



The Friends of The Royal Memorial Chapel

# Chapel Notes

The Friends Newsletter

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## Editor's Notes

First of all, I must thank Brig. Mike Owen for faithfully producing the Newsletter for the past 19 years. I only hope I can keep up the standards he maintained throughout his Editorship.

It has been agreed by the committee, due to increased printing and postage costs, that all future editions of the Friends' Newsletter will be displayed on the Chapel website in the Friends Page.

(www.royalmemorialchapel.com) It will therefore be readily available to read or download to all Friends who have access to a computer. As a result, distribution of the Newsletter in the future will be:

- Those who have provided an email address will receive it as at present.
- Those without access to a computer will continue to receive it through the post as at present. However, to ensure they receive it they must inform the Membership Secretary that they have no access to a computer as soon as possible.

It will be assumed that those who receive the Newsletter by post at present but fail to contact the Membership Secretary have a computer and will access the Newsletter through the website. They can, of course, receive it by email if they provide the Membership Secretary with an email address .

**NOTE:** Previous newsletters have contained various application forms. These forms will now be provided in a separate document containing all the relevant forms for the period avoiding the need to separate the forms from the newsletter. The document '*Application Forms – Spring 2018*' will be provided in pdf format along with the newsletter, and can also be downloaded from the Friends page of the Chapel web site [www.royalmemorialchapel.com](http://www.royalmemorialchapel.com).

*Peter Franklin*

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## Academy Chaplain's Update

It's always brilliant to hear fantastic good news! Recently here at the RMC we've been enjoying the good news that Fiona our Verger here at the RMC has returned to work after a two year break. It's great to have the team back together again.

Sometimes there is sad news, such as the fact that, in the nature of all Army Chaplains, Fr Paul McCourt leaves at the end of this term posted up to Catterick. He has been a wonderful member of the team, much loved by the Officer Cadets, and so we will miss him, but are glad that he goes to a posting nearer to his mother and sister 'up north'!

But with this sad news comes the silver lining that we will have the first ever female Padre to serve at the RMAS in it's more than 200 year history. And so, at the beginning of next term, we welcome Padre Nicola Frail from the Church of Scotland to our team. As well as being an excellent Padre she is a mean table-tennis player and a black belt in Taekwondo! You WILL enjoy her sermons!

As we have recently gone through the ups and downs of Holy Week, with its schemes, its intrigue, its dark dealings and darker outcomes on Good Friday... God demonstrates that He understands the bad news intimately ... Whatever we go through, God understands, for he knows the searing pain of loss... of losing his only Son...

But that is not the end of the story.... In the words of the Christian Sociologist Dr Tony Campolo. That was Friday... but Sunday was coming!



And with the resurrection we celebrate the incredible, amazingly stunning, stupendously spectacular, beautifully magnificent "Good News" that God is with us! God will always be with us, nothing can stop Him. Death, whilst still the final enemy, has no more final say. The full stops are removed. Jesus has risen! It's what the word "Gospel" means; GOOD NEWS!

It's the message that underlies the 200 plus year history of the Chapels here at the RMAS, and whether it's with a Chapel crammed full of Officer Cadets bringing the roof down with their singing, with Royalty and State leaders joining in, or whether it's through the small individual acts of ongoing personal prayer, commitment and devotion, it's what the Chapels still continue to celebrate.

It's REALLY Good News. Jesus is Risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Padre Dave Creeves* Academy Chaplain

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## Chairman's Update

May I first of all explain very briefly why the Friend's Lunch on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March was cancelled. The decision had to be made on the Friday before the Chefs took any food out of the freezer and the tables were laid. The forecast at that time was for snow overnight Saturday/Sunday and then for freezing rain causing black ice, and apart from your safety, what I didn't want to happen was that only 12 people turned up and the Chefs had cooked for 70. As the next lunch will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> July fortunately we won't have that problem. John Walton our Treasurer will be in touch with you if you paid to come to the 4<sup>th</sup> March lunch to know if you would like a refund or are happy for your payment to be carried forward to the 1<sup>st</sup> July lunch.

