

## Regimental Matters

### Invitation to the Regimental Day on Sunday 4 September 2016

All members of our Regimental family are warmly invited to attend their Regimental Day at Duxford on Sunday 4 September 2016. We look forward to seeing you and your families for a family Regimental Day. The outline timings are below;

- 0930 hours Gates Open.
- 1100 hours Muster for Drumhead Service, please be seated by 1115 hours.
- 1120 hours Standards March On.
- 1130 hours Drumhead Service at Regimental Memorial.
- 1230 hours Bars and Stalls open. Picnic tables will have been set out for picnics.
- 1500 hours Beating Retreat at the Regimental Memorial.
- 1700 hours Bars and Stalls close.



As usual, there will be no charge for your entry to the Regimental Day, however contributions towards the Royal Anglian Benevolent Fund will be gratefully received. No tickets will be issued, but access will be on production of Association Membership cards, replacement cards are available from RHQ. Car parking will be clearly signposted as you arrive at IWM Duxford , CB22 4QR.

### Major Tony Jones' Farewell Lunch

On the 6th July a farewell lunch, with a wide range of Regimental guests and family was held at the Colchester Garrison Officers' Club to bade farewell to Major Tony Jones after 47 years of service to the Regiment, both in and out of uniform. The Colonel of the Regiment delivered a very heartfelt speech that left Tony, almost lost for words. Tony will be missed by all members of the Regiment for his valuable and considerate service.



### Appointment

The Regiment congratulates Maj P C Moxey (Lt Col 17) on his forthcoming appointment as CO 1 R ANGLIAN in April 2018

### Gazette Extracts June 2016

#### IRC (LE):

- WO1 M J Ielden to Capt Apr 16
- WO1 S D Graham to Capt May 16

#### SSC:

- Lt FA Eaton to Capt Aug 15
- Lt J R Snoddon to Capt Sep 15
- 2Lt H F J C Johnston to Lt Apr 16

#### Retirement

- Capt M Revell Apr 16

## Diary Dates

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**August 2016**

1	Minden Day Bury St Edmunds
7	Chapel Sunday Warley
13	Blenheim Day
14	Beds & Herts Association Day

**September 2016**

3	Regimental Rugby Colchester
4	Regimental Day IWM Duxford

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# 1st Battalion (The Vikings)

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## Vikings Battlefield Tour



This week the Battalion deployed to Spain and Portugal to study the battles fought by our forebears in 1809-1812. The highlight being standing on the site of the taking of the 62nd Regiment's Eagle by the 44th Regiment on the 22nd July 1812 at the battle of Salamanca. It is uncertain the last time our Regiment stood on the site of the Eagle taking but it is probably the only time in our lifetime.

“We have been fighting on this planet for 5000 years and we should take advantage of their experience. “Winging it” and filling body bags as we sort out what works reminds us of the moral dictates and the cost of incompetence in our profession. As commanders and staff officers, we are coaches and sentries for our units: how can we coach anything if we don’t know a hell of a lot more than just the TTPs? What happens when you’re on a dynamic battlefield and things are changing faster than higher HQ can stay abreast?” General Mattis USMC



# 2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

## Exercise Poacher's Spokes (Road Cycling - John O'Groats to Paris) 13-25 July 2016

A team of Poachers is undertaking the huge endurance challenge of cycling from John o' Groats to Paris, to coincide with the conclusion of the final stage of the Tour de France. It will involve eleven stages back to back, covering distances of up to 140 miles over a period of eleven days, really challenging the physical and mental strength of all participants.

The ride will raise money for Partner West Africa which compliments all of the work 7 Infantry Brigade and The Poachers have conducted in that area.

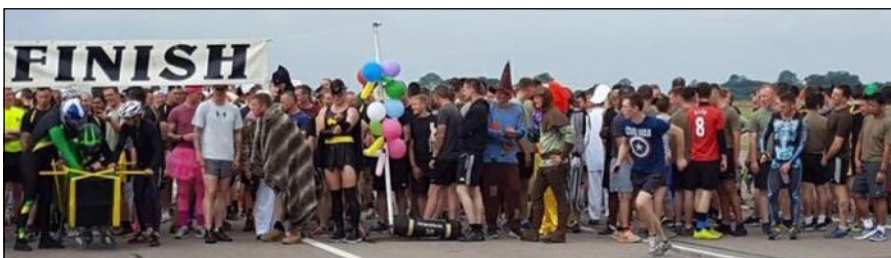
Partner West Africa (PWA) is a UK registered charity (Charity Number 1152479) which has education as its focus. This includes the education of individual West African children and the fostering of educational partnerships between schools in the UK and in West Africa. If you or any of your friends would like to support this fantastic cause, please share this post or visit our 'just giving' page:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/poachers-spokes](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/poachers-spokes). You can also follow the progress of our Poachers on the twitter account, "@PoachersSpokes" and help get the hashtags; #JOGP and #haveagel out into the public domain.



