

FELIX FUND NEWS – AUTUMN 2018

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.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR DAN SHJEPHERD

Last summer Felix Fund was pleased to help with the installation of a memorial plaque to Capt Dan Shepherd GM at 621 Sqn, Northolt.

With funding from various sources, a plaque was unveiled in front of his family, friends and those he had served with during a small ceremony at Northolt Troop.



FUNDRAISING IN MEMORY OF DAN BILLINGTON

Following the tragic death of Dan Billington, formerly of 11 EOD & S Regt, RLC in 2016, his family and friends have been determined to raise funds for Felix Fund in his memory, to help support his former comrades and friends.

Each year they organise a Charity Fun Day and Football Tournament in Walsall and this year also took on Snowdon.



The combined efforts from both activities raised £3,310.68 for Felix Fund this year and we would like to say a very big thank you to everyone involved in organising these events and to those who supported them.

I have already heard from the family that they are planning next year's events, so if you wish to be involved keep an eye on Facebook. A truly wonderful way to remember someone taken too soon.

HOLLY DAVIES MEMORIAL FUND

Following the sad death of former Felix Fund CEO, Holly Davies in 2014, a fund was set up in her memory.



After much consideration and discussions with her family and those who knew her, we are pleased to announce that the Holly Angharad Davies Memorial Fund will be used to help the children of those killed on active service, as they reach university and higher education.

A one-off grant will be made to individuals who have reached the age of 18 on or after July 2014. The payment will be awarded on application to Felix Fund following the successful completion of their first year of study.

For further information or if you would like to donate to this particular fund please contact melanie@felixfund.org.uk.

TACKLING THE JURASSIC CHALLENGE IN MEMORY OF A HERO

Massive congratulations must go to the family of Chris Legg who took on the Jurassic Challenge earlier this summer.

Chris, a serving AT was tragically killed in a road traffic accident last year, whilst serving in Canada.

His wife, sister, father and uncle completed the 42km challenge in his memory, raising over £4,000 for Felix Fund.



HOW MANY HALF MARATHONS?

LCpl's Hannah Finch and Emma Barber of 11 EOD & S Regt RLC took on a challenge this year to run five half marathons in order to raise money for Felix Fund. They ran:

The Warwick Half - in 2hours 27mins.

The Bolt Around the Holt - in 2hours 31mins.

The Milton Keynes - in 2hours 36mins.

The Sheffield Half - in 2hours.

The Blackpool Half - 2hours 15 mins.

They raised over £700 for the charity which was great. Thanks to you both.

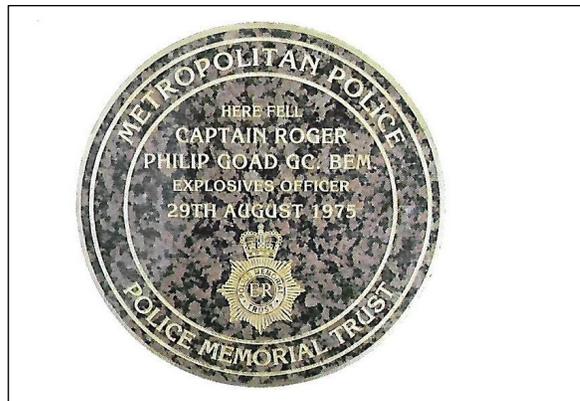


HOW WE HAVE HELPED

Felix Fund prides itself on the variety of help we are able to provide and the speed with which we can turn a grant application around, when necessary. Over the last few months we have seen a wide range of requests. They have included:

- Help with funeral costs when a serving soldier faced a large bill following the sad loss of his younger brother. As the only bread winner in the family there was no one else who could help.
- Private counselling for the daughter of a former soldier suffering from severe and complex PTSD. NHS options were not going to help in any way.
- Emergency funding for child care following a mental breakdown by the children's mother. They needed to be cared for during the day whilst their father was at work until their mother could receive the appropriate help.
- Moving costs for a family that urgently needed to relocate to military housing from the other side of the country due to illness. This meant the father was on hand to help with his children whilst their mother underwent treatment.

