Introduction

As part of the remembrance of the sacrifice of the First World War, The Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) announced in August 2013, a campaign to honour all Victoria Cross (VC) recipients. Commemoration paving stones will be laid in or as close to the birth place of Victoria Cross recipients over the four year period of the 100th anniversary to remember the act of valour which led to the award. This is to:

a) Honour their bravery
b) Provide a lasting legacy of local heroes within communities
c) Enable residents to gain a greater understanding of how their area fitted into the First World War story.

A total of 628 Victoria Crosses were awarded during the First World War:

- 454 Victoria Crosses were awarded to UK-born recipients; 85 of these were born in London.
- 173 were awarded to servicemen who fought for Britain, but were born overseas. These VC holders will be commemorated in a separate service at the National Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffordshire on a date yet to be announced.

The organisers have requested that Royal British Legion Veteran Members local to the relevant Borough at which the paving stones are being laid, be invited to represent the Legion and join the Parade at which other Regimental Associations, serving soldiers from relevant Regiment of VC Recipient and ACF and CCF’s are taking part.

All Parades to form up 15 minutes before the start time, in direct view of the covered paving stone and where possible front centre. Stood at ease and easy.

RBL Formal Dress Code

On formal parade occasions, Legion members should be appropriately dressed. There is a general consensus that ideally each member present should wear a dark suit/blazer [or for Women’s Section a suit or dress, overcoat (if necessary) hat (preferably)], black shoes, etc. A person in a brightly coloured outfit on such a formal occasion seems somewhat out of place. Standard Bearers wear Standard Bearers Uniform Number 2 Dress, medals and leather is to be worn by serving soldiers.

Over - detailed information to for 2015 events.
RBL Standard Bearers and Members
notification of specific London Ceremonies – 2015

20 APR PTE DWYER VC
THE EAST SURREY REGIMENT
LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM - 20 April 2015

General

Pte Dwyer was awarded the VC for an action on 20 April 1915. The London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham has agreed that the ceremony to commemorate this will take place on **Mon 20 Apr 15 at 1100hrs** at the War memorial in the grounds of Vicarage Gardens, Church Gate adjacent to All Saints Church, Fulham followed by refreshments at Fulham House.

Location

The commemorative stone will be laid at The War Memorial, Vicarage Gardens, Church Gate, Fulham. A map can be found at this link [SW6 3LD](#). All Saints Church have kindly offered to open the church and receive guests prior to the service.

Reception

Following the service attendees are invited to attend refreshments at Fulham House, 87 Fulham High Street, London just a short walk from the site of the VC commemorative paving stone. A map can be found at this link [SW6 3JS](#)

Attendance

Expected attendance is:

- Past: Regt Association of the East Surrey Regiment (coordinated by Mr Ken Bowden) and **Veteran members of the RBL Fulham Branch**.

Timings. The unveiling will start at 1100hrs. Attendees are requested to arrive in good time, All Saints Church will be open for guests prior to the service.

**GUEST LIST FOR 20TH APRIL 2015 – VC CEREMONY TO TAKE PLACE**

**THE WAR MEMORIAL - VICARAGE GARDENS – CHURCH GATE SW6**
21 APR 2LT GEARY VC
THE EAST SURREY REGIMENT
LONDON BOROUGH OF LAMBETH – 21 April 2015

General

2Lt Geary was awarded the VC for an action on 20 and 21 April 1915. The London Borough of Lambeth has agreed that the ceremony to commemorate this will take place on **Tue 21 Apr 15 at 1045 hrs** at Brockwell Park followed by refreshments at the park café, Brockwell Hall.

Location

The commemorative stone will be laid in the front entrance of Brockwell Park, nearest entrance to Herne Hill Station. A map can be found at this link [SE24 0JT](#).

Reception

Following the service attendees are invited to attend refreshments at Brockwell Hall just a short walk from the site of the VC commemorative paving stone. A map can be found at this link [SE24 0PA](#).

Attendance

Expected attendance is:

- RYAN ALLAIN Area Manager RBL
- Past: Members of the Regt Association of the East Surrey Regiment (coordinated by Mr Ken Bowden) and Veteran members of the RBL.

Timings. The unveiling will start at 1045hrs.

