



# LEGION LINC'S



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## Newsletter of THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Lincolnshire County

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#### Lincolnshire set the Standards



Tony Goodwin with Lincolnshire's Champions

The East Midland Regional Standard Bearers Competition was held on 16 February in the Hudson Hall at Loughborough Grammar School. All five East Midlands Counties took part - Derbyshire, Leicestershire/Rutland, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire and, for the second year running, Lincolnshire's Standard Bearers set the pace.

The final results were:

**RBL East Midlands Regional Standard Bearer Competition, Winner Richard KENT, Lincolnshire.**

**RBL East Midlands Regional Youth Standard Bearer Competition, Winner - (Cadet) Lily-May KEMP, Lincolnshire.**

**RBL East Midlands Regional Women's Standard Bearer Competition, Winner - Sonia BEALE, Northamptonshire**

All three retained their titles from last year. Bill Parkin, Membership Council member, presented the cups to winners.

Richard's performance was impressive, winning by an increased margin from the Leicestershire Standard bearer who was also runner up last year. Lily-May also gave a good performance and was a credit to Lincolnshire Youth. Both will now go on to their respective national competitions. Well done to them both and good luck in the next round.

It was good to see so many County Chairmen present: Bernard Page (Derbyshire), David Atterbury (Leicestershire), Andy Gregory (Nottinghamshire), Tony Goodwin (Lincolnshire), and Russ Barrie, Vice-Chairman of Northamptonshire. The Lincolnshire supporters, who out-numbered all the other Counties put together, gave magnificent support as usual to our Standard Bearers

Our next Standard Bearers School (*see page 9*) will be at Crowland on 23 June with a 2.00pm start. ALL Branch Bearers are encouraged to attend. It is not just competition practice but also a friendly schooling session. Who knows? Maybe next year you could be representing Lincolnshire! The next Lincolnshire Standard Bearer Competition will be held on Sunday, 29 September in the Queen Elizabeth School, Horncastle.



The Lincolnshire Rent-a-Crowd in full voice



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## CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

It must seem to many members that just at the moment our Legion world is in turmoil. The phrase *Pathway for Growth* dominates every Legion article that we read. It is an item for discussion at every meeting we attend and as usual there seems to be a wide variety of experts and opinions on the subject, each with their own point of view on the way forward.

My message to you all is that, whilst there are changes taking place which will impact greatly on the way the Legion carries out its welfare role, we have not yet reached the point where everything is signed and sealed. The initial part of Pathway for Growth has dealt only with our welfare role and has been primarily concerned as to where we will have Legion offices, the services that will be supplied from those offices, and of course this has involved a review of the staffing levels required.

In Lincolnshire I can now tell you that we will be vacating our offices at Wellingore and eventually moving to a new office in Lincoln. The location as yet is to be finally decided but that is where the County Secretary will be located. Further information will be made available to you all when I have it. The County Welfare team will of course have different Staff levels and working practices but it would not be right for me to publish that detail.

Meanwhile nothing has changed in the way that we the Membership do business. Please carry on doing the good things that you have always done and we the County Committee will continue to support you to the best of our ability.

Every Branch Chairman has received information from the National Chairman regarding the proposed revision of the Royal Charter. Every Branch Chairman should have brought it to the attention of the members. If you have not heard of this initiative then please ask your Branch Chairman "Why Not?". The article below about the planned meeting at Donington explains the importance of the matter and I hope every Branch will encourage their Chairman to attend.

The Annual Conference this year will decide whether or not we take a giant step forward and accept new ways of doing things or whether we continue at our present pace and risk becoming "just another Charity"

The role of Membership is and will remain central to our future. Branches are our eyes and ears in the community and your input as individual members will be just as important as it always has been.

Only today I have seen a report on the Electricity failures due to the heavy snow. The Electricity Companies rely heavily on centralised, computerised and efficient management systems but when the problems come they still need the man on the ladder to fix the broken pylon. You are all that man on the ladder and you are still needed.

Kind regards,

Tony Goodwin  
County Chairman

## Proposed Revision of the Royal Charter

A copy of the Provisional Agenda for Annual Conference to be held at Llandudno on 18/19 May 2013 has been sent to all Branches. Charter Motion 1 on Page 6 submitted by the Board of Trustees proposes that the existing Royal Charter be replaced by a revised and modified version. A comprehensive summary of the proposed changes, giving members a full and detailed explanation of each change, was distributed together with the Provisional Agenda. Every Branch Chairman was sent a copy of a letter from the National Chairman dated 8th February giving notice of the intention to propose the motion. This allowed time for Branch Chairman to bring the matter to the notice of their members before Conference.

