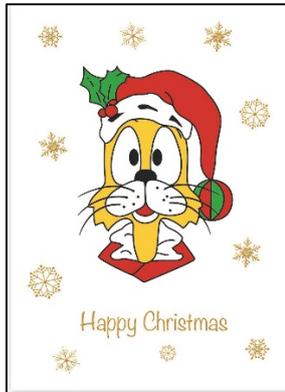


Felix Fund News – Winter 2015

Supporting bomb disposal and search personnel and their families from all British Army Regiments
Royal Navy Clearance Divers, Royal Air Force and the UK Counter Terrorism Command



Merry Christmas to you all and many thanks for your support over the past 12 months.

I have nearly been in post as Chief Executive for a year and have enjoyed every minute.

From various black tie dinners, a festival, a team in the London 10K plus all the other crazy challenges individuals have set themselves it has been a good year for fundraising.

We finished the normalisation breaks and introduced the Dashboard Mindfulness courses.

The charity became a member of COBSEO and has forged closer links with other military charities through this.

We have paid out over £55K in grants; some of which include funding towards:

- Funeral costs for a former storeman.
- A specialist buggy for the disabled son of a soldier.
- A wheelchair for the wife of a serving soldier who has MS.
- A mobility lease vehicle for a multiple amputee.
- The refurbishment of a community centre for Kineton station.

- A stair lift for the widow of a WW2 bomb disposal officer.
- Major pioneering surgery for a multiple amputee.

And this is just a small sample of how Felix Fund helps.

Thank you for all your support and let's make 2016 even better.

Melanie Moughton

Festive Felix



We still have stocks of Christmas cards available to order from the on-line shop.

<http://www.shop.felixfund.org.uk/>.

It's too late to order for 2015 but why not get them ready for next Christmas!!!!

Felix Festival



The first ever Felix Festival held back in early October was a fantastic success. Organised by Waddie and Claire, with help from a cast of hundreds the evening saw over 500 people descend on a remote Silchester field for an evening of live music, DJ's and rugby. Whilst England may have lost to Australia in the match, the festival was a winner raising over £24,000 for Felix Fund.

A massive thank you to everyone who gave so much in money, time, equipment and support.

There is talk that this may be repeated bigger and better for 2016 so watch this space...



Make Your Donations go Further

Did you know *giftaid it* increases a charitable donation by 25p for every £1? This can add up to £1,000's over the year for Felix Fund.

If you are a UK taxpayer we can claim Gift Aid on your donations. The Government does require a clear paper trail for this so we have official forms and envelopes which must be completed.

Each year there are a large number of forms which cannot be used because they have been filled in incorrectly or are illegible.

Help Felix Fund claim more in Gift Aid and make your donation go further.

For forms or more information email enquiries@felixfund.org.uk.

Escape from Alcatraz



This is a swim that many people still believe is impossible to complete but, a team of 5 swimmers from 11 Regt RLC will be escaping from Alcatraz to raise money for Felix Fund.

The 1.5-mile open water swim will be taking place sometime between the 20th and 27th June 2016 as it is weather dependent.

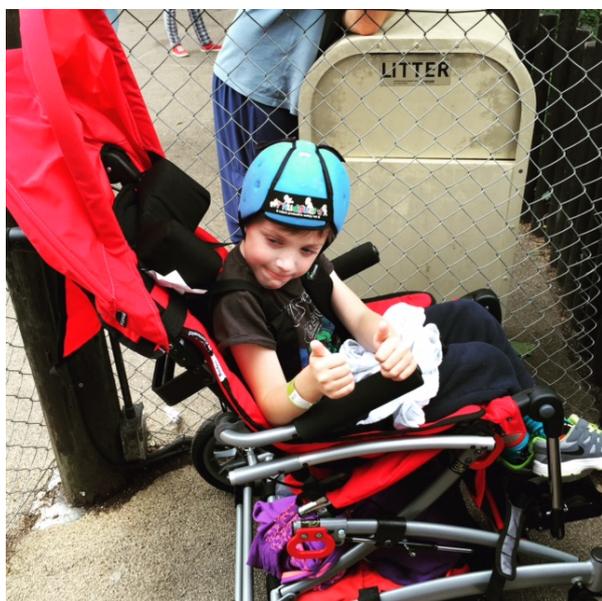
To support this amazing adventure please go to: www.justgiving.com/escapefromalcatrazwim/

Help from Felix

Recently Felix Fund was approached to help purchase a specialist buggy for the severely disabled son of a serving soldier and we were only too glad to help.

