



### We Will Remember Them

Mr A Small – *Sutton Scotney* : Sqn Ldr B Hanlon – *Brockenhurst*

Mr M E Read – *EMMB (President) & Milford-on-Sea*

Mrs E Jones – *Copythorne & District*

*Our sincere condolences to family and friends*

### National News

#### General Data Protection Regulations

GDPR has been in place for over a year and so it is important that we all remember to make sure that personal data, particularly publicly available data is kept up to date.

We have recently received complaints regarding out of date personal information or personal information that should no longer be on some branch websites. For example, this could be an ex committee officer or someone who has since deceased. This can be classed as a data breach and if we are made aware then it will be passed on to our Data Protection Officer as required by law.

**Please remember that it is the responsibility of each Branch or County to maintain and keep up to date their branch website including if you have set up your own.**

Any data breaches you are made aware of need to be rectified as soon as possible and reported to our Data Protection Officer:

[dataprotection@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:dataprotection@britishlegion.org.uk)

You will find our GDPR supporting documents in the Membership Resources area here:

<https://trbl.sharepoint.com/sites/MembershipResources/SitePages/GDPR-and-Data-Protection.aspx>

where you will also find our Membership Retention Schedule that informs you how long different types of personal data can be held for. If you have any queries regarding Branch websites please send an email to

[Membership.ITSupport@rbl.community](mailto:Membership.ITSupport@rbl.community). I also encourage any of you that use Yammer to join the Webmasters group where you will find a supportive group of other branch webmasters.

*Tom Shepherd*

Membership IT Systems Manager

### National Vice-Chairman

Following the resignation of Mr Colin Kemp, National Vice Chairman, the Board of Trustees have announced that Mr Joe Falzon will fulfil the role for the remainder of the current term.

Jo Falzon has been a trustee at the RBL for 5 years.

*Una Cleminson*

National Chairman

### Branch Committees

A Motion at National Conference for smaller Branches to reduce the number of People required for a Branch Committee has been authorised by the Board of Trustees.

Branches are no longer required to have a post of Vice-Chairman, and there is no longer a minimum number of personnel required to fulfil the role of a Branch Committee.

Branches are still required to fill the following positions:

- Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Welfare Representative

### County News

#### Hampshire County Conference

The Hampshire County Conference of Branches takes place at Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020 starting at 1030hrs.

Branch Secretaries will soon be receiving the Notice of Conference with application forms for:

- Branch Delegate(s)
- Motions & Charter Motions for Conference
- County Committee (8 Vacancies)
- County Conference Committee (1 year)
- National Conference Committee (3 years)
- Place of Conference 2022

The application forms for County Awards:

- Shaw or Capper Cup
- Howard Memorial Cup
- County President's Shield
- Business Affiliation Shield
- Poppy Organiser's Cup
- Poppy Appeal Cup

*Please read the nomination forms and if you believe a Branch or individual meets the standard then use the forms and nominate, if the Branch/Individual is not nominated they cannot win and receive the recognition they deserve.*

The following will also be awarded but no nominations required.

- Stockdale Membership Cup
- Folley Membership Cup
- Buckingham Shield
- Wells Rose Bowl
- PAO's Cup

Please note that due to the age and fragility of the cup, they will now be kept in storage, and all winners and runners' ups will receive certificates.

This Notice and requisite forms can be accessed by Branch officials on MAP (Office 365) on the Hampshire page in County Shared Documents/County Conference/Forms A-I

Note:

*Mr TR Russell, Mr R Bartlett, Mrs PM Prior BEN QVRM, Mr B Mansi, Mr MJ Davis & Mr A Knight are serving members of the Hampshire County Committee who may NOT be nominated for Conference 2020.*

## Training

Calling all experienced Branch Treasurers! I would remind you that following on from the successful Independent Examiners course we held in May we have been offered dates for another course 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November. It is critical that we increase the number of IE's within the county so it is imperative that this course is also a success. Please be informed that it is a requirement that delegates have previously attended a RBL Branch Treasurer course. The IE course ends in a written exam which delegates shall pass in order to perform duties as an IE. If you are interested in attending this course then please contact me at [Hampshire.cto@rbl.community](mailto:Hampshire.cto@rbl.community).