At the instigation of the County Chairman a meeting will be held on Saturday 20th April at the Donington and Quadring RBL Club at 1pm for all Branch Chairmen and Branch Delegates to National Conference.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed Charter Motion to ensure that all delegates understand exactly what they are being asked to vote for and the effect if that vote is successful. Individual Delegates will be given the opportunity to raise questions regarding individual points of the proposed changes and these will be answered as far as possible. However it is not the intention of this meeting to direct how Delegates should vote or that a particular Delegate should try to impose his personal views on others at the meeting. That debate is for the Annual Conference. It is important that all Branches make the effort to attend this meeting.

The effects of this Charter Motion, if it is accepted by Conference, will affect the whole of the Legion and that includes you and your Branch. Make sure that your Branch is represented at this meeting. Complaining afterwards will be too late.

Tony Goodwin, Chairman

# World War I Centenary

*Please see below a message from the Director General regarding WW1 Centenary Commemoration*

Dear Colleagues:

Many of you are being asked about The Royal British Legion's activities linked to the WWI Centenary Commemorations from 2014 – 2018. I therefore felt it appropriate to set out in broad terms what we will be doing at national level and to give you background information on our overall strategy. Within the organisation, I will hold overall responsibility for the WWI Centenary activities, supported by Robert Lee, Assistant Director of Marketing.

The Government is taking the lead on national activities and the Prime Minister has announced a £50million commitment to support the Centenary, including special focus on local activities and delivering a cultural and educational legacy for young people. The Legion is determined that the tone will be one of commemoration, not celebration; and that Centenary activities will be available to all and kept free of partisan or sectarian bias. The Legion is therefore working closely with the Prime Minister's Special Representative on the Centenary, Dr Andrew Murrison; various other Ministers and Government Departments, and stakeholders such as The Imperial War Museum, The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and the National Archives. We are linking closely to activities being co-ordinated in Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

In terms of national initiatives, I have created a Legion WWI Centenary Working Group including the parent charity, the National Memorial Arboretum and Poppyscotland. This group will meet regularly to evaluate external project and partnership proposals and its priority will be to select projects that support our own beneficiaries, Members, and our charitable pillars, in particular Comradeship and Remembrance.

We have a range of national projects already committed, and the Board of Trustees will shortly be considering the development of the new Visitor's Centre at the National Memorial Arboretum (our own centre of Remembrance), exciting plans for Remembrance Travel and special WWI resources for schools produced as part of the Legion's learning programme. I will be looking to the regions and local branches to support our national initiatives and to develop their own ideas for involvement in the WWI Centenary commemorations. The Heritage Lottery Fund has committed substantial funding to support Centenary projects at national, regional and local levels and we encourage you to access these.

Below my signature you will find a listing of the key dates identified by the Government during the Centenary period, reflecting timings of planned national and international events and activities. Please note these dates do not reflect official Legion activity but are ones you should be aware of as particular milestones in the Centenary journey. Also listed are links to the Heritage Lottery Fund website where you will find comprehensive guidance and support for applying for funds for your projects. Please use your own judgement as to whether a project or activity is relevant and appropriate and let us know if you think it could have national impact, so that we can support and promote accordingly.

Kind regards,

Chris Simpkins  
Director General

Key dates forming the basis of Government-led commemorations:

1. 4 August 2014: National services to mark 100th Anniversary of Britain declaring war on Germany
2. 25 April 2015 : Events to mark commencement of Battle of Gallipoli
3. 1 July 2016 : Events to mark the first day of the Battle of the Somme
4. 31 May - 01 June 2016 : Events to mark the naval Battle of Jutland
5. June - November 2017 : Events to mark the Battle of Passchendaele (The Third Battle of Ypres)
6. 8 August - 11 November 2018: The last 100 days, from the commencement of the Battle of Amiens to the Armistice on 11 November, will be a period of national commemoration.

