



The Royal British Legion Nottinghamshire County

Shoulder To Shoulder With All Who Serve
June 2014



(PLEASE ENSURE THIS NEWSLETTER IS PASSED ROUND THE MEMBERS)

“We will remember them”

Miss SA Mooney - Arnold
Mr S R Wood – Balderton
Mr Ray McWilliams – Bilstorpe
Mr JJ Newton – Clipstone & Forest Town
Mr C Ward, Mr F Colley, Sqn Ldr Yvonne Turner –
Hucknall
Mr John Booth, Mr GC Ward – Keyworth
Mr J Gascoigne, Mr T Bridgwood – Mansfield
Mrs B Dawson - Mansfield Bellamy
Mr B Waby - Warsop, Meden Vale and Dist
Mr DR Russon, Mr J Adams, Mr P Broadhead -
Radcliffe on Trent
Mr P S Golder – Retford
Mr RC Pope, Mr WH Chamberlain, Mr MJ Doar, Mrs
Frances Atherley, Mr Benjamin Tereping - Wollaton

Timing details have yet to be confirmed but arrival time is normally around 13.00 and parade 14.00. Please understand that it is quite a long walk to the course, along the course and back for inspection and dismissal.

The Parade Marshal will be the Suffolk County Parade Marshal, David Land and the band this year is the Harwich RBL pipe band

Ripley Armed Forces Day

Saturday 28th June, 9:00am - 5:00pm, Crich View Farm, Heage Road, Ripley.

On display will be WW1 & WW2 militaria, vehicles & weapons. Food & refreshments are available. All we ask is a donation to come and see an exclusive event. Contact: Dean Fowler, Chairman of the Royal British Legion Ripley & District Branch, 07854558662, dean.fowler1@btinternet.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

- 1) Kirkby-in-Ashfield RBL Gala Day, Thursday 11th June 2014.
- 2) Opening of the Falklands Memorial Way. NMA, 14 June 2014.
- 3) BBQ 2014 Old Manor Farm, Main Street, Farnsfield Sat 21st June.
- 4) Warsop Carnival, 6th July.
- 5) ARMED FORCES DAY Ripley, Sat 28th June.
- 6) Newmarket Poppy Race Day is to be held on Saturday, 9th August 2014.
- 7) The Great March, 10th August 2014.
- 8) Workshop Festival of Remembrance, 25th October.

Armed Forces Day BBQ 2014

Old Manor Farm, Main Street,
Farnsfield

Sat 21st June 5-11.30 pm

Live Music, Food Bar, Tombola, Raffle
Children's Entertainment

Tickets £7.50 (adults) £4.50 (Children 12-15's)
Under 12's free

For Tickets please contact:-
Derek or Cynthia 01623 796332

Newmarket Poppy Race Day

The Newmarket Poppy Race Day is to be held on Saturday 9th August 2014 at Newmarket Racecourse, Suffolk. Would any standard bearers that wish to attend please contact Sandra Bromley, Suffolk County Secretary, (sbromley@britishlegion.org.uk) with their personal contact details and standards they will be carrying by Monday 28th July to enable her to post tickets out to you in time.

There will be tickets to the course for them but not for dressers or partners.

THE GREAT MARCH



Newark-on-Trent to Radcliffe-on-Trent

COMMEMORATING THAT DAY, ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, WHEN
THE MEN OF NEWARK AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES, LEFT THEIR
HOMES AND FAMILIES, AND WENT TO WAR.

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Supporting Armed Forces Personnel, past and present, and their families



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Over 700 men went to war from Newark and the surrounding villages and while some were taken prisoner, some returned early with injuries and many were still involved in operations somewhere or were injured and still being cared for, when the official homecoming train pulled into Newark North Gate Station

ONLY FIVE MEN STEPPED OFF THE TRAIN!

One hundred years later, on 10th August 2014 it is planned to re-enact that march, in honour of those that went and fought and the many who never returned.