I have arranged a series of one day Branch Management courses. These will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December in Old Basing and 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December at the Area Office in Southampton. I will also hold one course on 19<sup>th</sup> January at Aldershot RBL at the request of that branch. I have been informed by the branch that they are willing to open this course to other branches in the area. These courses is suitable for all current and prospective branch committee members. This will be a full day starting at 09:00 and ending late afternoon. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. There will be a limited number of places on these courses so I would encourage those who wish to attend to submit an application as soon as possible. Depending on take up of this course we will be running more in the New Year.

Finally I would remind branches of my offer to hold MAP's and Office 365 workshops for branch officer and committee members in individual branches. I have held a number of these workshops the feed-back being that they have proved very useful. If your branch is interested in this then please contact me at [Hampshire.cto@rbl.community](mailto:Hampshire.cto@rbl.community).

*Mike Davis*

## Branch News

### Farnborough



The Farnborough Concert Band, under the direction of Mark Atkins, will be performing their annual Proms concert at the Princes Hall in Aldershot at 7.30pm on the evening of Saturday, 12 October. Tickets are a very reasonable £13 and only £6.50 for under 16s (including entrance, programme and flag).

This concert is in aid of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal and Topic of Cancer, a charity based in Guildford carrying out research into fighting cancer using the body's immune system. This concert has raised nearly £100,000 over recent years for the Royal British Legion and other charities.

We are delighted to welcome back the versatile Helen Clutterbuck as our soprano during this concert. The band will play a lively mix of music but, as always, the concert ends with the usual patriotic finale including 'Jerusalem' and 'Pomp & Circumstance No. 1'.

For tickets, please phone the Princes Hall's Box Office on 01252 329155 or book online at <https://www.princeshall.com/book-online/127201>

### Copythorne

The Purbeck Big Band returns to Copythorne on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October to the Copythorne Parish Hall. The Band and Singers will perform the concert in aid of Copythorne RBL, with popular music and songs from yesteryear.

The concert starts at 7.30pm, and tickets are £10, available by ringing 023 8081 2054 or 023 8081 4732, or subject to availability on the door. For more information please email [purbeckbb@btinternet.com](mailto:purbeckbb@btinternet.com).

### Romsey & District

The Michelmersh Silver Band supported by The Spitfire Sisters will be supporting the RBL Poppy Appeal with a Gala "Victory" gala concert with a special flag-waving celebration of the upcoming 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day.

The event takes place at Romsey Abbey on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 starting at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £12 & £15 (Unreserved £10) from the Romsey Tourist information – 01794 512987 or see the website

[www.romseyabby.org/visit/concerts/](http://www.romseyabby.org/visit/concerts/)

### Lovedean & Horndean

On the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019 the Lovedean and Horndean Branch joined forces with the Ladies of the Lovedean and District (Women's Section) and enjoyed a visit to Southwick Park. The party first visited the RAF Police Museum on the Military Base, bringing memories to those with an RAF background. Then it was on to Southwick House and the 'D' Day Map Room in particular.

Branch Vice Chairman Bill Todd hosted the visit and explained in detail the scene on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944 and those who took part.

Those present were then given a brief on what it was like by Branch Member Bert Westgate who was a 'D' Day Veteran. He was a young airman wireless operator in the RAF at the time and went onto Omaha Beach with the Americans, but admits that he was not sure why. Bert was also proud to have revisited the 'D' Day Beaches with

the RBL organised tour this year on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Brenda Cox, Hon. Sec. of the Lovedean and District (Women's Section) proudly explained about how her Late Father, Ernest Harfield, served in the Merchant Navy during the war. On 'D' Day he worked in the engine room of a ship carrying ammunition which was then delivered to Sword Beach. Luckily his Ship was not hit during the Battle. Altogether he completed thirteen trips in resupplying the troops and when asked what it was like would only say that 'the sea was red'.



### Eastleigh, Chandler's Ford & District

The Branch held a boot fair in Fair Oak on 18<sup>th</sup> August, after an hour the heavens opened and the fair was abandoned, but in that short time £57.70 was raised for the Poppy Appeal.



