



The Royal British Legion Nottinghamshire County

December 2011

Shoulder to Shoulder with all who serve



(PLEASE ENSURE THIS NEWSLETTER IS PASSED
ROUND THE MEMBERS)

“We will remember them”

- Mr C.W. Ellis - Bingham
- Mr C.A. Hayward - Farnsfield
- Mr R. Chambers – Kirkby in Ashfield
- Mr J. Norman-Draper – Kirkby in Ashfield
- Mr H. Jennings - Mansfield
- Mr H. Scott – Retford & District
- Mr J. Easom - Wollaton
- Mr C.E. Ife – Wollaton
- Mr J.J. Faulconbridge – Wollaton
- Mr T. Papworth - Wollaton
- Mr R. Sissons - Wollaton
- Mr J. Stubbs – Wollaton

Message from County Welfare Officer Notts

I have received a query today from a lady who lives in Wales and is the Sister of an ex-serviceman. The Serviceman is aged 78 and has Parkinsons. He has had to move into a home in West Bridgford. His Wife has severe Arthritis and other health problems and can visit only rarely. Both his Sisters write to him but can't visit often as they live so far away. When he was moved into the Home he fell and broke his hip and is now in a wheelchair all day. He has to sleep on a mattress on the floor as the Home is afraid he will fall out of bed. (Note: I would have hoped that a bed with rails would be suitable.). He sits in his wheelchair holding his letters to him and cries. His Sister said he is very lonely and a visitor would be so nice. She said ideally a man who has served himself would give him some pleasure. The Serviceman has difficulty in talking but can communicate and enjoys listening. He served in the Army for five years and saw service in Kenya.

Would it be possible for any of you reading this article to visit the above gentleman even once? It would be so much appreciated.

If you feel you could spare an hour, would you please contact me either by email at jstepanian@britishlegion.org.uk or by phone on 01332 296299.

Thank you
Jan

Christmas Tree Festival

If you are in Newark in the week commencing Saturday 3rd December be sure to visit the Christmas Tree Festival. The festival is in the church of St Mary Magdalene, Church Walk, Newark NG 24 1JS. Time open 9-30 am until 4 pm, (but not on Sunday). Newark Branch have decorated a Legion tree as part of the festival.



This was in the last Months Newsletter but the contact details were omitted. They are now below

Pop In Centre **Monday Tuesday and Thursday** **10am to 7pm**

Fighting for Their Future Pop In Centre
has been set up in Nottingham to care for
Ex-Armed Forces Personnel and their families
who encounter issues with coping with civilian life
What do we Offer?

Forces For Their Future Ltd

Address: *Wedgwood House*
70 Carlton Road Nottingham NG3 2AQ

Phone: 01159 988 393 Mobile: 07752 402 690

End of Financial Year

Branches are reminded that in accordance with the Royal Charter ALL Branch AGMs should take place between 1st October and 30th November LATEST. Branch Accounts MUST be audited before the AGM and a copy signed by the Branch Officers and the Auditor/Independent Examiner must be sent to the County Office, along with the Branch MS1 listing of Officers and Committee elected at the AGM, for onward transmission by County Office to Head Office BY 31st DECEMBER LATEST.

Also don't forget to attach a photocopy of the Branch Bank Statements for 30th September 2011. And also the "Authority to Disclose" form.

Thank you to Branches who have already sent their returns in.

Let 2011 not only be the 90th Anniversary of the RBL but also the year that ALL County Branches comply fully with the Royal Charter on Accounts.

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Page 2 **Poets Corner** (Thank you for submissions, keep them coming in throughout the year)

New Branch open

Another New Branch has opened on 31st October at Collingham in the east of the County, north of Newark.

Thank you to Newark, Balderton, Clipstone & Forest Town branch members for attending the inaugural meeting.

Membership Forms

RBL Forms are **no longer obtainable** from **Wendy Shone at the**

RBL Village, Aylesford,

They can only be obtainable on-line due to "financial restraints". The

Membership Department has to cut £400,000 from its budget over the next year to balance the books.

For those Branches not on-line the County Secretary will print off a few and post, but this will take time. So do not leave it to the last minute to obtain them.

Farnsfield Royal British Legion Christmas Dinner & Dance

Saturday 17th December 2011

at Farnsfield Village Centre

Tickets for Dinner & Dance

£25.00 (including wine)

6.30pm for 7pm in Lower Hall

Dancing in Upper Hall £7.50

from 8.30pm - 12 midnight

LICENCED BAR

Tickets limited to 60 diners plus 60 dancers

For tickets please contact Cynthia on 01623

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Are you doing anything?

What is your Branch doing in 2012.

The County Office is looking to produce a County Diary of Events for 2012

The County Team are looking for more local events to attend with the County Marquee next year.

Advertise your event here.

Wear your Poppy with Pride

They joined for many reasons

To March, to sail, to fly

They went where they were posted

but nobody joins to die

Their leaders talk on T V

What else could we have done?

but those leaders lost no daughters ,

and none has lost a son,

so here's to all our Soldiers ,

where ever they may be ,

... and here's to all their families I raise a glass to thee ,

... Wear your Poppy with Pride on Remembrance

Sunday



Why do I wear a poppy?

