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Warsop, Meden Vale, & District Branch

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Welcome to the July 2017 newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who came to the June meeting, the minutes will be circulated hopefully by this evening. Our July meeting is not far away and we are hosting the wonderful Mansfield Bellamy branch and will be joined by guest speaker, Pam, who has two ex army dogs called Bak and Hiha (pictured below) and will be talking about their work. Pam's Facebook page can be found under "Bak and Hiha retired British Army Dogs" if you wish to know more. Please let me know if there are any apologies or anything you wish to add to the agenda.

SHRINKING MEETING NUMBERS

There is growing concern about the numbers of people turning up to our

meetings as it appears to get smaller and smaller. If you have an issue with transport or require assistance to get to a meeting please feel free to give someone a call and we will try our best to assist you. Our meetings are important as they allow us to converse openly about matters arising and we would love to have as many people as possible there each month.

ROBERT BYE WAY

After two years of planning, we are pleased to announce that a dedication service to mark the renaming of Warsop's inner relief road, the "Robert Bye Way" will take place on Sunday 30th July 2017. This will commence at 3pm from SureStart and the unveiling will be carried out by the Sheriff of Notting-

ham, Councillor Glyn Jenkins. After this small ceremony there will be a small service at Warsop Parish Church at 4pm where thanks will be given and a plaque will be dedicated to Sgt Bye. We hope that both events will be very well supported.

According to Adrian Hardy, when he interviewed Mrs Moody back in 2006 for the Chad newspaper, she said that her father was a very modest man who hardly ever talked about his bravery and being awarded the Victoria Cross, which explains why the road is simply named 'Robert Bye Way'.

We hope that future generations will see the name and wonder who exactly Robert Bye was and that their curiosity will lead them to research him and learn about the First

World War and the sacrifices made.

PUB QUIZ

A small reminder about our pub quiz which is taking place on Friday 21st July. We will meet at 7pm at The Plough Inn for a 7:30pm prompt start, and pie and pea supper will be provided and a cost of £3 each. At the last meeting we agreed that it would be £1 per person to enter and the team sizes are to be 4-6 people maximum. If you wish to book a place please let us know your numbers by the July meeting so that we can pass this information on.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM TRIP

The trip to the National Memorial Arboretum is now full but an extra car can be taken if need be. If you have secured a place please can you ensure your money is paid to Elaine either at the July meeting or before the trip.

PASSCHENDAELE

To mark the centenary of this event, on the 31st of July the branch will be partaking in a small wreath laying service at Warsop Cenotaph at

11:00, followed by a small memorial at Warsop Vale. All are welcome to attend and our Branch President and High Sheriff of Nottingham Col. David Sneath will be laying the wreath.

In addition, the centenary Passchendaele pins are now available but the branch is limited to only 50!

AFTERNOON TEA

More people are needed to attend our Oaklands Afternoon Tea to raise money for the bench we wish to donate to the National Memorial Arboretum. The afternoon tea will be held on Sunday 13th of August 2017 starting at 14:00 at The Oakland's, Warsop. It is £6 per person and includes afternoon tea and entertainment. If you are interested please give your names to Elaine, Pete or Cliff. Tickets can be paid for on the day of the event but numbers are needed beforehand to ensure we have suitable catering so please share this with your family and friends and get as many people interested as possible.

JULY BIRTHDAY'S

On behalf of the entire branch I would like to wish the following people a very Happy Birthday: Robert Geeson
Eira Hallam
Jason Holland
Allison Hunt
Cliff Meredith
Dennis Monk
Michael Woods
The Happiest of July birthday's to all of you!

DIARY DATES

Friday 7th July - Pop-In centre at Town Hall
Monday 10th July - July Meeting
Friday 21st July - Pub Quiz at The Plough Inn
Wednesday 26th July - Branch Trip to NMA
Monday 31st July - Passchendaele Memorial Service
Sunday 13th August - Oaklands Afternoon Tea
Sunday 17th September - County Luncheon
Saturday 23rd September - Branch Officers Seminar

Next Meeting

This will be on the 14th July at the Ex-Servicemen's Club on Carr Lane. Starts at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to attend