Early January saw the first of our curated series of talks, celebrating the greatness of the human spirit, both in its ability to overcome huge adversity and to achieve seemingly impossible feats. Following the success of the talk by Jake Meyer, we “push forward” with our second event and are extremely fortunate to be hosting Mark Ormrod, a former Royal Marines Commando and the UK’s first triple amputee to survive the Afghanistan conflict.

A ‘gravel-belly’, a ‘bootneck’ Marine, Mark loved being in the heart of the action when things kicked-off and relished the prospect of a tour of duty in Afghanistan – then the unthinkable happened. In one heart-stopping moment, Mark’s life was brutally shattered when a landmine tore off both his legs and right arm. Thereafter began the greatest battle of his life – to walk again; using his new state-of-the-art ‘bionic’ legs, Mark was able to stand shoulder to shoulder with his comrades when receiving his campaign medal.

Mark speaks with brutal honesty and tells a story of true grit that leaves his audiences inspired and motivated to better their personal and professional lives.

As before, the evening will consist of a talk, followed by a Q&A session, with an opportunity for informal conversation over drinks and light refreshments. The events are not linked to a fundraising exercise and are intended to motivate, enrich, educate and inspire the Patron team, our friends and partners.

“The injuries I sustained in Afghanistan changed my life but they do not define it. What defines my life is the meaning I have chosen to attach to what happened to me, to the positive lessons I learned along the way and the growth I have experienced.” Mark Ormrod.

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