



To: the RADC Family

RADC100 COVID-19 update

The beginning of January 2021 saw COVID-19 continue to have a detrimental impact on every aspect of life, including the RADC Centenary Year.

The decision to cancel the Centenary Church Service, even in its reduced attendee format, was very disappointing, however, a simple one to make given the announcement of the third national lockdown.

We are left with some very difficult decisions to make in deciding how and when the RADC100 events can occur. The current success of the vaccine roll-out and the Government's direction until 21st June are very good to hear, however, there still remains much uncertainty, especially when large gatherings are planned, as is the nature of many RADC100 events.

Officers' Mess Ball and the Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Past and Present Dinner

In order to avoid the uncertainty that would persist over the planning and financial commitments, both of these high profile events have now been rescheduled for **July 2022**. These decisions have been taken after detailed consultations with the venues and the details of these changes have been sent by the respective organisers to those who purchased tickets. The overriding consensus has been a wish to wait-out and socialise whole-heartedly next year.

RADC100 All Ranks Function

If the wider C-19 situation continues to improve moving into the autumn, particularly in respect to 'large gatherings', the Committee fully intends to hold an '**RADC100 All Ranks' social function for serving and past personnel** to provide a get-together during 2021. Details of this event will be released when guidance permits and hence likely to be announced at relatively short notice later in the year, so please keep your fingers crossed and watch out for this announcement.

Rededication of memorial stone and unveiling of Centenary Stone

This event at the National Memorial Arboretum has been moved to **08 Sept 21**. With the intent to see the widest possible representative attendance from across the Corps 'family'. It is very much hoped that the conditions in September will permit this in the format we have intended.

Paying Our Respects

An event we can undertake in the short term is the project initiated by Maj (Ret'd) Nick Gibbs (outlined in the latest Corps Bulletin). This presents a simple 'socially-distant' opportunity. Anyone with an interest in the Corps' history can take part by visiting one of the nearly 50 Commonwealth War Graves found across the UK by laying a Poppy Cross and uploading a photograph of the gravestone. Sgt Mick Muldoon will also be remembered after being killed in an IRA attack in 1973. Many of us will have ADC / RADC family, friends and colleagues who we may also wish to remember during the year.

As an Army Dental community it would be great to visit all of the UK sites during our centenary year, and potentially some of those spread across the globe. For more information email radc100thgraves@gmail.com. The RADC have kindly offered to donate one Poppy Cross for each site and if you want to do this please use the email above.

British Dental Journal's Military Dentistry-themed edition

Also occurring in the spring is our **BDJ-themed edition**, with all articles written by serving and retired RADC individuals, will be published 09 April 21.

RADC100 collectables

Also, for immediate action, is opportunity to purchase the RADC100 'Commemorative Covers', a collectable piece available from £9. All profits from the sale of these covers will be donated by BFPS to the RADC Corps Fund for the benefit of all past, present and future members of the Corps.

<https://bfps.org.uk/product/cc91-to-ss28a-royal-army-dental-centenary-centenary/>

Polo Shirts and mugs are now available from the Museum of Military Medicine, with ties and lapel badges coming online soon (another C-19 impacted delay).

<https://museumofmilitarymedicine.org.uk/product-category/royal-army-dental-corps-100/>

RADC Museum Exhibition

The mobile RADC Museum Exhibition, in conjunction with Museum of Military Medicine, will be on display at several military museums across the UK during 2021, however, the dates for these are very much subject to the restrictions that apply to the respective museums, so do keep an eye out for the latest dates, which will appear on our website.

As always, for details, dates, locations and updates see <http://www.radc-association.co.uk/> and the Royal Army Dental Corps Facebook site: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/2545156595>

Best wishes, stay safe and hope to see you all at some point in 2021

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