For further information for the Newark to Ratcliffe walk on 10 August log on to: -www.thegreatmarchnewark.co.uk

**Kirkby in Ashfield
Gala Day
11.00 – 5.00 pm**
Kingsway Park, Hodgkinson Rd
Kirkby-In-Ashfield
Kirkby Welfare Band, Happy Feet dancers,
Bouncy Castle, Pony Rides, Refreshments,
Navy, Army and Air Force Cadets

The Great Centenary Charity Auction will raise funds for The Royal British Legion's Centre for Blast Injury Studies



The Royal British Legion is calling on members of the public to donate items of military memorabilia for an auction to mark the centenary of the First World War.

Renowned military auctioneers, James & Sons, will host a series of auctions throughout the Centenary period and aim to raise £1 million for the Legion. The first auction will take place on 21 September at Raynham Hall, Norfolk.

Items from all conflicts, not just the First World War, can be donated. Uniforms, medals, postcards as well as any other military

memorabilia will all be accepted and auctioned to raise funds for the Legion's vital work.

The money raised by the auction will support the Legion's welfare work, specifically the research conducted at The Centre for Blast Injury Studies at Imperial College London. Information on how people can donate items to The Great Centenary Charity Auction can be found at www.britishlegion.org.uk/auction.

CENTENARY EVENTS

This is the regional PR Officer's overview of RBL-led Centenary events happening in the midlands:

A few events have been flagged up already, including a Centenary cricket match in Birmingham and the 1418 Legacy schools participation campaign in Gloucestershire. However, I am keen to hear of any events and activities that will be happening in the region throughout the year.

Please could you send details on any RBL events urgently (please include date, time and a short description) – It must be pointed out that we are interested in the bigger events and activities that may attract media coverage and generate donations rather than smaller scale stuff, though if you are unsure let Ellie know...
(Ellie Rance: erance@britishlegion.org.uk)

CASE STUDIES

As soon as the Centenary is upon us we will, of course, get numerous media requests for WW1 case studies. We are hoping to find Legion members / beneficiaries / fundraisers with connections to WW1 e.g. they had a family member who fought in the war and can talk about that person's experiences.

We are asking all new beneficiary case studies we interview about their connections with WW1 but I will need your help in identifying potential spokespeople. If you hear of anyone with a WW1 tale in your daily work please let me know! This is not time sensitive (but the sooner the better) so please send me leads as and when.

Opening of the Falklands Memorial Way

At noon on Saturday 14th June 2014 the Falklands Memorial Way will be officially opened





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by the Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire Mr Ian
Dudson CBE.

This "Way" will link up memorials to civilian and
military casualties who lost their lives during the war
in 1982.

In the centre of the "Way" a memorial orchard will
honour the Falkland Islanders who spied on,
sabotaged and disrupted the enemy before British
Forces landed. It will also honour those Islanders
that helped transport troops, ammunition, supplies
and vital intelligence to our troops as they battled
across the Islands.

The "Way" is located in the Allied Special Forces
Memorial Grove at the National Memorial
Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffordshire.

Please contact Mike Colton (ex 22 SAS) on 07929-
118598 who is managing the project in the Grove.

More can be found on the NMA website, just type
Memorial Grove or Falklands Memorial Grove into
google.

This is an open event and everyone is
welcome, just let us know if you wish to attend.

Pension Entitlement for Military Widows and Widowers

The Legion has welcomed an Early Day Motion on
pension entitlement for military widows and
widowers.

EDM 1157 urges the Government to amend the
1975 Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS75) so
that widows and widowers no longer have to
sacrifice their pension entitlement if they choose to
cohabit with a new partner or remarry later in life.

