

FUSILIERS NEWS

Our hackle - the badge of history and heroes



Welcome to the newly designed FUSILIERS Newsletter. It follows the update Regimental "House Style", along with our new website www.fusiliersconnect.com - take a look.

In this edition, amongst others read articles about the Coronation, presentations to Fusilier Cadets, and how to join Fusiliers Connect if you are part of the Fusilier Family.

A thank you from HM King Charles III

A message from the Defence Chiefs and the Secretary of State for Defence:

"The Coronation on Saturday was a remarkable day in the history of the nation. It was both an immense privilege and a solemn responsibility for the Ministry of Defence and our Armed Forces to fulfil.

Thank you, once again, for contributing in an exemplary way and with such extraordinary personal commitment and dedication, while also meeting all our other operational requirements. We are immensely proud of you all and are privileged to belong to the Defence community.

This has been recognised by His Majesty The King who has provided the following personal message for the Department. Thank you."



Fusiliers at the Coronation

Officers, WOs, NCOs and Fusiliers from both 1 and 5 FUSILIERS represented the Regiment on the Coronation Parade. A detailed article on their participation will appear in the Fusilier Journal 2023.



**The message
of thanks
from His
Majesty**



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

I would be most grateful if you could convey my warmest possible thanks to all the men and women of the Armed Forces – and the civil servants of the Ministry of Defence – for their exceptional contribution to my, and my wife's, Coronation.

I was deeply impressed by the faultless precision of the servicemen and women who took part in the processions and by the exemplary bearing of those lining the route. The contribution of so many military bands added to the unforgettable highlights of this memorable day and provided the most wonderful musical accompaniment for all those watching and listening. I also particularly appreciated the involvement of Armed Forces personnel from across the Commonwealth, and from the British Overseas Territories.

In reflecting on the extraordinary pride which I felt in presenting new Colours and Standards to the Royal Navy, Royal Air Force and units of the British Army just nine days ago, it was clear that the same dedication and effort was seen throughout a truly memorable weekend, including the ceremonial gun salutes ashore and at sea, and the magnificent flypast. I am also anxious for those working in support to know that their contribution is recognized, as well as being extremely grateful to the many people, military and civilian, who worked with such diligence behind the scenes over many weeks to ensure the success of this occasion.

Her Majesty The Queen and I are conscious that this splendid effort took place in addition to your normal duties at home and overseas, and your ceaseless striving to keep the nation safe. You have my admiration for all that you do and my wife and I are enormously proud of you all.



Maj Gen J Swift OBE
Colonel FUSILIERS

Colonel of the Regiment's Congratulations

The Colonel of the Regiment congratulates Lieutenant Colonel B Walters on his selection to be AP6 (Indo Asia Pacific-East Asia China) desk officer in DG SEC Pol wef Oct 23.

Correction. In the 1 May Newsletter, we reported that Major Peter Witkowski was appointed to OC C Coy (Balham) 5 FUSILIERS wef Aug 23. This is incorrect. Peter is moving to OC PRU East (London) in Jul 23. RHQ apologises for this error.

Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands' presentation

The Fusilier family strongly support the Citizens Trust by raising funds for the ACF in Warwickshire and south Birmingham and through the work of the Warwickshire and West Midlands Lord Lieutenants. This includes supporting the Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands' presentation at the Council House, the City of Birmingham on 27 April 2023.

The Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for West Midlands is Cadet CSM Isabel Griffiths, seen in this photograph having been awarded a signed copy of the book "Stand Up Straight", by Major General Paul Nanson. This was a proud moment for Isobel's parents and they thanked the Trust and the Fusiliers for the book.



Ronnie Walker, CEO Warwickshire ACF,
Lieutenant Colonel Angela Notice ACF and
retired Major John Bartlett

Lord Lieutenant's Cadets for Warwickshire

On 10 May, Mr Tim Cox, His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Warwickshire, congratulated his outgoing and incoming Lord Lieutenant's Cadets at a Presentation held at the Shirehall, Warwick.

