one roof to provide help with issues such as mental health, housing and jobs. Major Bob Grenfell attended the event on behalf of the Regiment. The Britannia Veterans' Centre, in Britannia Road, Norwich has been hailed as "a game-changer for Norfolk". It is next to Norwich Prison on the former Britannia Barracks site, which was the home of the Royal Norfolk Regiment.

