

CORPS FOOTBALL

'WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?'

Making memories and refreshing old acquaintances

Chairmans Welcome

Welcome to the June edition of the branch newsletter, I hope you are safe and well! Despite the CV-19 pandemic the branch committee have been busy, we have made a number of new appointments, Paul Collinson, a former RMFA Chairman, has taken an Honorary President role. Mikey Husbands, a former RMFA Player of the year, has been appointed Assistant Chairman. On the football management side, Davie Carns, a former RMFA Captain, has been appointed RMA FC Team Manager, with Si Bochenski a former RMFA Captain, working alongside him as Assistant Manager. Ian Clark a former RMFA Assistant Manager, will be herding the cats in Scotland and Northern England as the RMA FC Northern Rep and finally, Jason Margrett, a former RMFA General Manager, will be coordinating the RMA FC fixtures as the Fixtures Manager. Welcome aboard to all!

CV-19 has impacted most of our activities this year, with the Corps Families Weekend cancelled we have one remaining fixture for 2020 at HAC in London during December. We have plans to make 2021 bigger than ever, more details will follow in due course.

Sadly, we said farewell to our oldest branch member, William 'Josh' Holly, who crossed the bar on 15 May 2020 due to CV-19. The branch Standard Bearer and I attended Josh's funeral on 3 June 2020 in Chichester, there is more on Josh below. 'Stand Easy' Royal, your watch is done! RIP Josh.

RM Charity Challenges

Please support our Branch members.

We have a number of branch members raising funds for the RMA, in the Heroes at Home challenge, YOU too can do your bit by donating to their Justgiving pages, or indeed crack your own challenge and raise much needed money for the RM Charity, visit [here](#) to get started.

The following branch heroes are doing their bit! To do your bit and support them, click on their link!

Ian Pomeroy [Donate here](#) Hugh Knott [Donate here](#) Ian Michelsen [Donate here](#)

Phil Gilby MBE [Donate here](#) Jason Margrett [Donate here](#)

Sheridan Parry [Donate here](#)

The RMFA are in the middle of a 25,000 miles 'Around the World' Challenge for the RM Charity and the NHS. The lads, most of whom are RMA FC branch members, are grinding out some very impressive weekly running and cycling mileage. Let's get behind them, promote and donate to their efforts. [Donate here](#)





Remembering former Royal Marines Footballer Josh Holly

4th December 1961 ITCRM win the Royal Navy FA Cup

ITCRM 4 (Rook, Jones, Mne Quinn, Holly) HMS Vernon 2 AET at United Services Portsmouth

L to R Mne B Quinn, Sgt Quinn (with cup), LCpl John Ellis, Mne Dod Malhan, Cpl Swain (hidden), LCpl Evison, Mne Rook, Mne **Josh Holly**.

On 27th February 1961, aged 20, Josh Holly joined the Royal Marines. Josh spent his first 3 months of recruit training at RM Depot Deal, Kent, during which he even found time to play for the very successful unit football team. Josh then moved to ITCRM Lympstone for Commando Training, again playing for the unit football team, winning the Royal Navy FA Cup, pictured above. A year to the day Josh successfully completed recruit training and, on 27th February 1962, he was drafted to 42 Cdo RM in Singapore, where he spent the next two years. Continuing his love of football, he represented the Royal Marines Far East, Royal Navy and Far East Combined Services, and had the great honour of playing for the Singapore National team as a guest player. During his time with 42 Cdo Josh saw operational service in Aden, which he described as 'not a nice place'. Returning to the UK he represented his unit teams in the various RM football competitions, winning the 'Tunney Cup' and lifting the McEwan Cup as Captain of the 45 Cdo football team. Josh also represented the Corps football team, the highlight of which was winning the 1968 Royal Navy Inter Command Championships under manager John Ellis. Josh is pictured here with his sister Mary and brother Graham, alongside RMA FC branch Chairman and Standard Bearer in September 2019.





Want to be a part of Malta 2021?

The Malta FA Masters v RMA FC is confirmed in the diary for Friday 14th May 2021, KO 1900hrs. All branch members are encouraged to come and support RMA FC as they bid to win on Maltese soil for the first time and catch up with the RMA Malta Branch members. The game venue is being finalised but will probably be at the Luxor Stadium, St Andrews, the site of the old 41 Cdo barracks, with the squad staying at the Cavalieri Art Hotel, in St Julians Bay. Why not make a week of it? The first official meet up for the team will be on Thursday 13th May, with a possible training match, KO 1900hrs, and the last function will be a round of golf with RMA Malta on Sunday 16th at the Royal Malta Golf Club. This is subject to confirmation and will be finalised prior to departure. Source your own flights and accommodation. For more info email branchsec-rmafc@outlook.com or visit our FB page for live updates at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/401598533208535/>



Player in Focus Newly Appointed Honorary President

Name: Capt Neal Paul Collinson RM 'Colly'

Born: Belfast

Position: Defender, Midfield, Goal Keeper

RMFA Appearances: 25

RMFA Goals: 0

Honours: 2 x Tunney Cups 1998, 2006. 9 x Inter Commands 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011.

Debut: July 1997 v Credition United

Last game: 17th July 2007 v Lymptstone FC

Retired from the Corps: 2012

Best RM player played with: Terry Price

RMA FC Role: Honorary President

Previous RMFA Roles: Secretary 1997-2002, Assistant Chairman 2005 - 2006, Chairman 2007 - 2011.

Interesting Stats: Colly was loaned to opposition teams on two occasions, winning both and awarded the Man of the Match. Manager Shaun Foster stated "Never again will I loan you out"



Trip Down Memory Lane 1991 Tunney Cup Winners RM Poole

RM Poole beat Comacchio Gp RM 1-0 (Shaun Elliott) at RMSM Deal

Back row L to R

Cpl Shaun Elliott, Sgt George Kenderdine, Cpl Paul Mammet, Mne Stevie Marr,
Cpl Stu Butler, Mne Jim Calder, Mne Eric Smith

Front row L to R

Mne Ian Drummond, Mne Paddy Stewart, Sgt George Bolton, Cpl Russ Wilson,
Mne Mick Travers, Mne Dean Allum, (MoM) Cpl Ricky Miller

Fixtures Update 2020

5th June 2020 Port En-Bessin v RMA FC **Cancelled**.

12th Sept 2020 RMA FC v Phil Margrett's Legends. **Cancelled**

December Honourable Artillery Company v RMA FC exact date TBC

14th May 2021 Malta tour, Maltese FA Masters v RMA FC **Confirmed**

Treasurer's War Chest

Get Your name in lights. All branch income is self generated, we are putting together a fund raising strategy. I would encourage all members to either start an annual Personal Voluntary Contribution to the branch for a minimum of £10 or make a one off donation.

Account Name: **RMAFC**. Sort Code: **30-96-26**. Account No: **41750560**.

Please use your name as the reference.

Thanks to the latest donors **Garry Robison**, **BJ Farrimond** & one **Anonymous donor**.

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