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**ROYAL SIGNALS CORPS 100 WEEKEND – BLANDFORD CAMP 26 – 28 JUNE 2020**

1. **Introduction.** By kind permission of the Blandford Garrison Commander, the Corps 100 Weekend will take place at Blandford Camp over the period 26 - 28 June 20. This weekend will enable the the Regular, Reserve and Retired community to have an enjoyable and entertaining time with plenty of opportunities to catch-up with old friends and celebrate the Corps Centenary in style.

2. **Programme of Events.** An outline Programme of Events is as follows:

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| a. | 26 Jun 20 | 1300hrs – 1830hrs | Reception open at the rear entrance to camp off the Salisbury / Blandford Rd.                                                   |
|    |           | 1930hrs – 2359hrs | All Ranks Meet & Greet with Curry Supper in the WOs & Sgts' Mess.                                                               |
| b. | 27 Jun 20 | 0830hrs – 1100hrs | Reception open at the front gate to camp off Black Lane.                                                                        |
|    |           | 0900hrs – 1700hrs | Museum open (free for RSA members & guests).                                                                                    |
|    |           | 0900hrs – 1900hrs | Royal Signals displays, industry stands, civilian exhibitors, food, drink and entertainment on Elizabeth Field and Museum area. |
|    |           | 1030hrs           | Princess Royal Parade on Hawke Square (march past of veterans TBC at present).                                                  |
|    |           | 1700hrs           | Military Music Marching Display and Royal Signals v Royal Engineers Gun Run on Hawke Square.                                    |
|    |           | 1900hrs – 2359hrs | Party in the Park on Elizabeth Field.                                                                                           |
| c. | 28 Jun 20 | 0900hrs – 1200hrs | Museum open (free for RSA members & guests), paid entry after this.                                                             |

1030hrs	Service in Corps Chapel or Hawke Square followed by refreshments.
1200hrs – 1330hrs	Hog Roast Lunch in the WOs & Sgts' Mess.
1500hrs	Freedom Parade at the Market Place, Blandford Forum. There will be no transport provided.

**A more detailed version will be distributed as part of your arrivals pack.**

3. **Camp Access.** Entry into Blandford Camp will be as follows:

- a. Friday 26 June – Via the Back Gate, accessed off the Salisbury / Blandford Rd. between 1300 – 1830hrs.
- b. All other times – Via the Main Gate at the top of Black Lane.

4. **Security.** Car and caravan passes will be issued on arrival and must be prominently displayed in the vehicle whilst on Camp. They should be returned to the box on the right-hand side of the road upon exit. Landyards will be available to put your RSA membership card into and should be worn while on camp by all. Those attending must be aware that an increased security state may affect the event. It is, therefore, important that a contact telephone and/or e-mail is provided on the application to attend.

5. **Arrival.** On entry, all those attending should have with them their RSA membership card, current driving licence or passport. Information packs will be available to be collected from reception, at the rear entrance to camp, on Friday 26 June from 1300hrs – 1830hrs, and on Saturday 27 June, at the front entrance to camp, from 0830hrs – 1000hrs.

6. **Accommodation.** The RSTL board have kindly agreed this year, to fund a tented city for the regular, reserve and retired community, to utilise over Corps weekend. This has come at a considerable cost to The Royal Signals Charity. To that end, there will be a charge of £25 per person a night to stay in the tented city or if you are staying for the 3 nights of the weekend, then you will only have to pay £50 per person.

Please complete the appropriate part of the application form and return by 22 May, if you require one of these three options.

- a. Transit accommodation bedspaces are at a premium this year and therefore they are only open to **Blue badge holders and branch standard bearers**.
- b. A tented city is being built which will give 200 individual bedspaces to association members. (You will need to bring your own sleeping system)



- c. Members can also bring their own tents, caravans or mobile homes, which will be housed on the campsite area.

Confirmation of your transit accn, bedspace within a tented pitch, your own tent, caravan or mobile home pitch, will be made as soon as we are able and so it is essential an email address / telephone number is listed on the form.

**Completing and returning the application form does not guarantee accommodation, if you have not received an email from us you will not have secured any accommodation.**

Showers, wash basins, toilets and a very small amount of power points to charge mobile devices will be available. There are no chemical waste facilities on site for caravans/mobile homes; however, the fixed infrastructure facilities can be utilised.

The pre-booked pitches at the camp site have limited car parking for blue badge holders; other car parking is within walking distance. No power or electric hook-up is provided.

Caravans / tents / mobile homes will not be admitted to camp before 1300hrs on Friday 26 June.

All accommodation **MUST** be vacated promptly and by no later than 1100hrs on Monday 29 June.

Other accommodation options can be explored through the 'Visit Dorset' website <http://www.visit-dorset.com/> the local Tourist Information telephone number can also be found on this site.

## **MEALS**

7. **General.** Meals are available from a number of places on camp (at individual cost), including, the Rendezvous Café in the Glass House (Friday afternoon/Saturday and Sunday), the Comms Café in the Museum during museum opening hours, the Soldiers' Restaurant and food outlets on the Elizabeth Field arena.

8. **3R's Meet & Greet, Curry Supper – Friday 26 June.** By kind permission of the President of the Mess Committee of the WOs' and Sgts' Mess, members of the association and their guests are invited to the Mess on Friday evening for a reception and curry supper. When visiting the Mess, association members are reminded of the dress code, a pre-requisite of entry, which is applicable to everyone while in the Mess, and is as follows:

- a. Gentlemen – Jacket and tailored trousers or suit, collar and tie.
- b. Ladies – Appropriate high standard, such as suit / trouser suit or cocktail dress (below knee and above the ankle).

