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**We are proud to have provided the community with a century of support**

We were supporting the community 100 years ago and we'll be here for the next 100 years



**Ready to support the next generations of the Armed Forces community**



**Paignton Members on celebrating their Branch's centenary**

On 20th June Paignton Members marked the 100th anniversary since the Branch was formed. With dedicated Members working on recruitment, fundraising and supporting the community, the Branch has very positive results. To celebrate their Branch's centenary, Members gathered outside their office for a cake and coffee event which gave everyone the opportunity to catch up and see the gardens outside their HQ that were revitalised by a group of Members.



**A few of the activities our Members organised to mark the RBL's 100 years**

The Milford Haven Branch, formed in 1921, collaborated with a local school to create a book that tells the stories of those from the County of Pembrokeshire who served and fell in WW2. Two members of the Riders Branch completed a 3,000 mile motorcycle ride across Great Britain, carrying a miniature Standard. The Machynlleth Branch, founded 100 years ago, held a special event for their community with RAF Chefs replicating recipes from the RBL's cookbook 'Cooking With Heroes'.

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## A civilian's experience working to support the military in Afghanistan

British troops have now left Afghanistan, signifying the end of this 20 year campaign. Apart from those serving in uniform, there are many civilians who have been working to support the MoD and the British Forces. Among these civilians is one of our Members, Renford Marsden who spent time in Kabul and Kandahar Air Field (KAF) between 2006 – 07 and joined the RBL shortly after to help the Armed Forces community.

Read the story



Poppy Appeal 2021

As Covid-19 restrictions ease, our collectors are back out in their communities to raise vital



Black History Month

As we mark 100 years of the coming together of some of Britain's oldest Remembrance

funds for the RBL's Poppy Appeal. Since it was first worn as an act of Remembrance just over 100 years ago, the poppy has become an enduring symbol of support for our Armed Forces, past and present. Every Poppy counts so find out more about how you can support the Poppy Appeal this year.

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traditions, the RBL is marking the service and sacrifice of the thousands of men and women of African or Caribbean origin or descent, from Britain and the Commonwealth. We will be sharing over 100 stories until the end of Black History Month (31 October) on a dedicated page partnering with Black History Month.

[Find out more](#)



## Northern Ireland legacy survey

In July, the government published proposals for new legislation to address the legacy of Northern Ireland's past. These include an independent body to enable individuals to receive information about Troubles-related deaths and injuries; a statute of limitations to apply to all Troubles-related incidents, ending investigations and prosecutions; and an end to all other judicial activity, such as inquests. We'd like to understand the range of views within our community on these proposals, and so would welcome responses via this survey.

[Take the survey](#)



Centenary Stars digital event

The online event will take place on Wednesday 29th September at 3pm. It's our



Close your eyes

Throughout October, the RBL's new advertising campaign will be urging us all to

opportunity to thank everyone including Members who have supported the RBL in the last century and celebrate those who have been nominated for a Reward and Recognition award. The online event will feature films and interviews as well as a few celebrity surprises so click [here](#) to watch the event on 29th Sept.

close our eyes and contemplate the selfless work of the Armed Forces, showing why the RBL's support is so vital. The Close Your Eyes advert will launch across primetime TV, social media, digital advertising and will be expanded online with video stories that highlight the dedication of the Armed Forces community.



RBL101 - Annual Conference 2022 in London from 13-15 May

Every year Members from all over the RBL community gather for the Annual Conference and you can join them online or in person. During the Conference, Motions that will impact the future of the RBL are voted on, and there are many special events and exhibitions. Next year presents a unique opportunity to be part of a Whitehall Parade past the Cenotaph. Stay tuned for more updates.

[Find out more](#)



Attend our town hall to learn about the changes in the Trustee election process

If you'd like to get involved in the charity's governance, you can join our virtual townhall event on 14 October at 7 pm to hear more about the work of the Board of Trustees, the changes in the Trustee election process and how you can submit your nomination. Click the button below to register. Prior to the event you'll receive an email with instructions on how to join on the day.