## Standard Bearers

### Training

The County Parade Marshal, Steve Forward, would like to invite all Standard Bearers to partake in training sessions to ensure that they are kept current.

Training takes place at

**Eastleigh** – Pavilion in the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, Eastleigh **SO50 9LH**

**Lymington** – Lymington Drill Hall, Bath Road, Lymington, **SO41 3RU**

**Fleet** – Old NAAFI Building, Quetta Park, Church Crookham, Fleet, **GU52 8TG**

Training runs from March through to October inclusive, and all Standard Bearers are urged to take training courses as beginners or long serving to enhance their position as the Legion's presence in the community.

The Parade Marshall, Steve Forward can be contacted on 023 8069 3028, or [stevemo@stevemo.plus.com](mailto:stevemo@stevemo.plus.com) or Deputy Parade Marshall, Dave Graham on 01425 623102 or [davidkarengraham1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davidkarengraham1@yahoo.co.uk) for more information.

<b>Eastleigh</b>	<b>Lymington</b>	<b>Fleet</b>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
<i>14:00</i>	<i>19:30</i>	<i>19:00</i>
<i>20<sup>th</sup> Oct</i>	<i>14<sup>th</sup> Oct</i>	<i>16<sup>th</sup> Oct</i>

*Each session is an hour long*

### Standard Competition

The Annual County Standard Bearers Competition takes place at Jubilee hall, Bishops Waltham on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 11am.

Branches are urged to Standard Bearers to take part in the event as the winners will progress to the South Western Regional Competition, and up to the National Competition if they win. The winner and runner up both receive certificates at County Conference in January.

### Request

Fawley RBL Club are holding a Festival of Remembrance on the 9<sup>th</sup> November in the main hall of the Club (SO45 1XD) which will include the Marchwood Military Wives Choir and are looking for Standard Bearers who would be willing to attend. If you are able please contact Pete at Fawley to register your interest.

## Poppy Appeal

### 2019 Appeal

As we approach the 2019 Poppy Appeal, we would like to say thank you for all your efforts in 2018 where you all helped The Royal British Legion exceed the £50,000,000 milestone for the first time.

The charity couldn't raise the much-needed funds, to support the ex-serving and serving personnel and their families, without your help.

However, we'd like to bring your attention to the fact that there are still members who put our income and fundraising at risk by trading outside of Legion policy.

Examples of such activity include selling items at events (instead of offering them for a donation) and selling unofficial Poppy merchandise on eBay, and these are some of the issues we face as a result:

- We can't audit the money because it has to go into someone's bank account/PayPal before it comes to us;
- This activity has VAT implications for the charity because items are sold for a fixed price instead of being given for a donation only;
- it encourages more rogue sellers, which we are trying hard to deter, to flood the market because they see others doing it.

Please remember that Poppy Appeal items cannot be used to raise funds for Branches or Counties, only the appeal.

We'd be grateful for your cooperation in bringing such activities to our attention and ensuring that members in your branches and counties comply with the relevant rules and regulations. Thanks to our combined efforts we will be able to make this year's Poppy Appeal even more successful and avoid potential penalties for breaking the trading law.

*Karolina Brzeska*

Head of Membership Operations

### Poppy Lottery

Win one of 400 weekly prizes from £5.00 up to weekly top prize of £2,00, drawn Fridays.

All it cost is £1.00 a week, taken from your bank each month.

- We'll write to confirm your unique lottery number(s) and the date of your first draw within two weeks

- Each week, when your direct debit has been collected, your lottery number will be entered into the draw
- 400 winning numbers are drawn at random every Friday
- If you win, there's no need to claim your prize, we'll automatically send you a cheque in the post
- You can [check the results of each draw here](#), or call the Poppy Lottery helpline on 01249 280016
- Four times a year, your lottery number will be automatically transferred to The Royal British Legion's big Quarterly Draws, with a bigger jackpot of £20,000 to win. You can buy additional entries for the Quarterly Draws to boost your chances of winning one of the big prizes
- As a Poppy Lottery player you will have access to [Playerzone](#), a special website where you can keep track of your winnings, enter exclusive free competitions and prize draws, and read about how you're supporting Britain's bravest

Just search for the Poppy Lottery or call 01249280016 for assistance.