If you would like to write to your MP to ask them to
support EDM 1157, you can find guidance on what
to include in your correspondence on
[www.britishlegion.org.uk/media/3880217/Justicefor
WidowsGuidance.pdf](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/media/3880217/JusticeforWidowsGuidance.pdf)

Widow Says Poppy Calls "Saved Her Life" Thanks To Fire Alarm



Beneficiary Vivienne Webb, 89 with Poppy Calls fitter,
David Thompson who fitted the fire alarm, curbing the
damage that could have resulted

Two of the Legion's Poppy Calls' fitters saved the life
of an ex-servicewoman after fitting her home with a
smoke alarm, only a week before her kitchen caught
fire. Mrs Vivienne Webb, 89, lives alone in
Northampton. She served for three years as a WREN
Air Mechanic and met her late husband while serving,
who was a Chief Technician in the Fleet Air Arm. Her
daughter called out Poppy Calls, run by the Legion, on
behalf of her mother to help with basic maintenance in
her house.

Poppy Calls offers a trusted, secure, high quality
service which helps members of the Armed Forces
community live independently in their homes. When
the Poppy Calls fitters David Thompson and John
Fulks arrived at Mrs Webb's house they realised the
house had a few electrical problems. In particular, the
house was not safe from fire risk – they fixed several
electrical sockets and fitted two smoke alarms
amongst other basic maintenance jobs. As Mrs Webb
is visually impaired, the fire alarms would help to make
sure she would be alerted quickly in the event of the
fire.

Just one week later (5 February), a fire broke out in
the kitchen as Mrs Webb had accidentally left a tea
towel on the stove due to her sight impairment. She
was asleep in the living room when the alarms
sounded and went into the kitchen to find it full of toxic
smoke. She called 999 for assistance and a fire engine
arrived to put out the fire. Fortunately, the kitchen was
left with just smoke damage. Mrs Webb said: "I am
extremely grateful for the help from The Royal British
Legion," who she says "saved her life."





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Grants for War Memorials – England

Works to freestanding war memorials in England are eligible for support through the Grants for War Memorials funded by English Heritage and The Wolfson Foundation.

The Trust's Small Grants Scheme has recently been reviewed and so there are some changes in the eligibility criteria for the scheme. There is also a new Application Form and new Guidance Notes for the scheme. Please check principles and eligibility criteria from the website.

All of their grant schemes provide support to projects that aim to **repair and conserve** war memorials in their existing form as well as **reinststate** the memorial to its original design.

Their schemes relate only to **existing** war memorials and no grant can be offered to support the creation of new war memorials or projects for which work has already started and/or is completed. Graves of any type are not eligible for support under any of War Memorials Trust grant schemes.

War Memorials Trust currently runs three different grant schemes. They all have different eligibility criteria and separate application forms. Eligibility to a particular scheme will depend on where in the UK the memorial is located, whether it is freestanding or not and what work you propose. Information is available on the website.

Application Form: You need to check your eligibility and submit an 'Expression of interest form' to clarify if the Grants for War Memorials scheme is right for your project before an application can be submitted.

Deadline: Applications can be submitted at any time.

Contact: 42a Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 0RE. Tel: Conservation advice/grants: 020 7233 7356 **Web:** <http://www.warmemorials.org.uk/>

JUMP FOR HEROES

The Jump for Heroes (J4H) "Jump the Eiger" video has been shortlisted in the Sony Production Awards and we need you to vote for them. The Legion's Extreme Human Flight team, Jump4Heroes, swoop in full flight along the infamous and dominating north ridge of the Eiger in the Swiss Alps in this exciting video. Standing in the vast enormity of the mountainous environment, the team bow their heads to observe a 2 Minute Silence before leaping from the edge of the 'murderous wall', 10,000ft up on the Eiger.

Veterans of more than 15,000 skydives and 1,000 BASE jumps, this was the team's most dangerous challenge to date. Raising awareness for the Legion and the support provided to the Armed Forces and their families, the team's *wingsuits* proudly bear the Legion's poppy logo.

Please go to the link below to watch the video, and to fill out a short registration page to vote for the video to win: It's fantastic.

https://productionawards.sony.eu/videos/factual/224c90101c042db5a9c68624e1c8e96f#.UyL91fl_t8F

Membership Handbook

A dedicated external web area has been produced to host a digital copy of the Membership Handbook. Visit the external web area at:

www.britishlegion.org.uk/membershiphandbook

Username: memhandbook

Password:

TRBLmem£86.