27 APR MIDSHIPMAN DREWRY VC
SS RIVER CLYDE
LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM

General

Midshipman Drewry was awarded the VC for an action on 25 Apr 1915. The London Borough of Newham has agreed that the ceremony to commemorate this will take place on **Mon 27 Apr 15 at 1030hrs** at the Cenotaph in the grounds of East Ham Central Park, followed by a small reception in the café located in the same park.

Location

The commemorative stone will be laid at The Cenotaph, South East entrance to Central Park. The nearest postal address is 108 High Street South, East Ham, [E6 3RL](#).

Reception

Following the service attendees are invited to attend refreshments at The Hidden Kitchen, Bartle Avenue, East Ham, London just a short walk from the site of the VC commemorative paving stone. A map can be found at this link [E6 3AJ](#).

Attendance

Expected attendance is:
Past: The Naval Association and Veteran Members of the RBL.
The service will be conducted by a chaplain appointed by the council.

**Timings.** The unveiling will start at 1030hrs. Attendees are requested to arrive not before 1010hrs.

**24 APR SGT STUBBS VC**
THE LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS
LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

**General**
Sgt Stubbs was awarded the VC for an action on 25 April 1915. The London Borough of Southwark has agreed that the ceremony to commemorate this will take place on Fri 24 Apr 15 at 1100hrs at Pasley Gardens, Newington followed by refreshments at St Pauls Church, Lorrimor Square, Newington.

**Location**
The commemorative stone will be laid at the main gates to Pasley Park, Chapter Road junction. A map can be found at this link SE17 3ES.

**Reception**
Following the service attendees are invited to attend refreshments at St Pauls Church, Lorrimor Square, Walworth just a short walk from the site of the VC commemorative paving stone. A map can be found at this link SE17 3QU. There is restricted disability access at this location.

**Attendance**
Expected attendance is:

Past: It is hoped that representation from the Lancashire Fusiliers Regt Association can attend. A flyer outlining the commemoration will be displayed in the local branch of the RBL on Braganza Street, (Southwark Branch)

**Timings.** The unveiling will start at 1100hrs. Attendees are requested to arrive not before 1040hrs.

**27 APR 15, 2LT WILLIAM RHODES - MOORHOUSE VC**
ARMY CO-OPERATION SQUADRON
CITY OF WESTMINSTER COUNCIL

**General**
2Lt Rhodes – Moorhouse was awarded the VC for an action on 26 Apr 1915. Westminster City Council (WCC) has agreed that the ceremony to commemorate this will take place on Mon 27 Apr 15 at 1230 hours at Victoria Embankment Gardens in the grounds of Main Building, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) followed by refreshments at a location tbc, most likely City Hall, Victoria Street, Westminster.

**Location**
The commemorative stone will be laid at Victoria Embankment Gardens, in the grounds of Main Building, MoD.  **SW1A 2ET**

**Reception**

Following the parade attendees are invited by WCC to attend refreshments at a location tbc.

**Attendance**

Expected attendance is:

- RYAN ALLAIN Area Manager RBL
- Past: **Veteran Members of the RBL** and the RAFA association.

**Timings.** The unveiling will start at 1230hrs. Attendees are requested to arrive not before 1200hrs.

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**SAT 02 MAY PTE LYNN VC**

**THE LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM**

**General**

Pte Lynn was awarded the VC for an action on 02 May 1915. The London Borough of Lewisham has agreed that the ceremony to commemorate this will take place on **Sat 02 May 15 at 1030hrs** at the War Memorial, Lewisham High Street followed by a small reception nearby the venue.

**Location**

The commemorative stone will be laid at The War Memorial, Lewisham High Street, opposite University Hospital Lewisham.  **SE13 6NZ**.

**Reception**

Following the service attendees are invited to attend refreshments at a council building co-located with the registry office at (TBC) just a short walk from the site of the VC commemorative paving stone.

**Attendance**

Expected attendance is:

Past: **The Veteran RBL.**

**Timings.** The unveiling will start at 1030hrs. Attendees are requested to arrive not before 1010hrs

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Saluting.  At all ceremonies the Senior Military representative only is to salute during Last Post, returning to the position of attention for the 2 minute silence and Reveille.