The outgoing cadet was Cadet Staff Sergeant Alfie Doherty and the incoming Cadet Sergeant Rhiannon Astle-Kelly. The Regimental Secretary presented them both a signed copy of the



Outgoing and incoming Lord Lieutenant's Cadets for Warwickshire

book, *"Stand Up Straight"* on behalf of The Citizenship Trust which raises money to support Youth organisations, including the Army Cadet Force.

Also present were Lieutenant Colonel Angela Notice, Deputy Commandant, and Major (retired) John Bartlett, Chair of the Trust.

Be part of Fusiliers Connect

In April we launched the new Fusiliers Connect Web – App and it's proving to be a great success, with nearly 1,300 members so far. Fusiliers Connect is a new digital hub designed to enhance communication within the rRegiment and to improve connectivity. It's free and easy to join for anyone in the wider Fusilier family - Serving, Reservists, Veterans, Cadets, partners and their families.

Click this link from your smartphone and follow the instructions:

- <https://www.fusiliersconnect.com/fusiliers-connect>
- Fusiliers Groups
- Access Code: **FC23** (please do not share on public groups)

The link above has a step-by-step guide and app support. If you are still having issues, please email help@militaryapp.org

We also have a new website which has been developed as part of the project – have a look now at <https://www.fusiliersconnect.com/>



PEOPLE AND PLACES

A Warwickshire Fusilier Connect Walk & Talk

Col Bob Carruthers, Chairman Fusilier Association (Warwickshire) writes:

On Saturday 13 May the Fusilier Association (Warwickshire) completed their first Fusilier Connect Walk and Talk in Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield. This gave us the opportunity to see where the Birmingham Pals trained in 1914 before they set off for France. Sadly 2,334



At the 1st Warwickshire Volunteer butts of 1893

members of the three Battalions did not return. We found the butts that they had taken over from the 1st Warwickshire Volunteers that had been abandoned in 1893. It also gave Tony Smith and I an opportunity to show where we camped out as Cadets many years later.

Bob was keen to stress it was many years later...

Preparing for the Coronation

Maj Gen Jon Swift, Col of the Regt, and Maj (Rtd) Andrew Greenwood in MoD Main Building getting ready for the Coronation Parade.



(Andrew looks as though he would rather be on his allotment ...)

NOTICES

RHQ FUSILIERS Events - 2023



The following events will take place on the dates shown:

- Thu 29 Jun
1830-2030 – Officers Regimental Cocktail Party at HM Tower of London – **please note corrected date**. The Calling Notice has been issued.
- Fri 8 Sep – Fusiliers Regimental Dinner at Mercers Hall

Fusiliers Association annual trip to Marne – 7-11 Sep

A few places remain for this year's Association annual event commemorating the 1st Battle of the Marne in 1914, visiting France 7 – 11 September. Wives and partners are welcome and it is not expensive.

This is not a battlefield tour. The Marne battle was one of pre-trench warfare manoeuvre and took place over a very large area. It would require at least two weeks to cover as a battlefield tour.

Rather it is a long weekend in the beautiful sunny Marne (Champagne) region of France where we attend a few ceremonies to commemorate this great battle at the outset of WW1 in which all four antecedent regiments of the FUSILIERS fought alongside our French allies to defeat the invading German armies.

Additionally, and importantly, we enjoy comradeship and sampling the delights of this beautiful region of France.

Contact Richard Adams on richardadams5@hotmail.com or 07961 452182 to express interest or ask questions.