A Reminder to all Branch Committees

1. Please remember that the end of the Legion **Field** Financial Year is **30 June**. Branches then have **two months** to submit their completed accounts, i.e. until 31 August.
2. Membership Handbook 4.1.6 BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 1. General Provisions
 - 1.1 The Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM) must be held within two months of the close of the **Corporate** Financial Year, i.e. between **1 October** and **30 November** each year.

Artistic commemoration of the Great War in West Flanders.

Gonewest are seeking for support for their Light Front project. On Friday 17 October 2014, a chain of torches will be lit from Nieuwpoort to Ploegsteert covering a total of 87.5km of the front line as it existed at the time of the ceasefire in the autumn of 1914.

Every 10 meters a volunteer will stand with a torch, meaning a total of 8750 volunteers are expected to participate in the event. Every municipality over which the Light Front runs is providing volunteers but some municipalities are seeking the support of organisations like the Royal British Legion.

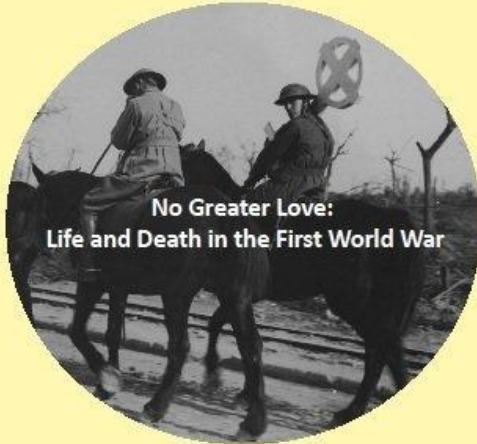
To find out more about the event and how you can be involved please visit the website here or email gonewest@west-vlaanderen.be.





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An Exhibition Marking the Outbreak of the First World War

Saturday 17th May - Sunday 15th June 2014
Monday to Saturday 10am - 5pm Sundays 12.30pm - 5pm.

2014 marks the 100th year since Britain entered the First World War. Southwell Minster intends to join the national commemoration of this event by holding an exhibition centred on local experiences and memories of the war.

We've already asked local Southwellians for any WWI objects and relics they may have, and especially any stories attached to them. We've had some truly fantastic responses, but we are still interested if anyone has objects or stories.

Free entry to the exhibition is made possible by the the generosity of a Nottinghamshire Charitable Trust. Illustrated catalogue: £3. The exhibition is additionally supported by The Friends of Southwell Cathedral.

Further information overleaf.

Standard Bearers Practice

Venue: South Mansfield Community Centre, Bellamy Road Estate, NG18 4LN. Time: 1900 hrs to 2100 hrs.

Dates for 2014:

June 26th, July 24th, August 28th, September 25th,
October 16th.

All branch standard bearers across the county are encouraged to attend these training sessions. There are a number of high-profile events taking place this year with the WW1 centenary and the 70th anniversary of D Day.

Knowledgebase – Volunteers

We're looking for volunteers from the East Midlands to form a working group to discuss and work on the KnowledgeBase to capture services and support within our area to add to the local content (it would be good to get at least one from each Nottinghamshire). If you are interested, could you please contact the county secretary? We'll also look how we can develop a process to keep the information up to date and relevant going forward.

Community Fund Raiser

As most of you will know, Elaine Hopkins is our new Community Fund Raiser. Elaine has a wealth of legion experience having been a member for many years and been involved in County Committee and worked as a County Recruiting Officer. Elaine would like all county members to know that she is prepared to attend branches or other organisations to talk about the Poppy appeal and any other fundraising in aid of The Royal British legion. Elaine can be contacted via EHopkins@britishlegion.org.uk or on 07500553164.

Training

Lomas Training

There have recently been a few requests for the LOMAS training for Branches – please note that at this stage we do not have any future training dates scheduled. In order to ensure the system performs well and that we have the necessary user support during the year end period, it has been decided that no new users will be set up until at least the end of summer – watch this space.

