



*"The appointment of Conductor is fundamental to the army's future, technical ability and status of the Corps"*

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*The Honourable and Ancient Appointment of Conductor*

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## Sandhurst, here we come!



Dave Patterson  
Chairman

Fantastic news, The Royal Logistic Corps are planning to hold the annual Conductors Parchment Ceremony (PC) in June this year at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, subject to Government COVID 19 restrictions.

We will keep you up to speed on any developments. So, keep an eye on your inbox and for those who've registered for 'WhatsApp', listen out for a ping on your mobile.

It is said, **the devil makes work for idle hands**. Since the last edition, Branch Management Committee (BMC) have been busy working on the following:

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report to the RLC Association. Copy at pages 2 to 5.
2. A redraft of 'The 59 Club' rules copy on Page 8 along with joining information. Securing regular funding will enable the branch to thrive for years to come and help towards discounted costs for members attending branch functions.
3. Review of current admin practices and procedures, so we can provide the best possible service to members.

The next BMC bi-monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April. If there's anything you feel needs

to be discussed, or an idea of where to go, what to do, following the PC, please get in touch (contact details above) and we will investigate.

In the word of Henry Ford

Coming together is a beginning,  
Keeping together is progress,  
Working together is success.



Gordon Webster  
Secretary

As part of the BMC navel gazing exercise, it was noted some members have yet to send in their service history details and/or confirmed their contact details. If this is you, please get in touch, using the contact details above.

One of the rewarding things about being Branch Secretary is receiving members feedback and suggestions for improvements, long may it continue. I say this because I am now ably supported by Steve Swales our Assistant Secretary. We are both here waiting to hear from you.



Bob White  
Treasurer

In a similar vein, to Gordon's remarks above, I'd like to remind those members who have not paid their annual membership subscription of £30, due 1<sup>st</sup> January, to do so.

# THE 59 CLUB

In the January edition members were made aware of a new branch fundraising project, 'The 59 Club'. My fear is that some members may not have had their chance of joining this new syndicate and the opportunity of winning.

There was only one winner in February, so Ball 7 owner received £16.00. The £28.00 was carried over to March, giving a potential 1<sup>st</sup> prize of at least £40.00. This may be small beer compared to other lottery wins, but members can be confident of doing their bit to help raise branch funds and get some extra pocket money into the bargain.

The result for the March draw was too late to be included in this newsletter but if you want to know who won what, just get in touch, with Bob, either by email [rjwhite01@btinternet.com](mailto:rjwhite01@btinternet.com) or via the branch 'Whatsapp' group.

Joining the syndicate is straight forward, full details on pages 8 to 10. You'll need to get your skates on to take part in the April draw.



Mike Coyle, Media

Do you have a nagging 'How do I' question relating to using a computer? Well, if you do I want to hear from you.

Let's be honest, none of us have the monopoly on knowledge, when it comes to computers and similar devices. Most of us stay well within our comfort zone, often opting to using long winded and possibly unnecessary work arounds, when with just a few taps on the right keys, life could be so much easier. And here's where I wants to help, offering you the opportunity to ask the infamous question – How Do I?

Feel free to email me at: [mike.coyle@btinternet.com](mailto:mike.coyle@btinternet.com) or call 01253 761778, or via our WhatsApp group if you think I can help.



## Conductors' Branch The Royal Logistic Corps Association

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report to The Royal Logistic Corps Association January 2021

#### OVERVIEW

The Conductors Branch of the RLC Association continues to thrive, despite imposed COVID-19 restriction being in place for most of the reporting period. Yes, the pandemic has sadly curtailed much of what had been planned for 2020, however, the lack of activity has provided the ideal opportunity to review and implement additional media outlets and reinvigorate branch fundraising activities to members, families and friends.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of the branch is to: a. Provide a comradeship focus and source of entertainment for branch members. b. Edify the Honourable and Ancient Appointment of Conductor. c. Promote the objects of the RLC Association.

#### BRANCH MANAGEMENT

The Branch Management Committee (BMC) continues to be the responsible body for the daily running of the Branch and the organising and execution of Branch events. Each committee member has a specific role and is responsible for making regular contact with allocated members. Details of BMC is at Annex A and assigned members details at Annex B.

#### BRANCH ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS (BAI)

The management of the Branch and its activities are the subject of Branch Administrative Instructions (BAI). All members have 24/7 all year-round access to BAIs and

other relevant information. Each chapter is reviewed on a three-year rotational basis, or sooner if required.