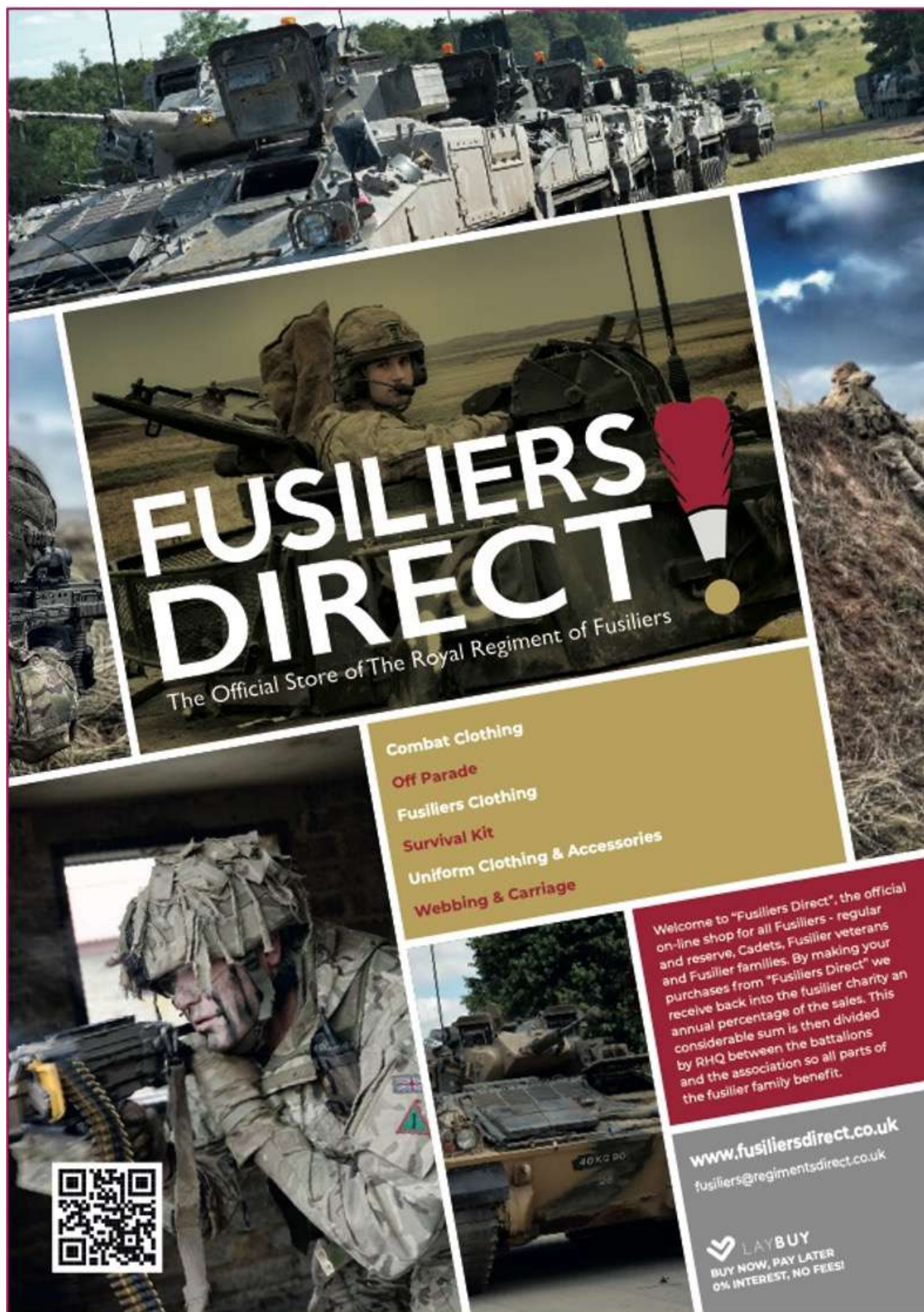
See the Group on Fusiliers Connect for ongoing information

Central Branch RRF Annual Dinner – Sat 7 Oct 23

The Central Branch RRF Annual Dinner will be held on Sat 7 Oct 23 at the Village Hotel, Coventry Business Park, Dolomite Avenue, Coventry CV4 9GZ.

For more information contact: Peter Fazakarley, email: petedeb@talktalk.net or mobile 07896 478623.

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