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*Warsop, Meden Vale & District
Branch*

NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the June 2011 Newsletter.

90th Anniversary

Plans are well under way for our 90th Anniversary Poppy Party from 2pm to 4pm on the 18th June at 10 Eastlands Lane, Church Warsop. We have booked an entertainer and the refreshments will be free.

WANTED - Raffle prizes for this event please.

Meetings

We have our guest speaker Dorothy Pickard at our June meeting who will talk about her job during the war and its connection to Bletchley Park. We will also have honoured guests at this meeting, our friends from the Kabin. A buffet will be provided.

Trips

We still have a few places left on the bus trip to Eden Camp. The bus leaves Burns Lane at 9am on Saturday the 9th July. Tickets are £12.50 for members/£15 for non-members.

County Lunch

Please remember the County Lunch on the 5th June at South Forest.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our planned guest speaker is now unable to attend but Warsop member Mr Brian McAleer has stepped into the breach and he will talk about changes during his 24 years of Service and how he came to join the Branch.

Birthday Greetings

June birthday wishes

go to the following members;

Bill Brown
Katie Corcoran
Tracey Fairlamb
Edna Foulds
Elaine Hopkins
Mavis Kirk
Roger Lee
Dorothy Pickard
Thelma Priest
David Sneath
Daniel Vardy
Eric Wright

A very happy birthday to you all.

Get Well Wishes

We wish a speedy recovery Tracey Fairlamb.

Alan Mallatratt is currently recovering at Kirkby Community Hospital but they only keep people for a limited time so he is likely to be discharged in the near future.

National Conference

I attended National

Conference at Telford
on the weekend of the
21/22nd May

Many debates took
place not least of
which concerned an
increase to the affilia-
tion fee (which will
now be known as the
membership fee.)
The original motion
suggested the fee
raise to £16 from Oc-
tober 2011 but there
were then 8 amend-
ment motions to the
original motion which
had to be debated and
voted upon.

All of these amend-
ments centred around
the cost of next years
fee and then how this
could be affected in
years to come.
The amendment finally
accepted was that the
fee should rise by £1
per year for the next 6
years.

Southport was the
only venue proposed
for 2015 so this was
accepted.

Venues will now be
2012 Scarborough
2013 Llandudno
2014 Torquay
2015 Southport
As usual there were
some strange deci-
sions (in my opinion).
For some years
Branches have been

trying to get the
Board of Trustees to
change the Legion
year so that end of
year accounts do not
clash with Remem-
brance/Poppy Appeal.
The Board of Trustees
put forward a pro-
posal to change the
Legion year to the 1st
July/30th June but
this was rejected.
A proposal was put
forward for **those
members who
wished it** to be able
to pay their member-
ship fee monthly by
Direct Debit. This
was also rejected
Overall it was an en-
joyable conference
with some good de-
bates. Details of mo-
tions and some key-
note speeches are
online at

<http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership/information-for-members/2011-annual-conference>

A poem read by The
Royal Canadian Le-
gion's President

Who is the Unknown Solider?

He is the one who led the way so the
General could make it home She is
the one who saved the child and was
left to die alone.

His dreams were cut off by his un-
timely death Her innocence shattered
by her last shallow breath

He is the voice that echoes our pride
She is the eyes that for our freedom
cried

He is the rain that waters our souls
She is the river holding secrets untold

He is in the wave crashing Normandy

shore She is on the wind over Dieppe
once more

He is in the song that Passchendaele
sang She is in the bell from which
freedom rang

His death was a pledge prayers cannot
suffice Her life a gift at the ultimate
price

We will remember them.

Diary Dates

June

5th - County Lunch,
South Forest, Edwins-
towe

18th - Poppy Party.
Meet the Legion. Free
Refreshments.

July

3rd - Warsop Carnival

October

15th - Royal Concert
Hall, Nottingham.
Concert with the Mag-
dala Trust and Faryl
Smith.

21st - Britannia Hotel,
Nottingham, Black Tie
Poppy Ball and Dinner.
29th - Notts Police
Band Concert, Warsop
Church in aid of Poppy
Appeal

November

26th - Branch Christ-
mas Meal

Next Meeting

Monday June 13th -
Doors open 7.30pm.

Pete