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(BR0106) of the Royal British Legion.

‘Shoulder to Shoulder With All Who Serve’

**Next Monthly Branch Meeting
Thursday
13 December**

Function Room, Conservative Club, Fairfield Rd, Market Harborough
7-30pm

Branch News AGM

The AGM was attended by 38 members, with 8 apologies. The President, speaking at his first AGM, said how proud he was to be the new President and reported on a hectic year both locally and for troops in theatre of war. He reported on the involvement of the branch at local, County and national level and thanked all members for their contribution to keeping the branch profile at a high level. The Chairman reported on the many aspects of branch activity and the support given by the members to maintaining the work of the branch.

The Annual Report, prepared by Tom Ashmore was approved as was the Branch Plan.

The revised bye-laws were approved the main change being to the quorum for the Committee. The Treasurer reported that the General Account stood at £2498, Welfare, £1731, and the Social account £211. Including the account which can only be used for building the branch assets totalled £58,289. The Poppy Appeal Organiser reported that the target set for last year had not quite been achieved, falling some £4000 short of the £30,000 target, this was never the less a good figure. Initial indications suggested this years figure would once again be lower as the recession continues to bite.

The welfare team had dealt with several local cases. Nationally the RBL had opened 35,000 cases and

spent £15m on welfare. In the County £64,000 had been spent in the first half year and the Handy Van service dealt with 300 enquiries.

Following a generous legacy left by Sid Amos the branch has presented a cheque for £500 to Alderson House.

Branch Committee

The following were elected to the Committee

Chairman - John Standish
Vice Chairman - Rev'd John Morley
Hon Treasurer - Myra Grewcock
Hon Secretary - Betty Ramsay
Ctee Members - Ms B Pickup,
Messrs J Cox, D Pryor, B Thomas

Festival of Remembrance

A mini bus arranged by John Morley took members to the De Montfort Hall for the Annual Festival of Remembrance. It was great to be back at the De Montfort Hall after last years visit to the Cathedral. The band this year was that of the Royal Marines and we were treated to a somewhat different set of music although the sing-a-long proved as popular as ever.

Welfare

If you are aware of any one who qualifies for, and who may benefit from, the Royal British Legion welfare services please contact

Betty Ramsay
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Remembrance Week

The Garden of Remembrance was set out by the usual team of volunteers. We were saddened to hear that vandals had struck overnight. A row of crosses ripped from the ground and a wreath torn from the Cenotaph. The crosses were put back but there was no trace of the wreath - perhaps thrown in the river. The Poppy launch was another success, a lot of publicity being received.

The Last Post ceremony was held on the 10th and the Square was packed on the 11th. The ceremony was slightly different to the plan but didn't detract from the occasion.

The MOD reported the following soldiers killed in Afghanistan.

Cpl David O'Connor aged 27 from Havant, 40 Commando Royal Marines and Cpl Channing Day aged 25 from Newtonards of 3 Medical Regiment both killed on 24 October

Lt Edward Drummond Baxter aged 29 from Co Durham and L/Cpl Siddhanta Kunwar aged 28 from Nepal both of 1st Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles, killed by a man wearing Afghan police uniform on 30 October

Capt Walter Barrie aged 41 from Glasgow of Royal Scots Borderers killed in an 'insider attack' on 11 November.



Tuesday 8th January Late Christmas Lunch

**Reservation to
Les Moore 01858 434923
with menu choice**

Menu

Starter

*Chicken liver pate, dressed leaves, chutney & rustic bread
Melon slices, wine infused berries & fruit sorbet
Vegetable broth & crusty bread*

Main

*Turkey with trimmings
Baked white fillet of fish, mash potato, dill, wine & prawn sauce
Butterfly Supreme of chicken, roast potatoes, leek & smoked bacon sauce
Quorn Sheppard's pie, vegetable gravy, roast potatoes
All served with vegetables*

Sweet

*Carrot Cake with cream
Christmas pudding, brandy sauce
Roulade, with fruits & ice creams
Fresh fruit salad with cream
Coffee and mints*

**£12-50 - pay on the day
Meet in the bar at noon**

What's Going On?

Forthcoming Events

- Dec 13 NOTE - revised date for the Branch Meeting. Conservative Club not available on the 12th
- Dec Lunch There is no Tuesday lunch in December.
- Jan 5 County Conference Loughborough. 2pm
- Jan 8 The 'Christmas ' lunch at the Angel -see menu on page 3
- Mar 22 Annual Dinner at the Golf Club. Celebrating our 90th anniversary. See enclosed booking Form.

Subscriptions

Last call for subscriptions - if you haven't renewed yet please do so as soon as you can. We wouldn't want your subscription to lapse.

Late News

The band of 1084 (Market Harbourough) Sqn ATC retained the Air Cadet National Marching Band Championships at RAF Halton on 18 Nov.

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