Also, while not a part of the official Government agenda, we are likely to see significant activity surrounding:

7. 24-25 December 2014: Christmas truce football matches in Flanders

If you have projects and proposals linked to the WWI Centenary and need to apply for funding, the best route is to talk to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). Click on the links below for guidance.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/whatwefund/FirstWorldWar/Pages/FirstWorldWar.aspx>

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/whatwefund/FirstWorldWar/Pages/FAQs.aspx>

[http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/whatwefund/FirstWorldWar/Documents/Remembering\\_FWW\\_leaflet.pdf](http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/whatwefund/FirstWorldWar/Documents/Remembering_FWW_leaflet.pdf)

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## Lincolnshire Bomber Command Memorial Appeal

Lincolnshire Bomber Command Memorial Office, Manor Farm, Holbeach Hurn, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE12 8LR

[www.lincsbombercommandmemorial.com](http://www.lincsbombercommandmemorial.com)

Registered Charity Number: 1144182

### LBCM Consultation goes on Tour

The shortlist for the design of the Memorial and the Interpretation Centre has now been drawn up and the top three entries will be put on a tour of the county, as part of the public consultation process. Dates and locations for the tour are as follows:

1. National Centre for Craft and Design, Sleaford - 26 – 27 March
2. Water's Edge Centre, Barton-Upon-Humber – 6 – 9 April
3. The Collection, Lincoln – 12 April and 15 April
4. University Atrium/Architecture, Art and Design Building – 28 – 29 April
5. RAF Waddington – 22 – 26 April

For those of you who are unable to make those venues and dates there will be the opportunity to see the designs and make your comments via the Trust's web site after 25 March at [www.lincsbombercommandmemorial.com](http://www.lincsbombercommandmemorial.com).

The Memorial will be high on the ridge between RAF Waddington and Canwick, overlooking Lincoln and the Cathedral. Its aims are:

- To honour the 25,611 Bomber Command aircrew who were lost flying from Lincolnshire airfields, and those Bomber Command aircrew from Lincolnshire who flew from bases outside the County.
- To recognise the effort and sacrifice made by all who served on Lincolnshire's wartime Bomber Command bases.
- To educate and inform younger generations of the bravery displayed and suffering endured by all sides between 1939 and 1945.

The site will become the hub of the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Trail, and have strong connections with the Bomber Command Association, the RAF Museum etc. The Appeal will formally be launched at the East Kirkby Aviation Heritage Centre on 30/31 May, under the wing of its Lancaster 'Just Jane'. The project will include an Interpretation/Visitor Centre and will cost £3 million. Fundraising will begin after the formal launch in May. If you wish to contribute, or learn more, go to [www.lincsbombercommandmemorial.com](http://www.lincsbombercommandmemorial.com)

### Help Spread the word!

We'd like to ask for your help in getting the word out there about the appeal. The more people that know about what we are doing the easier it will be for us to raise the money needed to put these plans into action. This includes not only private donations but also corporate and grant funding. There are several ways of helping us with this:

- Telling your friends and family
- Talking to Lincolnshire venues and facilities you use and asking them for space to display our leaflets or posters. This could include hotels, shops, restaurants, libraries or leisure centres.
- Encourage your contacts to visit us when the appeal is out and about.
- Follow us on Twitter and retweet to your own followers
- Like our page on Facebook and encourage your friends to do the same
- Ask your contacts to sign up for the monthly newsletters

All your help really would be appreciated. We are passionate and excited about this project and want to encourage as many people as possible to join us!

### Come and meet the team

Lincolnshire Life has very kindly offered to host the appeal on their excellent stand at the Lincolnshire Show (Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th June). The team would be delighted to meet you and tell you more about the plans. Their stand can be found opposite the Schools Zone on Avenue 10. The appeal will be using the event to launch a competition for the children of the area to design the next mug in our limited edition series.

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## Remembering the crew of Lancaster ED503

On 29 January 1943, Lancaster ED503 of N<sup>o</sup>9 Squadron crashed at Sibsey Northlands while on a training operation. All six crew members lost their lives, and the body of only one man was ever recovered by the rescue services. The names of the crew who died were Flt.Lt. Robert Frood Lind, P/Officer Charles W H Cocks, Sgt Donald A Brown, Sgt Thomas Henry, and Sgt John Doran. Sgt Thomas Wisharts's body was recovered and he is buried in Scotland. All the names are remembered on a Memorial which now stands on the site of the crash

On 29 January 2013, on a nice but chilly day, some 150 people held a memorial service, with the kind permission of Mr Fred & Mr Harold Panton, at the Lincolnshire Aviation Centre, East Kirby to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragedy. The event was organised by the Sibsey Lancaster Memorial Trust (Mr Bert Barrack MBE, Mr Fred Hunt (Chairman), Mr Stan Naylor (Treasurer), Joan Roseveare MBE (Secretary), Mr and Mrs Mike Houldershaw and the Rev Rosemary Taylor) which also organises the annual Remembrance 'Service in the Field' at Sibsey Northland on the first Sunday in October at the site of the Memorial - this year 6 October 2013 at 2.30pm.