Chapter 1 - Branch Constitution  
Chapter 2 - Financial Control  
Chapter 3 - Annual Events  
Chapter 4 - Branch Membership Stage 1  
Chapter 4 - Branch Membership Stage 2  
Chapter 5 - Welfare  
Chapter 6 - Branch Merchandise  
Chapter 7 - Branch Website  
Chapter 8 - Formal Branch Meetings  
Chapter 9 - Public Relations  
Chapter 10 - Branch Links  
Chapter 11 - Documentation Standards  
Chapter 12 - Branch General Data Protection Policy  
Chapter 13 - The Conductors' Branch Lottery Syndicate

## FINANCE

The branch continues to be self-supporting with available funds remaining in the black. Conscious efforts are made to contain unnecessary expenditure, whilst at the same time, there is a realisation of utilising funds for the good and benefit of branch members.

Regular checks and balances of the branch bank account ensures the credibility of branch accounting of funds. Scrutiny of all aspects of branch finance are made by Non-Committee members Charles McClure.

Email: [chazmcclure@hotmail.com](mailto:chazmcclure@hotmail.com) Tel 01312 281 473 Mob: 07854651584. As of 1st January 2021, Charles has stepped down from account auditing duties and the branch is now actively seeking a replacement. A copy of the branch balance sheet as at 31st December 2020 is at Annex C.

## FUNDRAISING

Members annual subscription payments of £30 per head continues to be the branch main source of income. This money and that raised from various fundraising activities is used to subsidise members costs when attending branch functions and the running of the branch. 2020 has been another successful year in terms of raising additional income from branch Fundraising projects; Utility Warehouse Discount Club, Healthcare Lottery Syndicate, Easy Fundraising and Smile Amazon, raising £ 493.72 in total. A review of these projects has concluded that the income raised from Healthcare Lottery Syndicate is significantly lower than had been hoped and coupled with additional time spent running the syndicate, it was decided to close it down cease. Branch members have been informed of this decision and been given advice on

what action should be taken on their part. An alternative syndicate called 'The 59 Club' has been set up. Members have been invited to join this new club, which comes into effect in March 2021.

## RECRUITMENT

Unlike other branches of the RLC Association, the Conductors Branch is unique in that its membership is derived from both Ex-Conductors from the RAOC and RLC and those still serving. It is not a given that all serving Conductors will join the branch, most need constant encouragement to complete the necessary membership paperwork. After leaving the Corps, some continue to pay annual subscriptions, for a few years, but fail to attend branch functions and eventually fall off the radar.

To reverse this situation, the BMC has over the years developed several initiatives designed to keep members interest and commitment, things like; bi-monthly newsletter, WhatsApp Messenger platform, branch website, branch blog and assigning an allotted group of members to individual BMC members as a focal point.

Another aspect of recruitment which may become an issue at some point, is the lack of volunteers wishing to join the BMC. Almost all current BMC members have served for more than 5 year, the majority even longer. The risk being that as committee members turn to the right, there is no successor in place. In response, regular requests for volunteers to serve on the BMC are notified to members.

## COMMUNICATION

The Branch continues to maintain 2-way communication with its members through a variety of media platforms, they are: Dropbox, Mailchimp, branch Blog, branch Facebook Page, branch website and BMC direct communication.

## GENERAL DATA PROTECTION

The Branch recognise the importance of keeping both members personal information and Branch data secure. Every effort is made to encourage members to complete the Branch General Data Protection Consent form. EVENTS 2020 As a direct result of the coronavirus pandemic all branch functions were cancelled. This was particularly disappointing as 2020 was to be the first time the branch would venture outside the UK, to take part in a 3-day guided tour of the D-Day landings in Normandy.

