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### Office hours

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The next RSA committee meeting will be held at 4 pm in the Rugby room on 16 Apr. Minutes of previous meetings are available in the office.

### Wednesday Evening Club Night

Every Wednesday members meet and greet at The Stoke Rugby club rooms in the Green Meadows Community Center. 4pm til 7pm. Shitehawk and announcements are made at 5:45pm and the tribute to the fallen is recited at 6:00pm with a moving bugle accompaniment by Mason.

### Women's Section

Usually we meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

### Introducing Paul Farrar

Paul was voted onto the committee at our last AGM.

I served 25 years in the British Army Corp of Royal Engineers. Joining at the age of 21 in February 1980 and leaving in 2005 a bit older and with a few more aches and pains. During my service I was fortunate to serve abroad and visit many countries. I had operational tours in; the Falklands, a short time in Northern Ireland, Rwanda with the UN and two tours of Bosnia with NATO. I left the Army with the rank of WO2 (QMSI) Clerk of Works Construction at Warminster Garrison checking range compliance on the police and special forces ranges. I married my Wife Marie whilst serving and our son was born in Hanover, Germany. He is not a German citizen.

We emigrated to New Zealand in 2007, first to Rotorua and then to Nelson in 2011. Me and Marie currently run our own building consultancy business from our home in Nelson.

Attached are a few photos from the Falklands war in 1982. I was a Sapper in Charlie section, 1 Troop, 11 Field Squadron, Royal Engineers. These are from 5th June 1982 at Goose Green where we were carrying out battlefield clearance around the settlements, clearing the mines and boobytraps just after the Paras



had captured the place.

2-4pm at Broadgreen Le Cren Room.

### [Reuniting Lost- Found Medals & Medal Mounting](#)

We return medals to families or if you need some medals mounted then contact Brian or Ian at medalsreunitednz@gmail.com or go to their website at: [www.medalsreunitednz.co.nz](http://www.medalsreunitednz.co.nz)

### [VANZ Support](#)

The V I P supports you to remain independent in your own home. As long as you have Qualifying Service (Reg Force, CMT, NS, Territorial Force if you served before 1 Apr 74) you don't need to have a service related condition. Support can include things like mowing your lawns, cleaning your gutters, washing the outside of your house, clean windows, 2 hrs /week house cleaning and gardening.

### **Nelson RSA website:**

[www.nelsonrsa](http://www.nelsonrsa)

**Bank Account Number  
NBS 03 1354 0038318 00**

**For membership fees**

Paul at Goose Green with confiscated



Paul 2nd from the left holding land mines

### Falklands War 1982

42 years ago I was serving as a Combat Engineer Sapper in Charlie, 1 Troop 11 Field Squadron Royal Engineers when we were sent to the Falkland Islands attached to 3 Commando Brigade. Our role was Harrier Support which involves building an operational airfield in any location. 1 Troop had the primary role of providing ship to shore fuel supply and delivery of the fuel to the Harriers and helicopters.

We sailed into San Carlos on the night of the 23 rd May onboard the Landing Ship Logistics RFA SL Sir Bedivere just as HMS Antelope was exploding and spent two days on the ship shooting at Argentinian jets and getting bombed. As most of the Harrier Support equipment was lost with the sinking of the Atlantic Conveyor, together with our equipment, rations, winter clothing and ammunition we were tasked with other roles. We carried out forward observation posts on a part of the Northern San Carlos perimeter. Then to Goose Green, after the Paras had won their famous battle, to carry out minefield and booby trap clearance. During the last week of the war we built another fuel installation at San Carlos, where we refuelled the helicopters. A few days after the ceasefire we sailed round to Port Stanley where we built a big ship to shore refuelling station alongside the new temporary airfield that the rest of the men from 11 Field Squadron built. We flew home from the Falklands on Friday 13 th August 1982. 11 Field Squadron being the longest serving unit from 3 Commando Brigade.

I served again on the Falkland Islands in 1984 and 1986.

### **100th Commemoration of the Memorial Gates and trees for 7 Stoke Boys**

On June 3rd 1924 memorial gates were opened at the Stoke Memorial Hall, and 7 trees were planted in honor of the 7 young Stoke men who lost their lives in W.W.1. Ian Barker planned a moving reenactment of this event to mark 100 years. Plaques were placed on the 7 trees. Our new President Barry Pont led the commemoration that was attended by approximately 80 people, many of them direct descendants of the 7 "Old Stoke Boys" It was also a reminder that we are still waiting to hear from NCC about the future of the Memorial Hall.



*LEST WE FORGET*



**The Veggie Guy Stoke** at 520 Main Road Stoke, will give anyone showing their Nelson RSA card a 5% discount

**Auto Battery**, they will give you a 34% discount on your scooter batteries if you show them your Nelson RSA card. 126 Tahunanui Dr

**Tom Sherwood Ltd** our new Accounting firm

Many thanks to **Mega Mitre 10**, Junction corner for all their support



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