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Improving the lives of the Armed Forces community

Members supporting their local communities and making a difference



Members changing the lives of the Armed Forces community for the better



HRH Prince Charles visits RBL100 woodland in Cornwall

To celebrate RBL100 last year, the Cornwall County planted 2 sets of 100 trees in two different locations. One to reflect on the RBL's history and pay tribute to those who served and sacrificed and another one focused on the future generations. Last month one of the two



200 cards from RBL and RBLWS Branches to veteran turning 100

Alyson Wilson, Chairman & BCS Rep at Healing & District Branch wanted to make a WW2 veteran's 100 birthday special so she used the power of Yammer and social media to ask Members and the local Armed Forces community to send birthday cards to the

woodlands became part of HM The Queen's Green Canopy for HM platinum jubilee with HRH Prince Charles attending an event to unveil the commemorative plaque.

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veteran, Arthur. The response was so positive that there were more than 300 cards in total sent to Alyson with more than 200 coming directly from RBL and RBLWS Branches.

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The Southport Branch on their new veterans hub

The Southport Branch opened a new veterans hub welcoming all members of the Armed Forces community. Despite only being open for two months, they've had many veterans and family members of serving and ex-serving personnel come through the door for a chat and a cup of tea. They've also been able to recruit a number of new Members and volunteers and are hoping to turn this hub into a focal point for the wider community.

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Annual Conference 2022 from 13-15
May in London



Join our Membership Town Hall on 28
April at 6pm

This is the RBL's first Conference during which online and in person attendees will be able to listen to the latest updates and ask questions during the membership forum. On Saturday 14 May, those present are invited to visit the pop-up bar from 5-6.30pm, ahead of your dinner plans, to enjoy a magic performance from Lance Corporal Richard Jones, the 2016 winner of Britain's Got Talent. Click [here](#) for the list of Exhibitors and Information Desks.

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Join the next Town Hall for the latest update on the One Legion strategy from Charles Byrne, RBL Chief Executive and to meet our new Trustee Patsy Wilkinson. You'll also hear from Jenni Dyer, Head of Diversity and Inclusion, about how our strategy will make a difference for Members while Janet Talman, Director of Membership, will share the first stage of a review about how membership can remain relevant for future generations.

[Register your place](#)

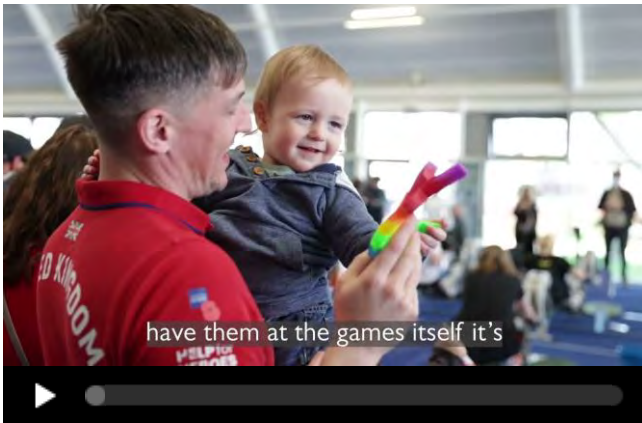


Thank you for supporting our 3 year Stop the Service Charge campaign

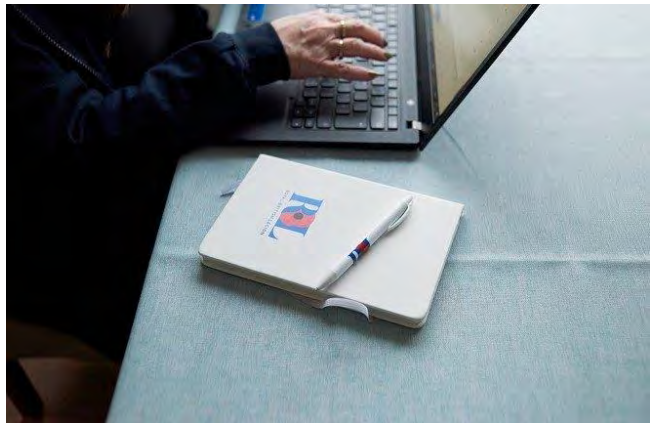
The Government announced that Commonwealth personnel and Gurkhas who have served in the UK Armed Forces for 6 or more years will no longer have to pay fees of £2,389 to continue to live in the UK following their service. We're celebrating this major milestone and will continue to campaign, asking the Government to abolish visa fees for the serving persons' spouse or children.

[Find out more](#)

Did you know that...



As The Invictus Games athletes are competing in The Hague this week, we look back at what their families and they said about the impact of the games in their lives. The RBL is proudly supporting the participants and their families by funding the families' travel to The Hague.



With the cost of living increasing, many people including members of the Armed Forces community might be struggling. If you need help our financial and employment support team are [here to provide advice](#) on money management and how the RBL can support you.



