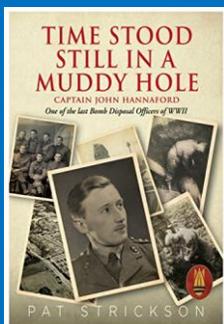


# FELIX FUND NEWS – SPRING 2019

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.

## TIME STOOD STILL IN A MUDDY HOLE

Sales of this book by Pat Strickson, based on the life of Capt John Hannaford, RE WWII will hopefully highlight the work that was done then and that which continues to be carried out by bomb disposal and search teams today. Felix Fund will receive donations from any sales made. You can order this book at:  
<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Time-Stood-Still-Muddy-Hole->



## LAUNCH OF FELIX FUND VIDEOS

Over the past few months Felix Fund has been hard at work putting together promotional videos about the work of the charity. With hours of interview footage to edit this was not an easy task but we think the end result is pretty powerful!

Directly from the mouths of people we have helped we hope these short films will raise awareness of who we help and how and assist to increase fundraising.

Help us spread the word - Please view and share these two films:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvDhA4ewoq4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YksN26Dltc>

Thank you to everyone who supported this project, both financially and by giving their time.



## THE BIG HALF

On a very cold and wet Sunday in early March, a group of nine runners took to the streets of London in the Big Half to raise funds for Felix Fund. Sadly because of appalling weather conditions we were unable to get a team photo, however, Trustee and run entrant, Kenny Scott put together a few of the images he was sent.

The team will have raised over £5,000 once all funds have been received. Thank you to those who took part and to those who supported them. One special mention should go to Doug Fitzsimon for running in full bomb suit, and this was only part of his training for the Greater Manchester Marathon in April!



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN 2019

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](https://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/>

### 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



Often, we are unable to divulge details of people we have helped, so it is always lovely to be able to share someone's story and photo. At the end of 2018 Felix Fund was proud to help former RE Glyn Hayes purchase a new SmartDrive wheelchair.

Having already left the Army Glyn had a motorbike accident in 2017 which left him paraplegic. In order to give him a far better quality of life he needed a motorised adaption to his wheelchair. Clearly not a cheap undertaking so his family, with help from Felix Fund and other good causes were able to raise the £5,300 needed. With this motorised adaption, Glyn has new found freedom and is able to travel some distance in his wheelchair, without struggle.

## LONDON DINNER 2019

Having not held a fundraising dinner in London for some time Felix Fund chose to organise a black-tie event at the Merchant Taylor's Hall, Threadneedle Street on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

We were thrilled to not only have Mark Lancaster, Minister for Armed Forces and Felix Fund Patron attend but also national treasure and Honorary Colonel of 101 Engr Regt, Jools Holland. It was a wonderful evening and although not all totals have been finalised the auction raised over £10,000. A big thank you to everyone who supported the event and to those who joined us on the night.



## TOUR DE TROOPS

This year's event is shaping up to be amazing! The annual cycle challenge will be held from 5 to 8 June and will take in three of the UK's most significant castles as cyclists pedal from Edinburgh to Cardiff via Windsor. Why not register? There is still time. We are also thrilled once again to have the support of L3-TRL. With summer on the way why not get out there and get pedaling. Donate or sign up: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tourdetroops-thecastles>



## REVAMPED MEMORIAL FOR CARVER BARRACKS

Following rebranding and changes to a number of the regiments based at Carver Barracks there was a need to ensure the memorial wall on camp was up to date. As one of Felix Fund's objectives is to commemorate and honour those lost in the line of duty the charity helped towards the revamp of this memorial.



## CHARITY ROW

A carefully selected team of maturing oars people are planning to row the 1895 double skiff 'Tara' from Cookham to Oxford and back to Henley – a distance of 110 miles with 33 locks to navigate. They will be raising funds for Felix Fund. Trustee of the charity and retired Ammunition Technical Officer,

Brigadier Gareth Collett, CBE has kindly agreed to be Patron of the row and will take part on one of the legs.

This challenge will last over 8 days – come wind, rain, shine or strong currents! Their plan is:

- 18.6.19 Cookham-Wargrave (13mls/5locks)
- 19.6.19 Wargrave-Whitchurch (13mls/4locks)
- 20.6.19 Whitchurch-Shillingford (13mls/4locks)
- 21.6.19 Shillingford- Radley (13mls/4locks)
- 22.6.18 Radley-Oxford-Radley (10mls/4locks)
- 23.6.19 Radley-Shillingford (14mls/5locks)
- 24.6.19 Shillingford- Whitchurch (13mls/4locks)
- 25.6.19 Whitchurch-Henley (13mls/4locks)

You can support the team's efforts at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/felixfuncharityrow2019>



## 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 January, February and March:**

- SSgt Christopher R Cracknell who died on 15 March 1972 in Northern Ireland
- Sgt Anthony Butcher who died on 15 March 1972 in Northern Ireland
- Maj Bernard C Calladene who died on 30 March 1972 in Northern Ireland
- SSgt Allan N Brammah who died on 18 February 1974 in Northern Ireland
- SSgt James G Crawshaw who died on 22 January 1975 in Great Britain
- Sgt Martin E Walsh who died on 9 January 1977 in Northern Ireland
- Cpl Barry Warburton who died on 19 March 1994 in Bosnia
- Spr Luke Allsopp who died on 23 March 2003 in Iraq
- SSgt Simon Cullingworth who died on 23 March 2003 in Iraq

- SSgt Christopher D Muir who died on 31 March 2003 in Iraq
- Capt Daniel Read who died on 11 January 2010 in Afghanistan
- WO2 David Markland who died on 8 February 2010 in Afghanistan
- Spr Guy Mellors who died on 15 February 2010 in Afghanistan

**Gone but never forgotten.**