Among the local dignitaries, members of the public and RAF personnel taking part in the Service were:

Mr John Cocks, the son of P/Officer Cocks, and Mrs Cocks and their son Andrew.

Lord Lieutenant - Mr Tony Worth.

RBL County President - Brig. Barry Reeves and Mrs Reeves,

RBL County Vice-President - Mr Bert Barrack MBE.

RBL Vice- Chairman - Mrs Bridget Wilcox and Mr Wilcox.

RBL County WS President - Mrs Carol Ticehurst.

Chairman, East Lindsey District Council - Cllr and Mrs Stan Avison.

Mayor and Mayoress of Boston, Mayor and Mayoress of Spilsby

Chairman, Tattershall Parish Council - Mrs Gill Shaw.

Station Commander RAF Waddington - Grp Capt Gillespie.

Many representatives of the Royal British Legion and Parish and Town Councils, and 13 RBL and RAFA Lincolnshire Branch Standards.

The Rev Rosemary Taylor and Canon Coates led the Service and Mr Fred Hunt gave a very moving eye witness account of that fateful day 70 years ago. Mr Baz Starbuck played *The Last Post* and *Reveille* and Pipe Sergeant Keith Arnott, RAF Waddington, played the haunting sounds of the *Piper's Lament*.

Mr Fred Hunt recited the Homage and Mr Bert Barrack - the Kohima Epitaph. Mr Stan Naylor, Treasurer of the Trust Committee said the Royal Air Force prayer. Sqn Ldr Duncan Mason from the BBMF at RAF Coningsby, read the poem *High Flight*, The National Anthem included all three verses, the last of which was most appropriate to the occasion.

Finally the Panton Brothers invited Mr Cocks to go on board the Lancaster, *Just Jane*, standing just a few yards away, where he was shown the seat where his father would have sat 70 years ago.



In the front row: Mr Bert Barrack (with the stick), the Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Cocks, Mr John Cocks, Mr Andrew Cocks, Grp Capt Al Gillespie, Cllr Stan Avison and Mrs Avison.

## Dam Buster Memories

The Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire and BBC Radio Lincolnshire are putting together a project to record Lincolnshire people's memories of the Dams Raid in 1943. If any RBL members or their friends and family have any contemporary memories of the raid (radio announcements, school celebrations, parents' reactions etc) and would like to share them with those of us who are too young to remember, could they contact Michal Hortin by post at BBC Radio Lincolnshire, Newport, Lincoln, LN3XY or by e-mail at [michael.hortin@bbc.co.uk](mailto:michael.hortin@bbc.co.uk), giving their name, address or telephone number and a very quick summary of their memory. Arrangements will then be made, all being well, for someone to contact them and to record their memory."

## Arctic Star/Bomber Command Clasp

We have received application forms for the two new campaign awards above. The eligibility criteria are:

**Arctic Star** – operational service of any length north of the Arctic Circle (66°, 32' N) between 3 Sept 1939 and 8 May 1945 inclusive.

\* Navy and Merchant Navy – Naval and Merchant Navy service anywhere at sea north of the Arctic Circle to include, but not limited exclusively to, those ships participating in, and in support of, Convoys to North Russia. Fleet Air Arm Personnel, not qualified by sea service may qualify under the conditions applying to the Royal Air Force.

\* Air Force – Aircrew of the Royal Air Force will be eligible if they landed north of the Arctic Circle or served in the air over this area. Non aircrew on operational service in the area, for example ground crew or those sailing with CAM ships (Catapult Aircraft Merchant Ships), are also eligible.

\* Army – Army personnel serving in His Majesty's ships or in defensively equipped Merchant ships qualify under the rules applying to the Navy or Merchant Navy. In addition, personnel taking part in land operations north of the Arctic Circle will also be eligible.

\* Civilians serving with the Forces – Members of the few approved categories of civilians who qualify for Campaign Stars will be eligible if, in support of military operations, they meet any of the above qualifying criteria.

\* Foreign nationals commissioned or enlisted into British or the then Dominion Forces (e.g. Royal Canadian Navy, Royal Australian Navy) are eligible provided the individuals did not receive a similar award from their own Government.

\* General – Eligibility to the Arctic Star has no effect upon eligibility for World War Two recognition previously awarded and does not suggest automatic eligibility for any further awards.

### **Bomber Command Clasp to the 1939-45 Star**

- aircrew of Bomber Command who served for at least sixty days, or completed a tour of operations, on a Bomber Command operational unit and flew at least one operational sortie on a Bomber Command operational unit from the 3 Sept 1939 to 8 May 1945 inclusive. The award of the Clasp is to be denoted by a silver rose Emblem when the ribbon alone is worn.