## Runway FunRun

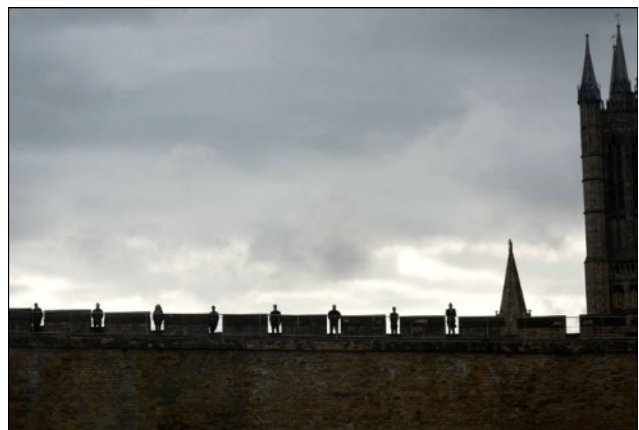
Poacher Runway FunRun with 7 Regt RLC and the Kendrew Barracks families, in some crazy fancy dress...



# 3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

## Somme 100 Lincoln Castle

3 Royal Anglian soldiers from Lincoln and Grimsby took part in the Somme 100 event at Lincoln Castle. One hundred years on since the bloodiest day in British Army History, people paused to remember the fallen at a special ceremony at Lincoln Castle. After a poignant two minutes' silence, whistles were blown in a haunting and otherworldly crescendo at 7.30am to mark the exact moment when the men went 'over the top' in the great attack of July 1, 1916. Then, a lone bugler played the Last Post.



## Royal Norfolk Show

Soldiers from 1 Coy on our sponsors tower Royal Norfolk Show:



HRH Duchess of Cornwall with two R NORFOLK veterans at the Royal Norfolk Show:



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# Association News

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## Salamanca Day 2016

The Royal Anglian Regimental Association (Essex) celebrated Salamanca Day at Warley on Sunday 26th June 2016, the day consisted of a chapel service and a march past with the salute being taken by Colonel CAF Thomas TD DL. We then moved into the Army Reserve Centre for some well-earned refreshments, a display from the Essex ACF Corps of Drums and a chance to view some of the modern day weapons provided by C (Essex) Coy of the Vikings and exhibits from the Essex Regiment museum collection. Next year's Salamanca Day is scheduled for Sunday 25th June.



## The Royal Anglian Regiment Association (Cambridgeshire) Annual Reunion 2016



The Royal Anglian Regimental Association (Cambridgeshire) held their annual reunion on Sunday 3 July 2016 that included a march past of some 240 of the past, present and future led by the combined Corps of Drums of the Cambridgeshire and Essex ACF, our Colonel in Chief took the salute before inspecting No 1 guard provided by the Vikings and Steelbacks, the Lord Lieutenant inspected No 2 Guard made up of the old comrades, the Mayor of Ely inspected No 3 guard made up of the Standards, the Chairman of Cambridgeshire City Council and the Chairman of East Cambs District Council inspected No 4 Guard made up of The

Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force. The parade was followed by a service in the Cathedral that saw the laying up Queens Colour of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion and also marked the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, including the Cambridgeshire Regiments action on the Schwaben Redoubt, the service was conducted by the Dean of Ely Cathedral and the Bishop of Ely gave the address. On conclusion of the service we all retired to the Lady Chapel for light refreshments and an address from the Colonel in Chief.

## The Somme Remembered

On the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme the July monthly service at the Regimental Chapel Warley was used to commemorate the Service and sacrifice of those who lost their lives in the battle and to reflect upon the human cost of conflict.

We were joined by the Lord Lieutenant and the normal monthly congregations ranks were swelled with attendance from 3 (Essex & Hertfordshire) Company and A Company (Essex) Company.

