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**Warsop, Meden Vale & District Branch**  
**NEWSLETTER**

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**Somme 100**



Fighting at the Battle of the Somme began on 1 July 1916 and lasted four and a half months. In total, 60 nations from across the British Empire and Europe were involved in the fighting across a 25 kilometre front. When the offensive finally came to a halt on 18 November 1916, the Battle of the Somme had claimed a million casualties; 430,000 from Commonwealth countries, with a third of this number killed.

At 0730 on the 1st July, about 40

members and friends braved the hour to pay tribute and remember those that fell on the Somme. Bill Power opened proceedings by blowing a whistle, at the exact time, 100 years before when our 'lads' went over the top.

Padre Bruce conducted proceedings and poetry was read out by Cliff Meredith. The names of the Warsop men who made the ultimate sacrifice as a result of the battle were read out and crosses laid in their memory. We thank Nick Waltz for the photographs which are available here -

<http://branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/warsop/photo-gallery/somme100>

A similar wreath was laid at Warsop Vale by Les and Alan Nickless on our behalf.

**Carnival**

Just a reminder to everyone that it's Warsop carnival on Sunday 3rd July 2016. The branch will be there with a stall and all tombola prizes will be gratefully received. We also have a number of volunteers who will be on the stall so feel free to pop by and say hello if you get a chance and maybe give them a hand.

**Southwell Window**

On Sunday 10th July 2016 the dedication of the new window will take place at Southwell Minster at 3.30pm. It has been designed by Nicholas Mynheer and will be a memorial to the sacrifice of the victims since World War I. If people are wanting to go, please can you let me know as I believe this is a booked place event. Thank you.

## **Remembrance**

As mentioned at the June meeting, we are starting to prepare for Remembrance Day already. We are asking for food to go within the hampers which we will raffle. Preferably the food will be tinned or have a long shelf life. If you can donate anything at all it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## **Birthdays**

Happy July birthdays to the following members.

Glynn Brown

Bob Geeson

Eira Hallam

Jason Holland

Allison Hunt

Cliff Meredith

Dennis Monk

Barbara Wiczorek

A very happy birthday to you all.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations are in order for Jason McNally who is marrying Sarah on August 2nd in lovely Cyprus. I'm sure the whole branch will join with me in wishing you joy, love and happiness on your wedding day and as you begin your new life together.

## **Diary**

10th July - 15:30 - Dedication of new window to Southwell Minister

11th July - 19:30 - Branch meeting with Bellamy Branch. We are to be joined by a gentleman who served in Afghanistan as Bomb Disposal

22nd July - TBC - Branch Trip to East Kirkby, Heritage Aviation Museum.

5th August - 10:00 - Drop in Town Hall

8th August - 18:30 - Meeting at Mansfield Bellamy Branch. Kevin Robson is the speaker.

## **Drop In**

We had a very successful drop in on the 1st July, dealing with two beneficiaries seeking help and we also signed up a new member.

## **New Member**

We welcome Paul Adams to the branch.

## **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Meetings commence at 7.30pm at The Ex-Servicemen's Club, Carr Lane.

All are welcome to attend

The next 'drop-in' is on Friday the 5th August, 10 am to 12 noon at Warsop Town Hall  
Reminder – We are at Mansfield Bellamy for the August meeting.