Eligibility is extended to those members of Bomber Command aircrew who did not meet the qualifying criteria due to service being brought to an end by death, wounds or other disability due to service, service marked by a gallantry award or taken as a prisoner of war.

Foreign nationals commissioned or enlisted into British or the then Dominion Air Forces (e.g. Royal Canadian Air Force or Royal Australian Air Force) are eligible provided the individuals did not receive a similar award from their own Government.

Eligibility to the Bomber Command Clasp has no effect upon eligibility for World War Two recognition previously awarded and does not suggest automatic eligibility for any further awards.

### **Heroes Return WW2 veteran tour funding extended**

The Big Lottery Fund have extended their Heroes Return programme again, this time to allow those veterans who have already made a commemorative visit to travel again.

Funds are available for WW2 veterans (including former prisoners of war) to visit the countries where they served between September 1939 and September 1945.

This grant scheme enables WW2 veterans, their spouse and a carer (where necessary) to return to where they served in the UK or overseas, with substantial funds being made available towards the cost of travel and accommodation.

Over £25 million has been awarded since 2004 to more than 52,000 Second World War veterans, widows, spouses and carers across the country for journeys in the UK, France, Germany, the Middle East, Far East and beyond.

The Legion's specialist travel division, Remembrance Travel, will be one of the main organisers of visits under this scheme, which will operate through to 2015. Copies of the Remembrance Travel 2013 Tour Programme are available by contacting Remembrance Travel on 0843 316 1167, email [info@remembrancetravel.org.uk](mailto:info@remembrancetravel.org.uk) or visit [www.remembrancetravel.org.uk](http://www.remembrancetravel.org.uk). For more information about grants from Heroes Return, call the advice line on 0845 00 00 121 or visit [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/heroesreturn](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/heroesreturn).

**If you are eligible, or know someone who is, County Secretary has the application forms.**

## Thankful Village Run 2013

This summer Medwyn Parry and Dougie Bancroft will be riding Triumph motorbikes through all 51 of the 'Thankful Villages' in the UK. These are villages with no war memorial because all who fought in WWI were lucky enough to come home. 14 of these are 'Double Thankful' as all their Service men and women also returned safely from WWII. Those who live in the Thankful Villages are tremendously proud of their status.

The journey will start on 27 July near Aberystwyth and, 2500 miles and 9 days later, return there on 4 August. They will come through Lincolnshire on 1 and 2 August, visiting Minting, High Toynton, and Bigby. The full schedule is available on [thankfulvillagesrun@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thankfulvillagesrun@hotmail.co.uk). Their target is to raise £51,000 for the Legion. Medwyn and Dougie would be very pleased to meet residents – especially descendants of those who survived the conflict - and of course members of the Royal British Legion.

Any riders (not just RBL Riders Branch members) wanting to join in for any part of the trip will be most welcome, but will be asked for a minimum donation of £5 per bike per day. If anyone wants to ride, or help out, or know more about the trip they should contact Medwyn and Dougie at:

[thankfulvillagesrun@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thankfulvillagesrun@hotmail.co.uk)

[medparry@btinternet.com](mailto:medparry@btinternet.com) or 07773 718044

[dougie@dougie.info](mailto:dougie@dougie.info) or 07538 079137

### A Thank You for Mablethorpe Poppy Collectors

An anonymous Service veteran is allegedly 'passionate about the work that the Royal British Legion does, and paid for Mablethorpe's collectors to enjoy a lovely meal after last November's Poppy Appeal. The Branch also took the opportunity to present each collector with a Branch Certificate of Appreciation and a rosette. Each rosette had a name on it which reflected the regiment the wearer served in – a veteran of the ACC was of course named *Andy Capp*. Everyone enjoyed a fun evening.



Standing l – r: Mark Reddin, Barbara Hall, Sue Windle, George Prideaux, Dion Payne, Sharon Broughton, Peter Hayes and Louise White.

Sitting l – r: John Freeman, Richard Hustwitt, Jack Quinn, Columbus Sweeney and Terry Twelvetrees.

### Gainsborough Poppy Appeal Awards



Michael is standing at the extreme right and Susan is standing at the extreme left!

The Gainsborough Branch and guests gathered to receive awards for service to the Poppy Appeal from the High Sheriff of Lincolnshire, Mr John Burke DL.

Notable among the awards was one for 50 years' service to Branch Chairman Michael Wragg MBE and 30 year awards each to his wife Susan and son Christopher, a remarkable family achievement.



'Robin Hood' of the Worcestershire & Sherwood Foresters.