The Friend's Leaflet that I have spoken about before is in its final stages of production, with a huge thank you to Peter Franklin. We are going to launch it on Heritage Sunday in June when it will be displayed in the

Memorial Chapel with an application form to become a Friend inside it.

At the AGM on the 1<sup>st</sup> July Mike Owen, who has been on the Committee for 19 years, has sadly decided to step down leaving a huge void, Mike not only produced the Newsletter but was also Membership Secretary. Peter Franklin has taken on the Newsletter production and Peter and I are “job sharing” the Membership Secretary.

One of the things that we have discovered is that 50% of the membership actually live within 10 miles of the RMA, so it would be really nice for more of you to come to the Sunday 10.30am Morning Service and it would be lovely to see and meet more Friends. If you feel the security on the gate is putting you off just telephone 01276 412543, you may have to leave a message; or email rmcmmas@gmail.com and the Padres can then leave your name at the gate for the Sunday morning, you do need to bring some kind of formal identification such as your passport.

The Friends Committee have agreed to fund a project by Padre Chris Kellock called “Christianity Explored” which is for the Officer cadets and would involve providing them with one meal as well.

I am sure you will all be glad to hear that a new toilet block has been agreed to be added to the Chapel, a great asset for those people travelling long distances rather than having to search for other toilets within the Academy!

I look forward to meeting more Friends at the 10.30am Sunday Service.

Take care and God Bless,

*Sue O'Sullivan*

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## Services for Summer Term

06-May-18 .....	Holy Communion (Ironing Board Sunday)	10:30
13-May-18 .....	Academy Sunday	10:30
.....	Holy Communion	12:00
20-May-18 .....	Morning Prayer (Juniors to Chapel)	10:30
.....	Holy Communion	12:00
27-May-18 .....	Holy Communion	10:30
03-Jun-18 .....	Holy Communion	10:30
10-Jun-18 .....	Holy Communion (Academy Weekend)	10:30
17-Jun-18 .....	Holy Communion (Heritage Sunday)	10:30
.....	Choral Evensong	14:30
24-Jun-18 .....	Choral Mattins	10:30
.....	Holy Communion	12:00
01-Jul-18 .....	Morning Prayer (Friends' Sunday)	10:30
.....	Friends AGM	1215
08-Jul-18 .....	Morning Prayer (Old College Sunday)	10:30
.....	Holy Communion	12:00
15-Jul-18 .....	Holy Communion	10:30
22-Jul-18 .....	Holy Communion	10:30
29-Jul-18 .....	Holy Communion	10:30
05-Aug-18.....	Colours to Chapel	10:30
.....	Holy Communion	12:00

**Note:**

All Services start at 10:30. The exception is when the main service is not Holy Communion, A short Service of Holy Communion then follows at approximately 12:00.

A service of Holy Communion is celebrated each Wednesday in term time in the South Africa Chapel at 12:30. All are welcome.

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## Commissioning Course 181

CC181 Formed up in early January with 207 Officer Cadets split between Alamein, Burma and Normandy Companies. Some statistics are:

- Male/Female split is 182/25
- 74% are university graduates.
- Average age is 23 (age range 18-31).
- 56% were educated at state schools.
- 10 cadets have regular Army service.
- 20 cadets have served in the Reserves.



The 27 International cadets come from 20 countries including: Azerbaijan, Barbados, Georgia, Kosovo, Ukraine and the USA.

Despite well-publicized soldier recruiting issues, RMA Sandhurst continues to attract high-quality entrants with the regular courses operating a fraction over capacity. There is also a Late Entry Officers' Course under training and a Short Commissioning Course running (a mixture of Reservists and Regular and Reserve Professionally Qualified Officers) as well as a full Leadership Development Course and a potential instructor cadre, making the Academy very full indeed.

