



THE DINING CLUB

Preserving the comradeship of
officers and former officers of
R Mon RE(M) for 100 years

NEWSLETTER

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**Message from the Honorary Colonel,
our Club President, Colonel I C Thompson TD**

Dear Dining Club Member

We end the year with the Regiment and the Club in good shape. We have lost some much loved and respected members over the year and I know several of us have been laid low with illness in recent weeks. We all look forward to seeing each other again in 2024. With my very best wishes to you and your families for Christmas and the New Year. Ian

**Current information on the Regiment can be found on the
Regimental website <https://rmonrem.com>**

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For those who appreciate Gin and one with a certain uniqueness, The Officers Mess acquired a second run of the Militia Gin. Unfortunately, there is no posting option but we can dispatch to any current Sqn/Tp location. The cost has increased to £25:00 per 500ml bottle which is still a bargain. Enquiries to David.bell167@mod.gov.uk

Regimental Trust Bank Details

As a reminder, during 2022 Nationwide were no longer offering current account banking to charities, we obtained an account with Nat West details for those of you that kindly support the Charitable Trust or wish to do so please use the account details below.

Nat West Bank

Account name – R Mon RE(M) Charitable Trust - although when you search on internet/mobile banking the details show as '(M) Charitable Trust'.

Sort Code: 56-00-59 Account Number: 35577991

Those of you who use the Monmouthshire Building Society account need do nothing, as it is still in existence.

The Trust is a force for good across many areas of Regimental life so I do hope you will renew your support and indeed some new donors come forward as well.

Ian
Trustee

Chairman's Christmas Message

This year we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Dining Club with a sell-out lunch at the Castle with a total of sixty-three members and guests attending. We had more ex-COs there than you could shake a RSM's stick at, and a grand time was had by all.

The Annual Dinner was, by contrast, a smaller, more intimate affair as few serving officers were able to attend. However, it was another success for the Club and its members. The liqueur trolley had a bit of a bashing but fear not, it will be replenished ready for next year.

For those of you who attended the Dinner, you will know what a great success it turned out to be. The food was good, the wine was excellent and the company was eclectic. We had a fantastic turnout of just under forty which would have more had there not been a few domestic and Covid related disasters for a few of the thwarted attendees...you missed a great night.

The Dining Club supported the Summer Ball with eighteen attendees and the CO promises next year's event to be bigger and better.

My thanks goes to the helpers for both setting-up and clearing-up of the functions without whose help the events couldn't and wouldn't take place...and of course to Dave and Anne Bell for their non-stop planning and background work to get us to the day.

In conclusion, the Dining Club is alive and well and also going from strength to strength. I thank you all for your continued membership and support and I hope to see more of you all next year.

To close, I wish you all a warm and peaceful Merry Christmas and a Dining Club full New Year!

“God Save the King”.

Pictures from the Dinning Club Dinner 21 October 2023



Militia Medal Awarded to Mrs Naomi Wright

The Militia Medal is awarded for dedication and exemplary service to the Royal Monmouth Royal Engineers (Militia) as inscribed on the reverse of the medal. The medal is awarded to serving Officers, Soldiers along with civilians who have given such service to the Regiment and having shown such qualities to be considered worthy of recognition in this way.

A Board consisting of the Hon Colonel, Commanding Officer and Regimental Trustees meets to review nominations and award the medals where and when deemed appropriate.



**Naomi Receiving the Militia Medal
Presented by John Carter.**

Mrs Naomi Wright began her exemplary association with the Regiment in 1987, giving loyal and dedicated service until her retirement in 2012. As Regimental Quartermasters AO she provided priceless continuity, ensuring the Regiment and its Messes functioned to the highest standards.

Naomi also provided unstinting support to her husband Derek. Supporting the REA, Dining Cub and ABF, were some of her many voluntary roles undertaken.

We congratulate Naomi on her outstanding achievements on all fronts and for her worthy recognition.

Dates for your Diary 2024

First and foremost, it is regrettable that the funding John Carter was chasing for the Battlefield Tour did not come to fruition and therefore the planned Militia Crossing 2024 will not take place.

Dining Club Lunch will be held on Saturday 27 Apr 24

Dining Club AGM and Dinner will be held on Saturday 5 Oct 24