FALLEN EXPOS REMEMBERED

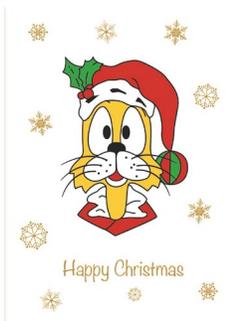


On the 29 August 1975 Capt Roger goad GC, BEM, an explosives officer with London's Metropolitan Police Service was killed by an IRA device which had been planted in a shop doorway on Kensington Church Street, London.

Then on 26 October 1981, Kenneth Howorth GM, another explosives officer with London's Metropolitan Police Service was killed in a Wimpy bar on Oxford Street, while attempting to defuse a device left by the IRA.

On Friday 29 June 2018 family, friends, former colleagues and current serving Expos attended ceremonies in London to unveil memorial plaques to Roger and Ken. The Police Memorial Trust organised the event and the plaques were unveiled by Geraldine Winner.

DARE WE MENTION – CHRISTMAS?!



You can't escape it! Some shops have had Christmas items in for a few weeks and so have we. Why not order your Felix Fund Christmas cards now?

All packs are discounted to £3.00 per pack of 10 + P&P, so place your orders quickly through our online shop <http://www.felixfund.org.uk/shop-page/>. Or how about a limited-edition bottle of whisky? Discounted to £75 + P&P until the end of December.

As always, all proceeds will go towards helping those in need within the wider EOD & Search community.

A CHALLENGING TIME

Earlier this year Cpl Carly Howard of 11 EOD & S Regt RLC took on the Isle of Wight Challenge to raise funds for Felix Fund. She completed the 106km route in 22 hours and raised over £800. A big thank you to Carly and everyone who supported her.

I believe she has plans for some bigger challenges next year so keep an eye out!



TIME TO REMEMBER



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

This time we remember those who died during July, August and September:

- SSgt Joseph A Culkin who died on 23 September 1956 in Cyprus
- SSgt Ronald Kirby who died on 31 July 1958 in Cyprus
- Sgt Colin C Workman who died on 28 August 1967 in Hong Kong
- Capt David A Stewardson who died on 9 September 1971 in Northern Ireland
- Capt John H Young who died on 15 July 1972 in Northern Ireland
- WO2 William J Clarke who died on 3 August 1972 in Northern Ireland
- Maj Richard Jarman who died on 20 July 1973 in Northern Ireland
- SSgt Ronald F Beckett who died on 30 August 1973 in Northern Ireland
- Capt Ronald Wilkinson who died on 23 September 1973 in Great Britain
- Spr John Walton who died on 2 July 1974 in Northern Ireland
- Cpl Geoffrey Hall who died on 20 September 1974 in Northern Ireland
- WO2 Edward Garside who died on 17 July 1975 in Northern Ireland
- Cpl Calvert Brown who died on 17 July 1975 in Northern Ireland
- Sgt Robert McCarter who died on 17 July 1975 in Northern Ireland
- Roger P Goad GC BEM who died 29 August 1975 in London
- Sig Paul J Reece who died on 2 August 1979 in Northern Ireland
- Gnr Richard A J Furminger who died on 2 August 1979 in Northern Ireland

- WO2 John R Howard who died on 8 July 1988 in Northern Ireland
- Sgt David K Barker who died on 17 July 1989 in Great Britain
- LCpl K T Robinson who died on 17 July 1989 in Great Britain
- Pte David B Carson who died on 17 July 1989 in Great Britain
- Spr Barry Nicholas who died on 16 August 1994 in Bosnia
- Lt Col Michael Watkins who died on 11 August 1998 in France
- Cpl Peter Bradley who died on 11 September 1999 in Bosnia
- WO2 Gary O'Donnell GM* who died on 10 September 2008 in Afghanistan
- Capt Daniel Shepherd GM who died on 20 July 2009 in Afghanistan
- SSgt Brett G Linley GM who died on 17 July 2010 in Afghanistan
- Spr Mark Smith who died on 26 July 2010 in Afghanistan

Gone but never forgotten.