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*Warsop, Meden Vale & District
Branch*

NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the February 2011 Newsletter.

Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal total for the branch has gone over the £13,000, a fantastic sum in our current economic climate.

Our thoughts are already with the 2011 appeal, especially as 2011 is the Royal British Legions 90th birthday.

At the last meeting members thought this years launch was such a great success that we should do something similar with another top motorcyclist.

We have also booked the Police Band again for a 90th anniversary concert on the 29th October. Please put this in your diary as we need greater support this year.

Another date for your diary is the 30th March when the RAF Regiment Band are playing at the Fretwell Centre at Sookholme. This is being organised by the Warsop, Shirebrook and District Rotary Club with all proceeds in aid of our great charity. Tickets are £10, cheap when you consider I paid £25 to see them in Nottingham recently! Please ask your family and friends if they enjoy military music as the more tickets sold helps us.



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Tombola Prizes

The Branch has had a very generous donation of our own marquee by Mr. John Harding who owns 'Top Marquees'. We will use this at the Warsop Carnival in July to publicise our existence in the District. Tombola prizes are requested to raise funds.

Meetings

We have the Revd. Angela Fletcher as our guest speaker at the February meeting, with other speakers in the pipeline for the future. Please come along and support the speakers, they are very interesting.

Do you have any **idea's for speakers?** Either topics or names, let me know and I will arrange it.

I gave a presentation

on 'The Way Forward' recently. Major modernisation of our charity is long overdue if we are to remain the No. 1 Service Charity in the UK. Did you know that we currently spend 1.25 million per week on Welfare? Far more than any other Service Charity. Comradeship will also be a focus so that we support each other whenever possible.

National Conference in Telford will bring much debate, and as usual I will be there to fight our corner and to report back following it.



Birthday Greetings

January and February birthday wishes go to the following members;

George Humphrey
Brian Marples

Maureen Meredith
John Nicholson
Bernard Waby
Nick Wood
Keith Fairlamb

Leonard Appleby
Barbara Baker
Doug Holmes
Jeanette Nicholson
John Wood
Jackie Carter
Kevin Usher

A very happy birthday to you all.

Trips

After the very successful trip to the National Memorial Arboretum, members have expressed an interest in other trips. The NMA in summer is one consideration as there is far too much to see in one day. Other trips suggested are the Armouries at Leeds, Eden Camp, North Yorkshire and the Poppy Factory near Richmond.

If you are interested in any of these trips, or indeed have other suggestions for destinations then let me know and we will discuss it at a meeting.

New Members

I would like to welcome our latest batch of new members to the Branch.

Reg Atkins
Doreen Powell.
Kevin Usher
Craig Moore
Val Moore.
We welcome you all

Diary Dates

March

24th - Concert in the Cathedral, St. Barnabus Church Nottingham.

31st - RAF Regiment Band. Tickets £10

April

30th - Southwell Minster, Concert in the Cathedral

May

1st - Phil Davis starts his Bike-athon for Combat Stress.

www.justgiving.com/p/hillip-cox3

July

3rd - Warsop Carnival

Next Meeting

February 14th - Doors open 7.30pm. Guest Speaker The Revd. Angela Fletcher.

Pete