### Lincolnshire – A Winning Team



## Lincoln Standard Bearers Association.



As two of our members have now qualified for the National finals we thought a short insight into the school would be in order.

The school is open to all Lincolnshire Standard Bearers; no need to book a place, just turn up on the day. Under the tuition of County Parade Marshal, Jim Seymour and his assistants the proceedings are run on an informal basis but with all the traditional values of good Standard Bearing. Everyone is made welcome from the complete novice to County Champions.

Most of the lessons are taken up with basic movements and drill as this is the most important part of what we do and the part that is noticed by the public. We also teach all things from cleaning your equipment to correct dress. The Parade Marshals are now clamping down on incorrect dress etc on parades; you have been warned!!!

The school is on a high at the moment with new members (young and old) who enjoy the afternoons and mixing with the experienced members who are only too happy to pass on tips and talk all things Standard Bearing.

So, all of you Standard Bearers, NO ONE is too good to attend; try a meeting; it doesn't cost anything and you have much to gain. You are welcome to bring a friend, wife or husband and they will be made welcome by the other spectators while we are training. If nothing else they will get a laugh watching, and we always finish with light refreshments.

If you require any more information, look on the County website or email [alancanham351@btinternet.com](mailto:alancanham351@btinternet.com)

To finish - if you are going to represent your Branch by carrying their Standard, do it right. Learn from the "BEST" Let us help you raise your Standards.



## County Youth Standard

Following an appeal to Branches to contribute to the funding of a County Youth Standard, we can report that when Branch donations are added to £250 donated by the Lincolnshire Co-operative Society, we are getting close to reaching the target for the purchase of the Standard and accoutrements.

A big thank you goes to the following Branches who kindly made a donation:

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|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Bourne & District    | East Halton & District                |
| Fleet & District     | Holbeach                              |
| Immingham            | <a href="#">Kirton &amp; District</a> |
| Long Sutton          | Pinchbeck                             |
| Spilsby & District   | Sleaford & District                   |
| Stamford             | Surfleet                              |
| Wainfleet & District | Waltham & District                    |

Washingborough & District

Wellingore, Navenby & District

The Standard Bearers' Association

Mr John Scally, Chairman of Immingham Branch also made a personal donation.

The Standard has been ordered and we hope that it will soon be available for use at County Events.

## County Standard Bearer Competition

It has been decided to change the date of the Lincolnshire County Standard Bearer Competition from Sunday 15 September 2013 to Sunday 29 September 2013. This is to avoid potential conflicts with Branch Standard Bearers and members attending Battle of Britain Services.

## Bogus Poppy Products

A number of Poppy branded products are being sold via the web site [www.sportingkicks.co.uk](http://www.sportingkicks.co.uk). These include badges bearing images of TRBL's Poppy emblem; After an internal investigation, it became clear that the products were not produced by, with the consent of, under the authority of, or on behalf of TRBL, nor were they in conformity with any type approved by the Legion.

At the time we thought that the items in question had been seized. However, we are now contacting the local Trading Standard's Officer to find out what has happened to the case and to notify them that the company is still selling pin badges with our Poppy emblem.

We have been asked not to support this company. Could you please inform your members.

**ANNUAL RETURN OF BRANCH ACCOUNTS 2013**

All Branches are reminded that the Financial Year for Branches is changing to 30 June in 2103 and that they should aim to submit their Branch Accounts to the County Secretary by the end of September 2013. Branches are reminded that they can submit their Branch Accounts prior to them being presented to the Branch AGM.

**LOMAS (Legion Online Membership Accounting System)**

John Graham (Deputy Director General) and Martyn Tighe (Chairman Membership Council) have invited all Branch Treasurers to join LOMAS (Legion Online Membership Accounting System).

LOMAS is an internet-based simple, user-friendly and secure accounting system, designed specifically to meet the needs of the Legion's Branches, Counties and Districts. With it, Treasurers can record income and expenditure in a few simple steps and automatically create an annual return at the end of the year in the form required by Legion auditors. LOMAS now also includes a BFI module which enables live BFI balances to be viewed online as well as offering an automated online payment and deposit mechanism. Treasurers using the system have all praised the improvements that have been made over the last two years.

We can now open access to the system to Branches and plan a steady roll-out beginning in August 2013, to an initial 250 Branches. Training will take place in August and September with the aim of setting up Branches on the live system on the training day.

You must have access to a computer and the internet, and be comfortable using it. If you want to take part, please register with the County Secretary by 11 April.