Membership Training – The following National Membership Training Courses are planned:

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| 1. Branch Management | 13/14 Jun |
| Alrewas, Staffordshire | |
| 2. Parade Marshals Refresher | 22 Jun |
| Loughborough | |
| 3. County Management | 12/13 Jul |
| Alrewas, Staffordshire | |
| 4. Standard Bearer Judges | 26/28 Sep |
| Loughborough | |

Welfare

Mansfield's **Heroes Memorial Fund** is currently working to raise funds to support our local veterans. They raise funds via their clothing recycling partner **Savana Rags** and have clothing and textile collection banks at Water Meadows Leisure Centre, The John Cockle pub, Speed the Plough pub, Oak Tree Leisure Centre, Mansfield Civic Centre, Sunnydale Pub, Ladybrook Inn Pub,





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Mansfield Train Station Car Park and the ICentre. RBL members are encouraged to use these collection banks so we can assist even more of our local heroes in future.

Poppy Shop discount

Members receive 15% discount on the Poppy Shop. When ordering, they should use the code **MEMBER15**, which will be applied to the purchase upon checkout.

This is a gripping yarn of capture, resistance, and liberation, revealing for the first time how he and a close-knit group of chums carried on the war despite their imprisonment, and even got away with killing a couple of Nazi guards who had ruthlessly bullied frail prisoners.

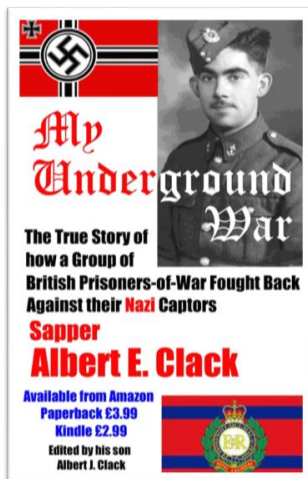
The relatively short book is available exclusively from Amazon.co.uk as either a Kindle download or a slim paperback. Below are links to the pages on Amazon for the Kindle and paperback versions.

Books

With Innocence and Hope

Recently published *With Innocence and Hope* by Mike Williams, a vivid first-hand account of Walter Williams's experiences during World War I, edited by his nephew Mike Williams. Walter volunteered aged fifteen and fought in some of the major battles of the war including Passchendaele, the Somme and Vimy Ridge. It's a really fascinating read.

My Underground War



written by Albert J Clack, this is the story of his late father's war.

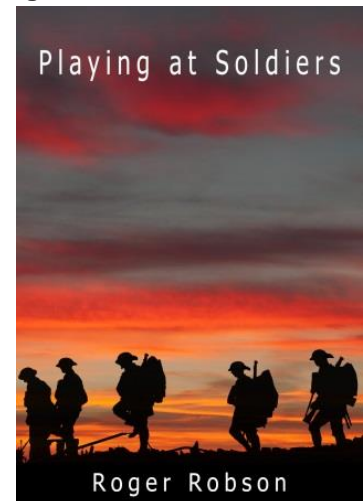
Entitled *My Underground War*, it is Albert E Clack's memoirs of the five years he spent as a prisoner-of-war during WWII. He typed them in the 1970s, and they subsequently vanished into a storage box, which came to his son, Albert J, after he died. Albert J recently

edited and published them.

The first half of the book covers Albert's capture near Dunkirk in 1940 and his experiences in the Stalag VIII B PoW camp. For most of this time he endured forced labour and occasional beatings in a coal mine. The second half deals with his escape from the 'Death March' and his liberation by the Red Army.

Playing at Soldiers

For some young men, National Service in one of the armed forces was a tedious two years away from their families and life's freedoms. For others, it brought experiences that still live with them long years afterwards. For an unfortunate few, it took their lives.



Playing at Soldiers records the experiences of four young National Servicemen stationed in Cyprus during the island's period of ethnic unrest.

'Playing at Soldiers' records the experiences of four young National Servicemen stationed in Cyprus during the island's period of ethnic unrest. This story is available on www.amazon.co.uk in the eBooks section.

Subject to sales, the author is prepared to make a donation to the Royal British Legion.