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**2021**

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**Serving Conductor Representative**  
**Vacant**

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Aubrey Smith	Bob White
Arnold	Cunningham
Asquith	Davies T
Beadnell	Earle
Birchall	French
Brill	Fifield
Chalmers	Fitzgerald
Chapman	Gallagher
Cockram	Garwood
Craig	Giles

Steve Swales	Serving Conductor
Sutton	Arnott
Symon	Bannister
Thomsen	Davies J
Vanstone	Emmerson
Vaughan	Franks
Vickers	Griffiths
Whittington	Scott
Wilson	Winfield

Colin Slade	Dave Patterson
Greenhalgh	Le Vaillant
Hall	Leggatt
Halsall	Limburn
Hartley	MacKay
Hines	McBride
Hladkij	McClure
Huntley	McLoughlin
Kinson	Wood CBE

Gordon Webster	Mike Coyle
McMenamin	Postlethwaite
Moore	Prickett
Morrisroe	Rodell
Moughton	Sedgwick
Nock	Slusarenko
Nolan	Southall
Ottley	Stead
Payne	Sumner

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

2019	INCOME	2020
2020.00	Members' Subscriptions	1940.00
183.08	Utility Warehouse Discount Club	226.93
88.50	Merchandise Sales	82.50
245.00	Donations	810.00
1401.00	Corps Parchment Weekend	0.00
92.00	Lottery	95.00
1750.00	D Day Battlefield Tour, France	8014.00
169.95	Easy Fundraising	239.77
0.00	59 Club	30.00
0.00	Amazon Smile	27.02
0.00	RLC Association Grant	1878.00
<b>5949.53</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13343.22</b>

2019	EXPENDITURE	2020
341.50	Committee Expenses (MMA)	99.65
154.88	Postage	50.05
87.74	Printing	68.46
297.87	Merchandise	10.85
2055.88	Corps Parchment Weekend	0.00
Nil	Welfare	0.00
52.00	Lottery	60.00
1300.00	D Day Battlefield Tour, France	8464.00
0.00	59 Club	30.00
<b>4289.78</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8783.01</b>

Bank Statement: 31st December 2020... 1,0874.93

31st December 2019..... 6,314.82

Excess of Income over Expenditure..... 4,560.11



### COLLECTORS' CORNER

by Bob White

Are you like me a collector, (or as my wife constantly tells me a hoarder)? I claim that

my "den" is filled with precious military memorabilia and is my sanctuary from the perils of old age! Although the sign on the door reflects my wife's thoughts "A retired husband is a wife's full-time job".

Anyway, I was curious what others have saved from their colourful past! I have many photos of past happy times but curse myself because as a youngster failed to annotate them with dates, places, and names. I also have copies of confidential reports on what a good soldier I was, and thoughts of some I served with who could not see my full potential!!!

Why were we not allowed to give confidential reports on them?

I'm not sure what my favourite object is, but up there must be my AF N 1558. We all had one, but as they were

normally kept in the pay office not many of us got to see them never mind keep them. The thing I like about it is that it is not provocative and brings back happy memories of Thursday Pay Parades. We would all form up in alphabetical order (making sure Phillips was between O and Q not with the Fs,) to await the call from the paying officer. Spring to attention, march forward, halt, salute, and present your AB 64 part 2. The paying officer would be told by the clerk how much you were due. As a Boy it was 12/0 shillings (60p in new money) and this would be entered in the AB 64 Part 2, scoop up the money, state that "Pay and Paybook Correct, Sir" salute, about turn and march out. It was 12/0 shillings as long as there were no "Barack Damages" to pay, in which case the amount paid was 12/6. The 6 pence piece was then slid across the table and immediately drawn back, never having left the Paying Officers finger. To encourage a sense of thrift, some were "encouraged" to commit to a Post Office Savings Book of 5/0 shillings a week, so the trauma of pay parade was for just 7/0 shillings. The best Pay Parade were the ones prior to going on leave, where we received pay in advance, ration allowance and a mysterious amount called "credits". The exciting thing was that this amount, being quite large, did mean that we would be paid in the big white £5.00 notes, which at home was a big prestige to influence the girls who were working in Woolies!!

Below is a copy of my AF N 1558, so pull up a sandbag, swing the lamp and realise why, as treasurer of the branch, I'm mean with the branch funds, and why not tell me, and the rest of us, your favourite souvenir?

Army Form N. 1558  
(40. 2003)

**PAYMASTER'S ADJUSTMENT SLIP**  
NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF COMMANDING OFFICERS  
ARE SHOWN ON THE REVERSE OF THIS FORM

NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS) WHITE

ARMY No. 28825632 RANK BOY

UNIT 13th Hool AUTHY. 1300 M

WEEKLY RATE W.E.F.	Adjustments for period		
	From	To	
9.2.55			
176	PAY (Star Class)	13	2 - -
	ADDL. PAY		
	MARRIAGE ALLCE.		
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17	CLOTHING ALLCE.	7120	3 10
191	TOTAL CREDITS		
19	INSURANCE	1111	3 6
	P.A.Y.E. (Code No.)		
	SAVINGS BANK		
	QUARTERING CHARGES		
	ISSUED BY PAYMASTER		
19	TOTAL DEBITS		- 3 6 2 3 10
174	NET WEEKLY RATE		
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	9.2.55		
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		Serial Number	75476
			2 - - 4

**TO BE COMPLETED BY UNIT**

The Net Weekly Rate of Pay shown above has been compared with the soldier's A.B.64 Part II and A.F.O.1875, and any necessary adjustments have been made.