**Membership Forum**

At this year's Annual Conference in Llandudno the delegates will have the opportunity to attend the Membership Forum. It will take place on Saturday, 18 May at 8.30am in The Hall, Venue Cymru, The Promenade, Llandudno LL30 1BB

This will be a unique opportunity to meet the Membership Council members and directly discuss membership issues with them. The meeting will finish at 1000 hrs.

Pre-registration is not required for this meeting, but if your Branch has any questions please contact Kayleigh McFeeters at the address below.

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**The Lord Lieutenant Cadet Award Scheme**  
The County Youth Officer, Mr Brian Marsden wants to remind all Branches that the closing date for applications for this award from affiliated Cadet Units is 30 April 2013. If you require a form to apply for this award, please contact him on 01778 342153 or [brianmarsden7@supanet.com](mailto:brianmarsden7@supanet.com).

**Addressing a cheque to County RBL**

**Branches wishing to make a payment to the County should please note the correct payee titles:**

**For Lincolnshire County Welfare Fund – correct payee: ‘Lincolnshire Welfare Trust Fund TRBL’**

**For Lincolnshire General Fund – correct payee : ‘The Royal British Legion Lincs County Committee’**

**County Handbook 2012**

Could readers please note the following changes:

**Waltham & District** - Delete Patrick Perry as Branch Secretary and insert Mr Trevor Saxon; he may be contacted through the Branch Chairman, Ian Barlow on [ian.barlow93@ntlworld.com](mailto:ian.barlow93@ntlworld.com).

**Boston & District** – Delete Stephen Morrison as Branch Secretary and insert Mr George Reid, currently also Branch Chairman, and e-mail: [george\\_rfc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:george_rfc@yahoo.co.uk).

**MoneyForce - New financial advice service**

A new training programme and website to improve the financial awareness of the Armed Forces was launched on 12 March. The MoneyForce website - [www.moneyforce.org.uk](http://www.moneyforce.org.uk) - includes an innovative budget planner, car cost calculator and credit card forecaster all designed to equip Service personnel and their families with the best information and tools to make informed financial decisions about their future. Structured financial education will also be provided during all Armed Forces basic training. MoneyForce is delivered by the Legion in partnership with the Ministry of Defence and with funding support from **Standard Life Charitable Trust**.

## ANZAC Day, 25 April

Two Lincolnshire Branches will commemorate ANZAC Day again this year.

**Barnack Branch** will take part in the ceremony, starting at 2.00pm at Sgt Hunter's grave at Broadway Cemetery, Peterborough. Sgt Hunter, the 'Lonely ANZAC', died of wounds in Peterborough on 31 July 1916 and is the only ANZAC buried in the UK. There is also a plaque in his memory in Peter Cathedral.

**Boston Branch** will hold their annual Service near the Australian flag under the Tower of St Botolph's at 10.55am. An Australian flag has hung in the Church since 1945, having been presented to the 'people of Boston' as a token of thanks for 'their kindness shown to the many Australian Servicemen stationed nearby'. It has become worn and the Australian High Commission have recently replaced it with a new flag. The Mayor of Boston will attend and it is hoped that the Australian High Commission will also be represented. Each year a group of visiting Kiwis and Aussies usually also turn up and help Legion members to celebrate afterwards.

### COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013

| DATE                | EVENT  | VENUE              |
|---------------------|--|--------------------|
| 20 April            | <i>County Welfare Committee Meeting</i>      | (Donington         |
| 20 April            | <i>County Committee Meeting</i>              | -( &               |
| 20 April            | Branch Chairmen & Delegates Meeting          | (Quadring RBL Club |
| 5 May               | <b>Annual County Service of Rededication</b> | Saxilby            |
| 18/19 May           | Annual Conference                            | Llandudno          |
| 1/2 June            | Deeping Show                                 | Deeping            |
| 23 June             | <b>Standard Bearers School</b>               | Crowland           |
| 29 June             | Armed Forces Day                             | Countrywide        |
| 6/7 July            | Waddington International Air Show            | RAF Waddington     |
| 13 July             | <i>County Welfare Committee Meeting</i>      | Wellingore         |
| 13 July             | <i>County Committee Meeting</i>              | Wellingore         |
| 14 July             | Spilsby Show                                 | Spilsby            |
| 27/28 July          | Heckington Show                              | Heckington         |
| 21/22 September     | County Chairman's Seminar                    | Staverton          |
| 22 September        | <b>Standard Bearers School – AGM</b>         | Louth              |
| 28 September        | Branch Chairmen/Secretaries' Seminar         | TBD                |
| <b>29 September</b> | <b>County Standard Bearer Competition</b>    | Horncastle         |
| 5 October           | <i>County Welfare Committee Meeting</i>      | Wellingore         |
| 5 October           | <i>County Committee Meeting</i>              | Wellingore         |
| 6 October           | <b>Service in the Field</b>                  | Sibsey             |
| 20 October          | Presidents' Fund Raising Lunch               | Woodhall Spa       |
| 26 October          | Poppy Appeal Launch                          | East Kirkby        |
| 3 November          | <b>Festival of Remembrance</b>               | Cranwell           |
| 8 November          | Poppy Golf                                   | Woodall Spa        |
| 9 November          | <b>Festival of Remembrance</b>               | Royal Albert Hall  |
| 10 November         | <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>                    | Countrywide        |
| 11 November         | <b>Armistice Day</b>                         | Countywide         |
| 7 December          | <i>County Committee Meeting</i>              | Wellingore         |
| 11 January 2014     | Annual Meeting of County Conference          | Horncastle         |

### WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

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| Mrs Agnes Wright, Grantham          | Mrs Madge Crowson, Woodhall Spa & District |
| Mr Hugh Andrews, Alford & District  | Mr Michael Lynch, Skegness                 |
| Mr R A Brothwell, Holbeach          | Mr Lionel Baker, Gosberton & District      |
| Mr J W Craft, Sleaford & District   | Mr Kenneth Wright, Gosberton & District    |
| Mr Dereck Pitts, Kirton & District  | Mrs Mary Leitch, Immingham                 |
| Mr Charles Creek, Boston & District | Mr John Pallot, Horncastle & District      |
| Mr Eric Rawlings, Stamford          | Mr John McHugh, Spalding                   |
| Mr W Orange, Pinchbeck              | Mrs Clarice McCutcheon, Bourne & District  |
| Mr R Smith, Laceby & District       | Mr C E Renouf, Spilsby & District          |
|                                     | Mr F A Caldwell, Spilsby & District        |

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## Alderson House

Alderson House is a RBL Poppy Break Centre situated in Bridlington, and is very well equipped with all the comforts of home. The hotel serves a very large area on the east coast from Northumbria to Lincolnshire, and inland to Cambridgeshire and Leicestershire; this makes it available to a large number of serving and ex-serving personal of the British Armed Services.

The rooms are a good size and contain comfortable beds, en-suite bathroom with the choice of bath, shower or wet room, a hospitality tray, and a TV. Some have sea views, others overlook the gardens. There are rooms available on the ground floor, but Alderson House also has a lift

The Bar/lounge offers comfortable seating for your evening entertainment and you can relax with a drink and enjoy the glorious panoramic views over Bridlington Bay. The Dining Room has large windows and the garden surrounding the room gives it a light airy feeling yet, at the same time a warm ambience. The food is served by cheerful friendly staff whose names you will quickly learn.



Visitors arriving by train can be met at the station and taken in the new Mini-Bus to Alderson House. The bus is also used for the trips that are provided if visitors wish to visit the various sites and attractions in the area. The wonderful and dedicated staff aim to ensure that everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable stay.

How many Branches realise that Alderson House receives no support at all from the Poppy Appeal? Being a fairly new establishment they have also not been able to build up a reserve of funds. They have to go out fundraising for themselves. Their Amenities House Committee aim to raise funds for items such as new televisions, pictures etc for decoration, the maintenance of the new Mini-Bus, and to fund the cost of the trips out, the stocking of the bar and entertainment, besides a host of other items.

Any Branch or Club wishing to make a donation to enable us to maintain the standard of service Alderson House offer can contact:



Helen Birkbeck  
Manager of Alderson House  
70 South Marine Drive  
Bridlington, East Yorkshire, YO15 3NS  
Tel: 01262 408010

## Distribution of **LEGION LINCS**

LegionLincs is mainly aimed at our Lincolnshire Branches so that we can each take inspiration perhaps from others' various activities and initiatives. But we circulate it also widely elsewhere in the County and outside.

It will now go to our Legion Clubs in Lincolnshire (now that I have most of their e-mail addresses!). If Branches would like someone else in their area to receive this newsletter, could they please let me know – with an e-mail address.

Again, only two Branches have contributed to this edition, Gainsborough and Mablethorpe (again – well done!). Not even Stamford has come up with anything. Come on! Let's all try just a bit harder.

The next, Spring (if Spring ever arrives), edition of **LEGION LINCS** will issue at the end of May. Could every Branch please try to send me something, however little, on their activities during this period - by about 15/16 May

Steve Bonde  
Editor, **LEGION LINCS**

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