## Poppy Shop

It is that time of year when people are asking PAO's where they can get the Broaches and other Poppy Merchandise, so please remember to pass along the details for the Poppy Shop [www.poppystore.org.uk](http://www.poppystore.org.uk) for all your Regimental Pins, Football Club Pins and hundreds more items including: Jewellery, Clothing, Home, Remembrance, Collections and Members only area.

Free delivery for orders over £40.00 and for a limited number items use code `member15` for a 15% discount

## Miscellaneous

### Battle Back Centre – Lilleshall

The Battle Back Centre is a modern sports and outdoor centre for injured Service people. The Royal British Legion's £27 million funding commitment makes it possible.

Being active is a recovery accelerant, leading to improved physical and mental wellbeing.

Undertaking and overcoming challenges also enhances recovery.

The Battle Back Centre provides adaptive sports and adventure opportunities. It's led by a world-class team of coaches from Leeds Beckett University, with residential accommodation for up to 24 people at a time.

The range of sports and outdoor activities includes;

- climbing
- road cycling
- mountain biking
- water sports
- indoor skiing
- caving
- wheelchair basketball
- indoor bowls
- clay target shooting
- archery

Courses at the Battle Back Centre improve self-confidence and motivation. They develop a positive mental attitude, and enhance the ability to deal with stress.

### Veterans` Re-Org Courses

This is a new five-day residential course for veterans. It incorporates many features of the Multi-Activity Course for serving personnel. It combines sport and adventurous training to help physical, psychological and social recovery. Attendees need to have served in the Armed Forces and be independently mobile.

Contact Us

Attendance at The Battle Back Centre is one of the core recovery events for all wounded, injured and sick Service personnel.

If you are a serving man or woman and would like to attend a course at The Battle Back Centre as part of your individual recovery pathway, please **contact your Unit Welfare or Personnel Recovery Officer.**

If you have any queries about the Centre or course content **please contact Battle Back staff on 0195 281 5673.**

### Attachments

Mina Al Falal – [Article](#)

This article was submitted by David Lloyd, Petersfield Branch Secretary, for all the Members of the County that served in the Middle East. David was seconded to SOAF in 1974, and visited Oman with the RAF Salalah and Masorah Association in 2014

Many thanks to David for submitting this interesting article.



"TO GET MY LIFE BACK"  
 "TO BE PART OF A TEAM AGAIN"

Just some of the reasons veterans apply for  
**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION  
 VETERANS' COURSE**

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The Royal British Legion Battle Back Centre has developed a new  
 5 day fully funded residential course for Veterans.

10 – 14 February 2020  
 11 – 15 May 2020  
 6 – 10 July 2020  
 21 – 25 September 2020  
 16 – 20 November 2020  
 25 - 29 January 2021  
 22 – 26 March 2021

To apply for a course call **0195 281 5681**  
 or email [battlebackcentreveteranscourse@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:battlebackcentreveteranscourse@britishlegion.org.uk)





**Veterans need to have served in the UK Armed Forces.**  
 To gain benefit from the course, veterans must be independently mobile and self-medicating.  
 The Battle Back Centre is a recovery facility and is unable to provide clinical or nursing support.  
 Registered charity number: 219279





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 supporting the  
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 presents



# VICTORY!



A gala concert packed full of music for all tastes with a special flag-waving celebration of the upcoming 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

**Romsey Abbey**

**Saturday 23rd November 2019 : 7.30pm**

**Reserved Tickets: £15 & £12 Unreserved: £10**

**BOX OFFICE: ROMSEY TOURIST INFORMATION - 01794 512987**

**[www.romseyabbey.org.uk/visit/concerts/](http://www.romseyabbey.org.uk/visit/concerts/)**

Michelmersh Silver Band Registered Charity No: 1107458



THE ROYAL BRITISH  
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# Cream Tea

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
2.30 – 4.30pm

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## Crookham War Memorial Hall

Sandy Lane, Church Crookham, GU52 8LD

Come and join us for a delicious Cream Tea  
and raise funds for The Royal British Legion

To include: scone with cream and jam or cake, tea or coffee  
Children's cakes and drinks for under 12s

