

FELIX FUND NEWS – WINTER 2018

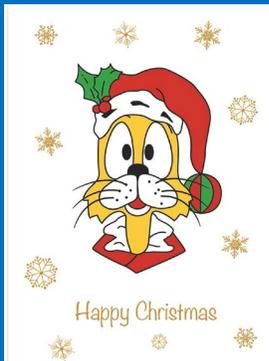
Supporting bomb disposal and search personnel and their families from all British Army Regiments, Royal Navy Clearance Divers, Royal Air Force and the UK Counter Terrorism Command.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Get your last-minute Christmas cards and gifts from the Felix Fund shop:

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

All proceeds will go towards helping those in need from the bomb disposal and search community.



10 WAYS FELIX FUND HELPS

1. Mindfulness training for serving personnel and veterans.
2. Covering travel costs if a spouse or child is in hospital for long periods.
3. Funding for specialist equipment for injured veterans.
4. Grants to those who find themselves in need while still serving.
5. Helping homeless veterans.
6. A grant towards university or higher education for the children of those killed on active service.
7. Limited support for adventure training for serving personnel to enhance team bonding and stress relief – there must be a welfare need.
8. Grants to those who find themselves in need once they have left the service.
9. Funding towards on camp welfare facilities for families.
10. Grants to the dependents of serving personnel or veterans in times of need.



FIVE WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR HEROES

Supporting Felix Fund is easy, and there are many ways to get involved. Here is just a small selection of how you can help support the bomb disposal and search community.

1. Donate



Make a one-off or regular donation and help those still serving, veterans and their dependents. Donate online: <https://www.justgiving.com/felixfund/donate>

2. Give Your Time



Volunteers are vital to all charities, but for one as small as Felix Fund they are even more important. Get in touch if you would like to volunteer to raise funds and awareness in your local area.

3. Share Your Support



YouTube

Share our stories with your friends, family and colleagues on social media and help spread the work about the help Felix Fund gives. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter and see our videos on YouTube.

4. Support While You Spend



Felix Fund is now registered as a charity of your choice on Amazon Smile. Simply switch from standard Amazon to Amazon Smile and on selecting Felix Fund as your chosen charity they will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases straight to us. It doesn't cost you anything extra. Go to: smile.amazon.co.uk

5. Show Your Support



The online Felix Fund shop has a variety of items to help you show your support. Whether it is a running top, cycling shirt or wrist band by placing an order you will be showing your support for these heroes. Visit: <https://www.felixfund.org.uk/shop-page/>

THE PRUDENTIAL RIDE 100

Back in July, Mark Davis and Dave Tyler cycled the Prudential Ride 100 event for Felix Fund.

In appalling weather, they completed it in a ride time of 5 hours and 25 mins, including time for at least 3 punctures!!!

Congratulations to them both and a big thank you for raising £1658 for the charity.



MAKE YOUR DONATIONS GO FURTHER

Each year many gift aid forms cannot be used because they have been filled in incorrectly or are illegible.

To help your donation go even further we do need your house number and full postcode otherwise we cannot make a claim. Gift Aid increases a charitable donation by 25p for every £1 which 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 but please complete your form with care. All information will only be used for gift aid purposes. Forms can be downloaded at <http://www.felixfund.org.uk/support-us/make-a-donation/>

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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:

- Accommodation costs for a mother to travel to Dublin, where her young daughter was undergoing chemotherapy. It was too far to travel daily from home and there was nowhere in the hospital for the mother to stay.
- Entry into the Bolton Ironman for a serving soldier suffering with PTSD. He has found that competing in challenge events gives him a focus and helps settle his thoughts. He is not going to fundraise for Felix Fund from this challenge.
- Covering costs of a flight home when the uncle of a serving soldier was killed. The uncle has raised him but was not listed as next of kin so he was unable to get a flight home for the funeral.

IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS DURING 2018

Each year Felix Fund receives a number of donations in memory of loved ones. In the Winter issue of our newsletter we would like to share with you those who have been remembered in this way during the year.

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| Brian Mark Horrocks | £545.00 | Ex- DS for Greater Manchester Police, who worked with Catterick Troop on EOD training. |
| Capt Peter Cunnington | £119.00 | Former Royal Engineer. |
| Sgt Chris Legg | £947.05 | AT serving in BATUS killed in a road traffic accident. |
| Maj John Patmore | £25.00 | Former ATO. |
| Maj Gen Whalley | £5180.00 | Former ATO |
| Mrs Karen Partridge | £165.00 | Wife of Mr Richard Partridge |
| Dan Billington | £3310.68 | In memory events for Dan who passed away in 2016 |

NEW YEARS FITNESS REGIME

How about starting your New Year with a new fitness regime?

Felix Fund has 10 places for the Big Half – a half marathon around the streets of London on the 10th March 2019. If you would like to take part and raise funds for Felix Fund, please get in touch with Melanie Moughton on melanie@felixfund.org.uk or call 07713 752901. Entry is covered but you would need to raise a minimum of £100 each.



POLICE NATIONAL SEARCH CENTRE

A big thank you to the Police National Search Centre who raised £500 for Felix Fund this year. RSM Dan Piner, of DEMS Trg Regt and Trustee of the charity was on hand to receive the cheque at a recent dinner.



GATEWAY & ICKNIELD WAY LODGES

During 2018 both Gateway and Icknield Way Lodges have been raising funds for Felix Fund. CEO Melanie Moughton and Fundraising Assistant, Lucinda Fitchett attending the giving evening at Bicester Freemasons Lodge recently to receive cheques from their efforts. A big thank you to all involved and the £2,100 which was donated will certainly be put to good use.



MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

All staff and trustees at Felix Fund would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all the support and hard work during 2018 it is very much appreciated.

We look forward to some exciting events and developments in 2019.



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
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
- Cpl David Barnsdale who died on 19 October 2010 in Afghanistan
- Spr William Blanchard who died on 30 October 2010 in Afghanistan
- WO2 Charles Wood who died on 28 December 2010 in Afghanistan

Gone but never forgotten.