[Register](#)

Did you know that...



Member Eugenie Brooks organised a surprise for an RASC veteran's 100th birthday. Eugenie met Fred and his wife Joan while volunteering as a tour guide on the Boudicca ship which took veterans back to Normandy for D-Day 75 and arranged for the couple to visit the RLC Museum. An RLC Officer presented Fred with an RASC beret, something he wasn't wearing as a serving soldier and encouraged him to wear it!



TV gardener Alan Titchmarsh and his team at ITV's Love Your Garden have transformed a part of Dunkirk Memorial House's garden to mark RBL100. Tune into Love Your Garden on ITV 1 at 8pm on 5th October to watch the episode that will feature the Dunkirk Memorial House garden and a special garden makeover, Melanie Goodjohn Head of the Dementia Care team at the care home, received.



### Veterans' market has launched

To mark RBL100, Pull the Pin's founder and veteran Tom Foster, wanted to give something back, recognising the support that he and others have received over the last 100 years. Pull the Pin's special edition rum incorporates ten spices and botanicals for the ten decades of RBL support, creating a well-balanced and smooth spiced rum. More products created by the Armed Forces community on offer at the Poppy Shop's Veterans' Market.



### New Crafting Projects from Deramores

There are some exciting new additions to the Deramores range of poppy-themed crafting kits and digital patterns for knit and crochet. Craft some beautiful displays for your home this Remembrance, including a crochet poppy wreath, a bouquet of poppies display, and 'Lest We Forget' cushion. Making the popular Poppy Brooch for knit and crochet is a great way to show your support for the Armed Forces community.

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## Going back in time



### **From the Royal British Legion Magazine July 1971**

Jubilee concert and service: Scenes from the Sunday parade and service with Standard Bearers approaching the tomb of the 'Unknown Warrior' at the end of the Service in Westminster Abbey.

## This month's poll

Did you have a chance to attend a local RBL100 event these past few months?

1. Yes I attended an in person event
2. Yes I attended an online event
3. No I couldn't attend an event
4. No my Branch couldn't organise an event
5. Other

[Take part in the poll](#)

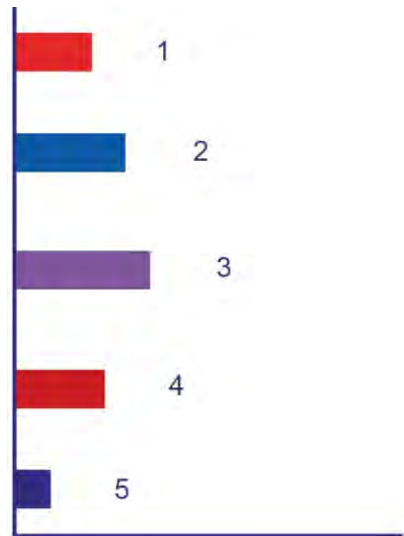
## Last month's poll

With the British troops leaving Afghanistan last month, we'd like to know how many of our members have served in Afghanistan or if you have a relative or friend who has served in Afghanistan?

**463 Participants**

**%**

1	Yes I have served in Afghanistan	18.57%
2	Yes I have a relative who has served in Afghanistan	29.16%
3	Yes I have a friend who has served in Afghanistan	37.37%
4	No I don't know of anyone who served in Afghanistan	22.03%
5	Other	7.56%



## Encourage others to join

Our members play a vital role in ensuring that the Royal British Legion can continue to provide support to the Armed Forces community as well as upholding the importance of Remembrance. Share this email with others you think might be interested in Legion membership.

[Join now](#)

If you have any questions about the e-newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact me. If you have questions about your membership card or want to change your home or email address please contact our Membership Services team [MembershipServices@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:MembershipServices@britishlegion.org.uk)

Best wishes,

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