Not only has this buggy make the young boy much more comfortable but it has enabled the family to take trips out even just to the shops with greater ease.

His mother said “the buggy is amazing and has made such a difference to our lives – we can’t thank the Felix Fund enough.”



It is stories like this that make all the hard work and fundraising done by everyone worthwhile.

Special Occasions

Special occasion giving is an increasingly popular way to donate to charity.

Why not mark a special birthday, anniversary or other milestone by making a donation to Felix Fund?



We can provide you with materials for your party and all money raised will go towards helping those in need within the bomb disposal community.

For more information, contact enquiries@felixfund.org.uk.

Trans – Atlantic Gala Dinner

Inaugural British & American EOD Charities Gala

An evening to celebrate and support those that have trained and fought wars side by side since 1941. Our British and American Bomb Disposal Forces.

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April 19, 2016

Gibson Hall -
London, England



Felix Fund and the USA’s EOD Warrior Foundation are joining forces to fundraise in London next April.

This inaugural dinner will be held on the 19th April 2016 at the beautiful Gibson Hall in Bishopsgate.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets or sponsoring the event, please contact Melanie on 07713 752901 or email melanie@felixfund.org.uk

SO15 50th Anniversary Charity Dinner



Many months in the planning, the SO15 50th Anniversary dinner took place at the In & Out Naval & Military Club, London last week.

With a full house, consisting of retired and serving Expo officers and many great supporters of Felix Fund the evening raised over £4,200 for the charity.

It was particularly apt that we remembered how much the UK Counter Terrorism Command does to keep our capital city safe and we especially remembered Roger Goad and Ken Howorth both of whom were killed by terrorist bombs in London. A big thank you to Ken's children; Steve and Sue for attending the dinner.



Steve Howorth (looking very patriotic) and Sue Collins.

Looking Forward

2016 will see Felix Fund reach its fifth anniversary. Whilst this is not necessarily a major milestone for many charities it is important to recognise why the charity was set up and how we have evolved over time.

With normalisation breaks now at an end we are focused on a new initiative, which we are calling the Dashboard Courses. These are 2 ½ day residential training sessions focusing on mindfulness, which also aim to provide tools and techniques to serving soldiers to enable them to deal with stress and other mental health issues.

More details about Dashboard will feature in the next issue of our newsletter.

In the meantime, we must focus on ensuring the charity delivers exactly what is needed for those we are here to help.

For that we need your help, so let's make Felix Fund's 5th anniversary year a major fundraiser.

Since May 2011 the charity has raised £1.5 million please help us reach the £2 million mark.

Time to Remember



In each quarterly newsletter we commemorate and sustain the memories of the sacrifices made by EOD personnel who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

This time we remember those who died during October, November and December:

- WO2 Colin J L Davies who died on 24 November 1971 in Northern Ireland
- Sgt Roy E Hills who died on 5 December 1972 in Northern Ireland
- SSgt Vernon I Rose who died on 7 November 1974 in Northern Ireland
- WO2 John A Maddocks who died on 2 December 1974 in Northern Ireland
- Kenneth R Howorth GM who died on 26 October 1981 in London
- Cpl James Oakland who died on 22 October 2009 in Afghanistan
- SSgt Olaf Schmid GC who died on 31 October 2009 in Afghanistan
- Cpl Loren Marlton-Thomas who died on 16 November 2009 in Afghanistan
- Spr David Watson who died on 31 December 2009 in Afghanistan

Gone but never forgotten.