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Ladies and Gentlemen,

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## **THE MOUNTBATTEN DINNER – 15 OCTOBER 2010**

You will all be aware of the tragic loss of Royal Marines in Afghanistan over recent years; to date, 13 have died since April this year during 40 Commando's latest commitment, and more are on the recovery pathway overcoming physical or psychological injuries. Sadly, though inevitably, more will require our help in the future.

The Mountbatten Dinner, The C Group's annual fundraising dinner, will be held at Sandy Park, the home of newly promoted Exeter Chiefs, on Friday 15 October 2010, to draw together current and new members at a prestigious fund raising event.

We will convene at 1900 with reception drinks to witness the Corps of Drums of The Band of HM Royal Marines, Plymouth, prior to settling for a 3 course regimental dinner, followed by coffee. Wine will be provided on each table and a cash bar will run throughout proceedings. A live auction will be conducted between courses, auctioning a variety of unrivalled Royal Marines' specific prizes, ranging from a box at the Mountbatten Festival of Music to an opportunity to train with Royal Marines Mountain Leaders in Norway; precise details of these prizes will be released closer to the event. Additional non-military prizes will be sold via a silent auction and a prize draw throughout the evening. The event will close with the presentation of the Mountbatten Sword, one of three swords handed over at the Japanese surrender at the closure of WW2, to the organisation or individual that has done most to support The C Group over the previous year.

To deliver this unique event, I unashamedly seek your help. Tickets for the dinner are retailing now at a cost of £80 per head and can be purchased either individually or in tables of 9 - 11. To provide you with ultimate value for money the tickets are being sold at cost price; though you are most welcome to offer a donation to The C Group alongside your ticket purchase should you desire. There are a multitude of additional ways that you can help; we are vigorously seeking prizes for the silent auction and the prize draw; advertising space is available within the event brochure; aspects of the dinner are available for sponsorship at a range of prices; and, most importantly, we actively seek your help to promote this high profile event across your business and community networks. Tickets can be purchased by cheque payable to 'The C Group Supporting the RMs' to the address above. All other correspondence relating to ticket sales or promotions should be forwarded by email to [execsec@thecgroup.org](mailto:execsec@thecgroup.org)

Please book early to avoid disappointment for this unique and prestigious fund raising event and thank you for your generosity and unending support.

Yours,

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**The C Group Supporting the RMs**

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