### *Raffle & Bake Stall*



**£5 a head** (advance booking using link below) or £6 on the door

Children welcome at **£2 a head**, age 2 up to 12 years

To pay by cheque please email me [timburt@waitrose.com](mailto:timburt@waitrose.com)

or call 01252 613803 after 6pm

**Booking at** – [www.ticketsource.co.uk/rblfleetcrookham](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rblfleetcrookham)

If you are bringing a group of 4 or more and would like to be seated together please email me once you have purchased your tickets – [timburt@waitrose.com](mailto:timburt@waitrose.com)



## Events Diary

### 2019

#### October

**5<sup>th</sup>** – Band Concert

Copythorne Parish Hall

Pollards Moor Road, SO40 2NZ

Tickets £10.00

023 8081 4732/023 8081 2504

**12<sup>th</sup>** – Farnborough Concert Band – 7.30pm

Princess Hall, Aldershot

Tickets £13.00 & £6.50 for under 16s

[www.princeshall.com/book-online/127201](http://www.princeshall.com/book-online/127201)

Box Office 01252 329155

**13<sup>th</sup>** – Astor Big Band – 7.30pm

Haymarket – Basingstoke

**13<sup>th</sup>** – County Standard Bearers Competition

Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham

**14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>** – Lifeworks

RBL Pop In Centre

Southampton

*See attached Poster*

**18<sup>th</sup>** – SE Reginal Gala Dinner

Crowne Plaza, Felbridge

West Sussex

Black Tie event

**26<sup>th</sup>** – Poppy Appeal launch

#### November

**9<sup>th</sup>** – Festival of Remembrance

Royal Albert Hall

**10<sup>th</sup>** – Remembrance Sunday

**11<sup>th</sup>** – Armistice Day

**16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>** – Independent Examiners Course

#### November

**1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** – Branch Management Course

Old Basing RBL Club

**7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>** – Branch Management Course

Area Office Southampton

**23<sup>rd</sup>** – Michelmersh Silver Band – 7.30pm

Romsey Abbey

Tel: 01794 512987

### 2020

#### January

**18<sup>th</sup>** – County Conference of Branches – 10.30am

Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham

**19<sup>th</sup>** – Branch Management Course

Aldershot RBL Club

*Please if you have any events in the pipeline then*

## County Websites

RBL Website:

[www.BritishLegion.org.uk](http://www.BritishLegion.org.uk)

County Website:

<http://counties.britishlegion.org.uk/counties/hampshire>

Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/groups/hantscountyrbl/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/hantscountyrbl/)

Facebook - Email

[Hampshire.web@rbl.community](mailto:Hampshire.web@rbl.community)

Poppy Appeal

[www.facebook.com.poppy.HampshireRBL](http://www.facebook.com.poppy.HampshireRBL)

## Contact us

**It's your newsletter!!!**

If anyone has any articles that they would like published in the Newsletter then please contact the editor at:

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Or

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(including Welfare requests)

Should be directed to the national call centre

**0808 802 8080**

## County Personnel

Patron	<i>Lt Gen Sir Mark Mans KCB CBE DL</i>
President	<i>Col Andrew King</i>
Chairman	<i>Tim Russell</i>
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Treasurer	<i>Ges Brown</i>
MSO	<i>Christopher Bolton</i>
Membership Council Rep	<i>Gerry Nunn</i>
Area Manager SW	<i>Craig Spence</i>
Training Officer	<i>Mike Davis</i>
Recruitment Officer	<i>Pat Prior BEM, QVRM</i>
Branch Support – North	<i>Jacki Gatfield</i>
Branch Support - South	<i>Andy Knight</i>
Youth Officer	<i>Vacant</i>
Committee Members	<i>Brian Mansi &amp; Brian Soffe</i>
CFR – Manager SW	<i>Claire Peppiatt</i>
CFR – Hampshire North	<i>Jim Parker</i>
CFR – Hampshire South	<i>Sarah Ferris</i>
PAO Coordinator – North	<i>Jacki Gatfield</i>
PAO Coordinator – South	<i>Pat Prior BEM QVRM</i>
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Hampshire Link	<i>Darron Back</i>