Why do I wear a poppy? I'll tell you if I may,
Because I believe remembrance is... not only for one day.

I wear it for the fallen, and for those falling still
For those who come back broken in body or in will.

For the parents, spouses, siblings where bereavement takes its toll.

Whose pain will never leave them, It eats into their soul

For the wino on the corner, Of his old...life nothing's left.

Now he wishes when in battle he had died a hero's death.

For the lad who loved a kick-about in the park with all his mates,

But now his legs are held together with pins and metal plates

For the selfless men and women whose final journey home

Is in a Union flag-draped coffin on comrades' shoulders borne.

For all those marching proudly In Remembrance Day parades

My poppy's worn in gratitude for the sacrifice they made

by: Jay Traisnel

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Are you holding a Branch Event in 2012?

Legion in the Community funding may be available depending on your event.

Remember the County have a Marquee and display boards that can be available to your Branch, with a Membership team to assist your Branch
Contact the County Office for more details, or Valerie Dodge on valandian@ntlworld.com.

Standard Bearers Practice 2012

FOR ALL BRANCH STANDARD BEARERS
AND POTENTIAL SB's

Standard Bearer Practice at the South Mansfield
Community Centre on the Bellamy Estate,
Mansfield from 7pm to 9pm. Dates are 22nd

- February
- 28th March, 25th April
- 23rd May
- 27th June
- 25th July
- 22nd August
- 26th September

For further details contact Ted Rutland
on 01623 636145

Protection of War Memorials

I have discovered that "Smart Water" can be ordered on line and is FREE when I spoke to the head office today I was assured by their liaison person on war memorials that no special skills are needed to apply a coating of this transparent water and that no visible sign of the application remains. When viewing on line at www.smatrwarter.com it appears that a warning sign should be erected to warn of its application, in the case of War Memorials and listed buildings this is not necessary .

Tip from David Addison For Car Drivers

With Petrol expected to reach £2 per litre by end of 2012 these tips that I received from a friend might come in handy

TIPS ON PUMPING PETROL I don't know what you guys are paying for petrol.... I am paying up to £1.35 to £1.50 per litre. My line of work is in petroleum for about 31 years now, so here are some tricks to get more of your money's worth for every Litre: Here at the Shell Pipeline where I work , we deliver about 4 million litres in a 24-hour period .. One day is diesel the next day is jet fuel, and petrol, regular and premium grades. We have 34-storage tanks here with a total capacity of 16,800,000 Litres.

Only buy or fill up your car or truck in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground. The colder the ground the more dense the petrol, when it gets warmer petrol expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening....your litre is not exactly a litre. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the petrol, diesel and jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products plays an important role. A 1-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business. But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

When you're filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode If you look you will see that the trigger has three (3) stages: low, middle, and high. You should be pumping on low mode, thereby minimizing the vapours that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapour return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapour. Those vapours are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.

One of the most important tips is to fill up when your Petrol tank is HALF FULL. The reason for this is the more Petrol you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. petrol evaporates faster than you can imagine. petrol storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the Petrol and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation. Unlike service stations, here where I work, every truck that we load is temperature compensated so that every litre is actually the exact amount.

Another reminder, if there is a petrol truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy Petrol, DO NOT fill up; most likely the petrol is being stirred up as the Petrol is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom.

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Recently spotted in a magazine

4 THINGS YOU PROBABLY NEVER KNEW YOUR MOBILE PHONE COULD DO

There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies.

Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it:

FIRST Emergency

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112.

If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly this number 112 can be dialled even if the keypad is locked.

SECOND

Have you locked your keys in the car? Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone: If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock.

Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you.

Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other 'remote' for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the boot).

Editor's Note: It works fine! We tried it out and it unlocked our car over a mobile phone!'

THIRD

Hidden Battery Power

Imagine your mobile battery is very low. To activate, press the keys *3370# Your mobile will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery.

This reserve will get charged when you charge your mobile next time.

FOURTH

How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?

To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone:

* # 0 6 #

A 15 digit code will appear on the screen.

This number is unique to your handset.

Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.

When your phone get stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code.

They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless.

You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either.

If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

ATM - PIN Number Reversal - Good to Know If you should ever be forced by a robber to withdraw money from an ATM machine, you can notify the police by entering your PIN # in reverse.

For example, if your pin number is 1234, then you would put in 4321.

The ATM system recognizes that your PIN number is backwards from the ATM card you placed in the machine.

The machine will still give you the money you requested, but unknown to the robber, the police will be immediately dispatched to the location.

This information was recently broadcast on CTV by Crime Stoppers however it is seldom used because people just don't know about it.

Please pass this along to everyone.

This is the kind of information people don't mind receiving, so pass it on to your family and friends

Cannot verify it works, but if you find it does for you, let everyone you care for know.

**Whatever you are doing this
Christmas, have a joyous and
peaceful time**

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