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## Your Chapel

### The 1879 Chapel organ

The organ in the 1879 Chapel, a modest instrument of two manuals and pedals, was built in 1878 by the London firm of Bevington. This instrument was located in the then south chancel behind the choir. (This is now the area to the west of the South Africa Chapel and immediately outside the door to the Chaplains' Office). According to the records this instrument was beginning to fail long before the onset of the great war and whilst admired for its tone, it was audibly showing signs of wear.



*The organ can be seen to the right of the photograph*

A contemporary account notes:

*"It should have been repaired a long time since, but the organist with praiseworthy unselfishness, has contrived to hide its defects by the magic of his art!"*

Source: A brief History of The Organs of The Royal Memorial Chapel by Peter Beaven

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## Upcoming Events

### Sovereign's Parade

As you will be aware the Commandant has allowed the Friends of The Chapel to have six pairs of tickets for the Sovereign's Parade and afterwards for lunch at the New College Officers' Mess.

If you would like to attend the Sovereign's Parade on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018 please complete the application form and return it to the Chapel Office, with a cheque for £20 per person (payable to RMAS Central Bank) *{no post dated cheques please}*, to cover the cost of lunch in the Mess.

All requests must be with me by no later than Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July. If you are unsuccessful in the ticket allocation your cheque will be returned uncashed.

Please include all names of those attending not just the person applying for the tickets.

**NB:** Application form is provided in associated document '*Application Forms – Spring 2018*' provided in pdf format along with the newsletter, and can also be downloaded from the Friends page of the Chapel web site [www.royalmemorialchapel.com](http://www.royalmemorialchapel.com).

*Graham Fleuty*

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### Friends Lunch

#### THE FRIENDS' MORNING SERVICE AND LUNCHEON

The next Friends' Service and Luncheon will take place on Sunday 1st July 2018 The Service will start as usual at 10.30 hrs. Friends are reminded that those not attending the luncheon may still have a drink in the Officers' Mess.

Lunch will be served at 1300 hours with the bar opening at 1200 hours. The cost of lunch will be £17.00 per head, and will include a couple of glasses of wine. As usual, tickets will be issued for this event. Those applying to attend are asked to **enclose a stamped addressed envelope with** their application. Should you be able to bring guests, and they intend coming in their own car and do not have RMAS pass facilities, please provide their car details on the application form .

If you wish to attend, please complete the application form and return it to the Chapel Office by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June

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*Sue Richardson*

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# 17th Annual General Meeting

The 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Chapel will be held in the Chapel immediately after the Morning Service on Sunday 1st July 2018.

The Agenda will be:

- Item 1 – Minutes of the 2017 A.G.M.
- Item 2 – Matters arising
- Item 3 – Report by the Chairman
- Item 4 – Report by the Treasurer
- Item 5 – Elections of Officers
- Item 6 – Honorary Membership
- Item 7 – Any other Business

You will be aware that the Committee was formally established in 2002. The Constitution allows for there to be seven elected members. Members are elected for a three-year term at the end of which they must stand down albeit they may offer themselves for re-election. In order to establish a regular turnover of members it was decided by the Committee that members would stand down each year. Those standing down this year (together with their current responsibilities) are: -

