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Opportunities and Challenges for the British Army in a time of digital change

Presented by;

Major General John R Collyer, CIO British Army

Major General Collyer was educated at Ermysted's Grammar School in North Yorkshire and Welbeck Sixth Form College before commissioning into the Royal Signals. His early service was spent at Regimental Duty in Battlegroup, Brigade, Division, Corps and Joint Force formations and with Other Government Departments.

Following Junior and Initial Command and Staff courses, Major General Collyer commanded at Squadron and Regimental level and subsequently Joint Forces Cyber Group and 1st (United Kingdom) Signal Brigade. His staff appointments have included the MOD Operations Directorate, Defence Intelligence, Army Headquarters, Headquarters Allied Rapid Reaction Corps and the United States Security Coordinator HQ. In the deployed arena, he has operated in the Balkans, Iraq, Afghanistan and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. He holds a 1st Class Information Systems Engineering Degree with honours and a Masters in Defence Studies from King's College London.

Following an assignment as Head Strategy, Capability and Development in the Army HQ Information Directorate, he was appointed the Army HQ's Director of Information and Chief Information Officer from October 2021.

A keen mountaineer, climber and ultra-distance competitor, Major General Collyer has led military and civilian expeditions in the Far East, the Middle East, the Alps, Tanzania, Kenya and the USA. He has led and competed in multiple ultra-distance running and swimming challenges across Europe and in the US. His academic interests include the Near Middle East, politics, technology, innovation and history. He is married to Emma, a teacher; they have two boys and live in Herefordshire.

Synopsis

Maj General Collyer will take the opportunity to outline some of the issues facing the British Army in the near to medium term. This includes the Future Soldier initiative in which a key element will be rapid technological change to stay ahead of near peer adversaries. Digital and cyber technologies as well as robotic and autonomous vehicles such as drones, are having a dramatic effect on how warfare is being conducted now and into the future.

The General will examine these C5ISR challenges and opportunities in the light of the

lessons coming out of Ukraine to give a glimpse of what is coming down the road towards us at a rapid rate of knots.

This will be a fascinating talk from the person leading the Army as it progresses through this intense period of change.

Venue	Schedule
<p>Hub8 Brewery, The Brewery Quarter, Cheltenham, GL50 3FF https://hub8and.co/hub8-brewery/ (entrance opposite Wilko/Cosy-Club see https://w3w.co/small.palace.dangerously)</p> <p>Parking – 1. NCP Car Park Cheltenham The Brewery Quarter - £2.95 an hour or £2.45 with ParkPass App. 2. North Place Car Park GL50 4DW - short walk away</p>	<p>18:30 Pre-meeting drinks and networking 19:00 Presentation 20:00 (approx) Drinks, food, networking 21:00 expected finish</p> <p><i>There is opportunity to continue your discussions in adjacent bars</i></p>

(booking details overleaf)

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