Date 11/3/55 Initials GPB

PAYMASTER'S AUTHG. STAMP

## MOD COVID Support Force

Since 18 March 2020, the MOD has responded to 374 COVID-19 [Military Aid to Civilian Authority \(MACA\)](#) requests.

As of 5 March 2021, there were around 2,600 military personnel committed to assist with 56 open COVID-19 MACA requests. This number is kept under constant review and military personnel will be available to support where needed. There are around 14,000 personnel on standby as part of the Winter Preparedness Package who can be called upon for COVID-19 tasks.

### Vaccine Support

Ministry of Defence are supporting NHS efforts to vaccinate priority groups in England, Wales and Scotland.

Defence have deployed 28 military planners to assist the Vaccine Task Force based in Skipton House and a further 200 military personnel are working across the UK to support the roll-out of the vaccine.

In England, Defence has stood up the Vaccine Quick Reaction Force, consisting of 42 teams of 6 people. The QRF teams are made up of medically trained personnel who can vaccinate people when needed by the NHS in a surge capacity. Many of the Vaccine Quick Reaction Force teams have been activated across England, helping to administer vaccines wherever requested, including Ashton Gate in Bristol and Southend University in Essex.

In Wales, around 186 service personnel are supporting Wales' Health Boards to establish and operate vaccination centres. In Scotland 90 medics and management staff make up the Vaccine Quick Reaction Force, ready to deploy across Scotland at short notice. 24 logistic support staff, mainly from the Edinburgh-based 3rd Battalion 'The Rifles', are assisting health boards run



vaccination centres in Grampian, Dumfries and Galloway Borders and Lothian.

Op RESCRIPT Ashton Gate Bristol vaccine QRF Defence have also helped to deliver vaccines to overseas territories, including to Gibraltar, the Falkland Islands and Ascension Island.

### Support to hospitals

Hundreds of defence medics have deployed to hospitals across the UK to work in intensive care units and other patient facing roles, providing vital care alongside health professionals, to help relieve pressure on the NHS and Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Services. The defence medics join the 1,600 personnel embedded within the NHS on a long term basis. 110 defence medics supported the Department of Health in Northern Ireland and hundreds of defence medics are supporting hospitals in London, the Midlands and South West regions.

In addition, around 1000 general duties personnel are supporting in non-clinical roles, including porter duties, to help free up NHS staff for clinical roles. The majority of the defence medics are trained as Combat Medical Technicians, who in their day job deploy on overseas operations and exercises as medics, work in defence medical centres and provide medical training to fellow Service Personnel. The standing up of hundreds of defence medics is being achieved without drawing on personnel who are already working in NHS trusts and with minimal impact to defence activities.

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### Assisting with the National Testing Effort

The UK Armed Forces have been supporting the government's efforts to increase national testing capacity

and support local authorities to get tests to those who need them. Defence have supported testing programmes in Birmingham, Nottingham, Merthyr Tydfil, Liverpool, Kent, Manchester and in Scotland.

320 military personnel are currently deployed to support community testing in Scotland. Hundreds of military personnel who were assisting with the testing of hauliers in Kent travelling to France have now handed over to civilian contractors. Around 320 Armed Forces personnel initially deployed on Christmas Eve and have been working round the clock to keep freight moving.



The military also supported the Department for Education to roll out testing to schools and colleges in England. Most personnel were in local response teams, providing virtual support and phone advice to institutions needing guidance on the testing process. Teams were also on standby to deploy at short notice to provide in-person support.

Our scientists based at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) have been supporting and working with Public Health England to increase testing capacity nationwide, up to 7000 tests per day can be processed at the Porton Down site.

### Planning Support for Local Authorities

The UK Armed Forces have deployed dozens of military planners across the UK. Working with Local Resilience Forums and Partnerships and alongside the Emergency Co-ordination Centres in Scotland and Wales, they are providing additional

expert resource to support local communities and businesses and to roll out tracing systems.