Brig M. Owen - Membership Secretary and Editor of the Newsletter

Mr. G. Fleuty – Chapel Guides and Sovereign Parades

Mr. G. Fleuty has agreed to continue but Brig. M. Owen wishes to stand down. Mr. P. Franklin co-opted member is happy to become a member of the Committee and take on Brig. M. Owen's duties and provided there are no further nominations there will be no need for a formal election and the two Members will be elected *en bloc*. However, if there are other nominations then an election will be held. Anyone seeking to become a member of the Committee must complete the form which can be found in the separate 'Application Forms – Spring 2018' document, which can also be downloaded from the Friends' page on the Chapel web site – [www.royalmemorialchapel.com](http://www.royalmemorialchapel.com) and send it to the Secretary c/o the Chapel Office to arrive no later than **10<sup>th</sup> May 2018**. The signature of the applicant, proposer and seconder must be on the form. There should also be a short note of no more than 75 words on the applicant. This might include age, length of time a member of the Friends, present employment and length of association with the Chapel. Voting will be at the A.G.M. The two candidates with the greatest number of votes will be elected to the Committee. Those existing Committee members who are re-elected will be expected to continue with their present responsibilities. New members elected to the Committee will be expected to assume the responsibilities of the member they displace if so asked.

*Ginny Prentice* – Secretary to the Committee

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## Committee

The following is a list of the current membership of the Friends of The Chapel Management Committee. You are asked to deal directly with the committee member to which your query is related either in person or by email. Enquiries relating to the Friends must not be made to the Chapel Office.

### Elected Members

Chairman	Mrs Sue O'Sullivan	susiosullivan@gmail.com
Secretary/Head Sidesperson	Mrs Ginny Prentice	ginnyprentice1@hotmail.com
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Guides/Sovereign's Parade	Mr Graham Fleuty	g.fleuty@ntlworld.com
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### Co-opted Members

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	Mr David James-Roll	
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## EASTER

MOST glorious Lord of Lyfe! that, on this day,  
Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin;  
And, having harrowd hell, didst bring away  
Captivity thence captive, us to win:  
This joyous day, deare Lord, with joy begin;  
And grant that we, for whom thou diddest dye,  
Being with Thy deare blood clene washt from sin,  
May live for ever in felicity!

And that Thy love we weighing worthily,  
May likewise love Thee for the same againe;  
And for Thy sake, that all lyke deare didst buy,  
With love may one another entertayne!  
So let us love, deare Love, lyke as we ought,  
—Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.



*Edmund Spenser*

## Helpful texts

In the turbulence of life, scripture verses to help and encourage when you feel:

A failure ..... Psalm 73:26, Proverbs 15:22, Hebrews 4:14-16  
Afraid ..... Psalm 27:1-3, Psalm 56, Matthew 10:26-31  
Bereaved ..... Matthew 5:4, John 11:25, Revelation 21:1-4  
Depressed ..... Psalm 34, Psalm 142, Romans 8:28'  
Discouraged ..... 2 Timothy 4:16-18, 1 Peter 3:13-17  
Far from God..... Psalm 139, Luke 1,5:11-24, Acts 17:22-30.  
In danger..... Psalm 91, Proverbs 27:12, Romans 8:35  
In doubt..... Job 38-39, John 20:24-29 James 1:12  
Lonely ..... Psalm 13, Psalm 25:16-18, John 14:15-21  
Tempted..... Psalm 119:9,1 Corinthians 10:13, James 1:13-15  
Tired ..... Psalm 23, Isaiah 40:28-31, Matthew 11:28-30  
Worried ..... Psalm 46, Matthew 6:25-34,1 Peter 5:7

And scripture verses when you want:

Courage..... Joshua 1:9, Ephesians 6:10-18, 2 Timothy 1:7  
Forgiveness..... Psalms 32, Psalm 51, Luke 17; 1-4, 1 John 1:9  
Help ..... Psalm 121, Philippians 4:19  
Inspiration ..... Psalm 37, Proverbs 3:5-6, James 1:5-6  
Joy ..... Luke 15:3-10, John 15:1-11, Romans 5:1-11  
Peace..... Psalm 34:14, Matthew 5:9, Philippians 4:6-7  
Strength..... Isaiah 40:28-31, Acts 1:8, 1 Peter.5:10  
To find God ..... Romans 3:23,6:23, John 3:16,1 John 5:9-12, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:8-10  
To talk to God .... Luke 11:1-13, Timothy 2:1-6, 1 John5:13-15  
To live for God ...Romans 12 & 13, Ephesians 4:17 to 69

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