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**Welcome to 2017**

I would like to start the first newsletter of the year by wishing you all a very happy New Year. I hope that your Christmas was peaceful and that 2017 will be a blessed year for all of our branch members, beneficiaries and supporters as we collectively embark on another year of welfare, representation, remembrance and comradeship. I look forward to seeing all of you throughout 2017.

**Congratulations Pete!**

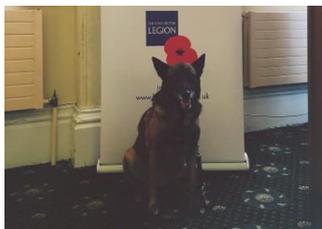


We are delighted to announce that our very own branch member and former County Vice-Chairman Pete Hopkins will officially be taking over as Nottinghamshire County Chairman as a result of Andy Gregory deciding to step down from the position. I'm sure everyone within the branch will join me in wishing Pete all the best as he embarks on his new role, and say that we are extremely thankful for all that he has done for our branch and that we are very lucky to have him with us. Congratulations Pete.

**December 2016 Meeting**

Our December 'thank you' meeting took place on 12th December and was dedicated to those who were kind enough to support the branch throughout the 2016 Poppy Appeal and have given us their ongoing support throughout the year. It was fantastic to see so many friends of the branch in attendance, and the meeting appeared to be enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to all of those who attended, and special thanks go to those who provided the branch with a delightful buffet.

**Annual County Conference 2017**



On 14th January, John Dunn attended the annual county conference as Warsop, Meden Vale and District's branch delegate. In attendance also from our branch was Cliff, Elaine, Pete and I. It was a great day in which we were able to meet Hiha, a 7 year old retired British Army dog trained in



seeking out mines. Pam Farquhar, Hiha's owner, told us that Hiha has done 5 tours of Afghanistan, and also gave us a very interesting insight into the history and general knowledge of dogs which are used within the military. In addition, I am pleased to announce that Warsop, Meden Vale and District branch won an efficiency award for the second year running, which was gladly accepted by branch chairman, Cliff Meredith. The day then ended with a wonderful buffet, and everyone left with an insight into what to expect from Nottinghamshire County during the year ahead.

## **Trips for 2017**

As we get underway with 2017, we would like to ask if anybody has any ideas regarding branch trips for throughout the year. This will be discussed during our February meeting, but if anyone has any ideas which they wish to discuss beforehand then please feel free to contact me. My email, for those who aren't aware, is WarsopMedenVale.Secretary@rbl.community, and you can use this to contact me at any time. It would be good to get the whole branch together for some nice days out throughout the year.

## **January and February Birthdays**



My apologies for forgetting the January birthday's on the last newsletter! I hope the following people had wonderful January birthdays;

Paul Adams, George Humphrey, Brian Marples, Maureen Meredith, John Nicholson, Roy Pearcey, Dean Wakefield, Rachel Waltz.

February birthday wishes go to the following;

Harold Appleby, Jackie Carter, Chris Guy, Lauren Meredith, Craig Moore, Jeanette Nicholson, Bill Power, Kevin Usher, Marilyn Woods.

On behalf of the entire branch, we wish you all a very happy birthday.

## **Diary Dates for February 2017**

Friday 3rd February - Drop In Service at Warsop Town Hall from 10am-12pm.

Monday 13th February - Branch Meeting at Warsop Ex-Servicemen's Club from 7:30pm. All are more than welcome to attend.

Welcome, February

That concludes our first newsletter of 2017. All I have left to say is that I hope you have had a wonderful January and I wish everyone the best for the month of February.

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