Environmental Health Officers and planners are supporting authorities in Liverpool, Halton, Greater Manchester, Cumbria Staffordshire, South Yorkshire and Lancashire Scientists based at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (DSTL) have been deployed directly into government departments, local resilience teams and military headquarters, to provide instant assistance, insights and advice to planners and decision makers.

### Other Support

Military personnel are also supporting ambulance trusts with 94 medics and drivers. In the North West, around 120 personnel supported the North West Ambulance Service across Liverpool, Greater Manchester, Cumbria and Lancashire. Around 50 armed forces personnel are working with the South East Coast Ambulance Service and around 40 supported the East of England Ambulance Service Trust.

Defence are supporting the Cabinet Office to tackle disinformation and hostile state narratives which seek to undermine the UK's reputation. All work is internationally focused, and the military do not and have never conducted any kind of action against British citizens.





## RULES

The idea is based around the national lottery which selects winners from a set of 59 balls, where six are selected at random, followed by a 'bonus ball', which would be used to select our winners.

Prize money will consist of the money accrued from the members' contributions that month plus any residual from previous months and will be distributed as follows.

- The 1<sup>st</sup> prize, of 30% of that amount, will be paid to the holder of the ball that coincides with the Bonus Ball on the National Lottery Draw, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in the month.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, of 20% of that amount, will be paid to the holder of the numbered ball that coincides with the Bonus Ball drawn on the FOLLOWING Wednesday's National Lottery Draw.
- This means that 50% of the contributions would be transferred to the Conductors' Branch General Account.

If in one month either or both the balls are not matched by anyone having that numbered ball, the prize will be carried over to the following month. The more observant amongst you will be asking why when the cost at £5.00 a month equating to £60.00 per year and in 2021 there are 52 Saturdays (52.00) what will happen to the extra £8.00? That will be added to the first prize in the December draw.

It is the intention to list each ball number chosen by a member against their name and circulate to ALL members participating as an email.

Payment to the lucky winner(s) will be by bank transfer on the Wednesday or Thursday after the Wednesday. As all members will have a list of who has what ball they will be able to see who the 'Golden Eagle' has blessed.

I have attached a copy of the agreement for you to scrutinize, an application form to join and a standing order for you to send to your bank:

PLEASE NOTE IT IS A DIFFERENT BANK ACCOUNT



## AGREEMENT

Name:

Full Address:

Email Address:

I wish to become a member of the 'Conductors' Fifty-Nine Club' and will pay £5.00 per month, per ball by Bank Standing Order on the first day of every calendar month, unless I choose to pay the annual amount of £60.00 as a single payment. For this amount I should like to choose the following number(s) for my lucky ball.

My chosen ball number is:

Should I wish to have more than one lucky ball, I will complete a separate agreement.

I understand that should the numbered ball I have selected been allocated previously I authorize the organizer to select a ball closest to the number I wanted.

ALL balls that have been chosen will be listed and distributed to ALL members to ensure total scrutiny, and I understand that the money I transfer will be used for the 'Fifty-Nine Club' only.

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- This means that 50% of the contributions would be transferred to the Conductors' Branch General Account.

Should it happen that neither of the Bonus Balls matches any members' chosen ball number the prize money will be carried over till the next month's draw.

As a Christmas bonus any extra monthly money paid in will be added to the December first prize. (£5.00a month equals £60.00 a year BUT only 52 Saturdays)

Winnings will be transferred to the members' personal bank account, on the Thursday following the Wednesday draw.

### YOUR BANK DETAILS

Bank:

Account Name:

Sort Code:

Account Number:

Signed

Date

Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

BANK STANDING ORDER



From:

Address:

Town:

County:

Post Code:

Telephone:

Dear Sirs,

(insert bank address

**STANDING ORDER TO CONDUCTORS' 'FIFTY-NINE CLUB'**

Please debit Sort Code: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Account No: \_\_\_\_\_

In Name of \_\_\_\_\_ and pay

Lloyds Bank, 3 Sheep Street, Bicester, Oxon, OX26 6JE, Sort Code 30:90:77, Account No. 18926760

Account Name "Conductors' 59 Club" the sum of £ 5.00 the following month and monthly thereafter until further notice. Quoting my name as the reference \_\_\_\_\_

This Standing Order cancels any previous standing orders to "Conductors 59 Club."

Yours sincerely,

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_