

Royal Marine Association,
The Strand,
Walmer,
Kent.

July 3rd 2007

To the Editor
East Kent Mercury,

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Royal Marines Association I would like to correct some information which has appeared both in a recent article in your newspaper and in the Programmes for the visit of HM Royal Marines Band on Sunday the 8th July 2007.

The Royal Marines Association Deal Branch is very much a member of the National Royal Marine Association representing DEAL and will continue to be so for many years to come. The title of such a club cannot change due to it being controlled by our National Association, however we do have a social club that exists within it. Our National Head Office is currently considering several new proposals for the Deal RMA and Social Club.

Application for membership has never changed therefore it has always been the case that people who have no connection to the Royal Marines could apply, providing they were introduced by a member and proposed and seconded by full members who are ex Royal Marines.

This is still the same procedure although yes, it is true to say, that since the Marines left the town our membership of former Royal Marines has declined and will in no doubt decline further as the years go by.

Presently the Committee wants to encourage more people who have no connection with the Royal Marines to apply for membership. The club has many splendid facilities that are available to members.

Yours

Paul Richardson
Acting Chairman