Email Roger Robson: r.robson1959@gmail.com.

Lost Oppos

Dave Anderson (legion member number 1344798 from Melton Mowbray) is trying to locate old comrade Dave Shaw (TC) who he believes is a legion member in the Mansfield area of Nottinghamshire. They served together in 7 Armd in Fallingbostal in 1978.





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Timeline for the Royal British Legion Centenary 2014 - 20 May 2014

The highlights of the centenary year June –
December:

June

- **1st June** Ride of Respect First World War tie in
- **5th June:** Centenary Windsor Concert
- **6th June:** D-Day 70 Anniversary events and legacy tour
- **9th June:** Centenary schools pack sent to out to over 50,000 schools
- **26th June** Legion Magazine: Centenary articles on Lights out, auction and Poppies in the Moat
- **28th June** Armed Forces Day Stirling Scotland

July

- **4th July** Lights out PR and Social Media launch of the film - big social media push
- **4th July** 10,000 human poppies on the beach - Liverpool
- History of the Poppy Book launch
- **3rd July** Only Remembered (Michael Morpogo) book available
- **11th July** An evening of war poetry recital at the NMA
- **14 July** Forever Centenary Album released
- **17th July** Re- Opening of Imperial War Museum
- **18th July** Fields in Trust Centenary Fields HRH Duke of Cambridge launch, Coventry War Memorial

August

- **1-4 August** Lights out Events
- **4th August** NMA lights out ceremony
- **4th August** Lights out – a million candles to remember early evening ceremonies at local war memorials throughout the UK
- **4th August** - Commonwealth Remembrance Service at Glasgow Cathedral 10am-12:15pm
- **4th August** - service at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission St Symphorien Military Cemetery in Mons, Belgium 19.30 - 20.30pm
- **4th August** -St Anne's Service of Remembrance, Belfast
- **4th August** - Llandaff Cathedral Service, Wales
- **4th August** - Candlelit vigil at Westminster Abbey 10.00- 11.00pm

- **4th August** Opening of Fields of Battle, Land of Peace, St James Park opens (sponsored by The Royal British Legion)
- **5th August** Tower of London Poppy installation opens
- **10th August** Drumhead service, Scotland
- **23rd August** First British Serviceman shot Battle of Mons Poppy Planting, Mons Belgium

September

- **10-14 September** Invictus Warrior Games
- **21st September** The Great Centenary Auction (Raynham House Norfolk)

October

- **23 October** Poppy Appeal launches - Live on theme
- **30 October** London Poppy Day/ Poppy Ball

November

- **1st November** The Festival of Remembrance in Belfast
- Opening of Flanders Field Garden, next to Buckingham Palace by members of the Royal Family
- Festival of Remembrance
- Armistice Day
- Silence in the Square - EMR sculpture unveiled
- **3rd – 13th November** Every Man Remembered
- Memorial in Trafalgar Square

December

- **17th December** 6pm to 8.30pm. Downton Abbey WW1 reception for up to 200 guests
- Football Association WW1 match between two army football teams and National Children's Alliance.

Thought for the Day

A life spent making mistakes is not only more honourable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing

George Bernard Shaw





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For those who would like to enhance their fitness



Cycling for All

Free cycling fun for all ages and abilities

Wheelie good fun for everyone.....

Free cycle training and advice	20 April
Free led rides along the River Trent	18 May
Free bike maintenance and basic repairs	15 June
Refreshments from Pulp Friction	20 July
Stalls and activities	17 August
	21 September
	19 October

Try out fun bikes, family bikes and bikes for people with disabilities

3rd Sunday of every Month
At Queens Drive Park and Ride, Nottingham
Drop In between 10am and 1pm

Catch the 48 navy line bus

If you'd like to discuss any specific requirements in advance please email kate@ridewise.org.uk or call 0115 955 2288

This project is being delivered through the Nottingham Urban Area's successful Local Sustainable Transport Fund programme. The LSTF programme is helping to establish Nottingham as an exemplar for integrated sustainable transport. For further details visit www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/lstf/projects

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