In order that adequate food is ordered/prepared, please complete the appropriate part of the application form and return by 22 May. £5 per person will be collected from attendees on arrival.

9. **Party in the Park (Elizabeth Field Arena) – Saturday 27 June.** RSA members and guests who are invited to 'Party in the Park' on Saturday evening on Elizabeth Field, there will be catering outlets where people can buy food at their own expense. Dress for this event is "relaxed attire" but this will be confirmed at the AGM in March.

10. **Hog Roast (WOs' and Sgts' Mess) – Sunday 28 June.** There will be a Hog Roast in the WOs' and Sgts' Mess at lunchtime on Sunday 28 June. Dress for this event is likely to be "Planters" but this will be confirmed at the AGM in March. Please complete the appropriate part of the application form and return by 22 May. £5 per person will be collected from attendees on arrival.

11. **Corps Luncheon.** There will be no Corps Luncheon in the Officers Mess during the Corps 100 Weekend.

12. **Transport.** A shuttle bus service around the site will be provided all weekend, which also gives access for disabled passengers. The bus stops will be clearly signed along the route between the camp site and Hawke Square, but as the service is run as a “request stop” it cannot be timetabled in advance; however, the timings will be detailed in the event programme on arrival.

13. **Parking.** Parking for all visitors will be allocated on arrival. Disabled parking is available for [Blue Badge Holders](#), who bring their badge, in designated areas only.

14. **Corps Museum.** The Corps Museum will be open as follows: Saturday 0900 - 1700hrs and Sunday 0900-1200 hrs there will be free entry to association members, on production of their membership card. When entering with family members, a donation to the Royal Signals Charity would be appreciated. Outside these times normal charges will apply. The Museum Shop will also be open for the sale of blazer badges, cap badges, ties, brooches, plaques and a wide variety of Corps 100 items. The Museum Café will be open with all timings in your arrival pack.

### **PRINCESS ROYAL DAY PARADE**

15. The format for the Princess Royal Day Parade on the Corps 100 Weekend is still being confirmed to ensure that the number on parade remains manageable. More details will follow at the AGM in March.

16. **Weather.** All those attending are advised to bring suitable protection from the weather, be it either inclement or extremely hot.

17. All enquiries regarding the event should be made to 01258-482086 / 482200 or e-mail: [rsa@royalsignals.org](mailto:rsa@royalsignals.org) / [steven.lockwood745@mod.gov.uk](mailto:steven.lockwood745@mod.gov.uk) / [AMY.THORPE108@mod.gov.uk](mailto:AMY.THORPE108@mod.gov.uk).

### ***Original Signed***

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Enclosures:

1. Application to Attend the Corps 100 Weekend (Pages 5 & 6).

Distribution:

Area Representatives  
Secretaries of Branches and Affiliated Associations  
Individual RSA members upon request (via website).



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3. The meet and greet with curry supper will be held in the WOs' & Sgts' Mess from 1930hrs – 2359hrs on Friday 26 June. The meal is available at £5 per head, payable on arrival in Blandford. Please indicate below how many of you will be attending, to help us to accurately cater for everyone:

a. We would like \_\_\_\_\_ meals in the Mess on Friday. We understand the cost is £5.00 per head.

4. A Hog Roast lunch will be held in the WOs' & Sgts' Mess from 1200hrs – 1330hrs on Sunday 28 June. The meal is available at £5 per head, payable on arrival in Blandford. Please indicate below how many of you will be attending, to help us to accurately cater for everyone:

a. We would like \_\_\_\_\_ meals in the Mess on Sunday. We understand the cost is £5.00 per head.

5. Accommodation for nights of 26, 27 and 28 June. Please complete below:

a. I am a Blue badge holder, please reserve me accommodation for \_\_\_\_ nights.

b. I am a Standard Bearer, please reserve me accommodation for \_\_\_\_ nights.

c. Please reserve a caravan, camper van, tent pitch. My caravan, camper van, tent is approx size is \_\_\_\_\_.

d. Please reserve me a bedspace in the tented city for \_\_\_\_\_ nights. I enclose a cheque made payable to 'The Royal Signals Charity' for \_\_\_\_\_.

6. I agree that I will leave the accommodation / campsite / tented city by 1100hrs on Monday 29 June and I understand that it is likely that there will be nowhere secure to keep valuable items whilst staying at Blandford Camp.

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

*By signing this application, I agree to HQ R SIGNALS processing the personal data it contains for the administration of this event.*

*I would like you to delete this data on completion of the event  (please tick if applicable)*

*To gain entry to Blandford Camp, please ensure you and all your guests bring RSA Membership card and photo ID - current valid driving licence or passport. These should be produced when requested. Car passes will be issued on entry.*

***All applications must be submitted no later than 22 May 20. Please send by post to:***

***Corps 100 Weekend, HQ Royal Signals, Griffin House, Blandford Camp, DT11 8RH***

***or by email to:***

***[rsa@royalsignals.org](mailto:rsa@royalsignals.org) / [AMY.THORPE108@mod.gov.uk](mailto:AMY.THORPE108@mod.gov.uk)***

***If you are being accommodated in the tented city, please ensure you bring your own bedding with you.***

***No liability will be accepted by HQ R SIGNALS for any loss or damage, howsoever caused.***