Join Poppy Trek this August and raise funds for the Armed Forces community

Take on Poppy Trek and hike to England's highest war memorial at the summit of Scafell Pike in the stunning Lake District. You can choose between summit Scafell Pike (13 August) or summit Scafell's neighbouring mountain Great Gable (14 August) with both routes led by experienced mountain leaders. We're also looking for volunteers to support our events on the day so find out more [here](#).

[Find out more and sign up](#)



Join one of our two remaining membership meet-ups in July

Our first meet-up in Saltash was a success with two more to come, one in Colchester (2 July) and one in Newcastle (16 July). Open to everyone, these events are an opportunity to learn more about membership and meet staff from across the RBL including the local area team as well as connect with other Members. Register your attendance today or email meetups@britishlegion.org.uk for more details.

[Register today](#)



This month marks 40 years since the Falklands war started. One of the biggest conflicts since WW2, it lasted 74 days with 255 British personnel losing their lives defending the Falklands. 30,000 sailors, marines, airmen, soldiers and merchant mariners took part in the conflict that ended with the surrender of the Argentine forces on 14 June 1982.

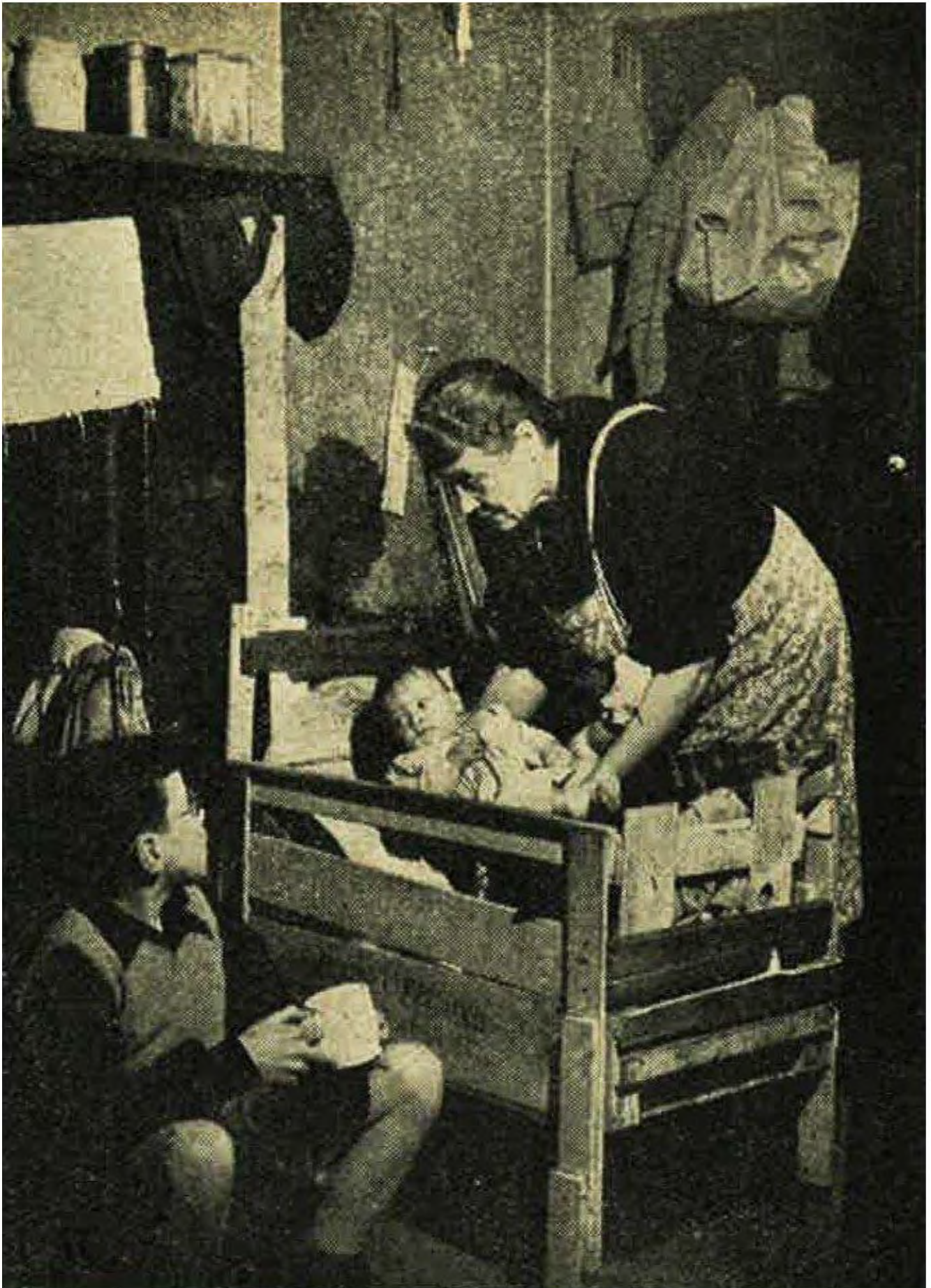
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40 years on since the Falklands War, we reunited veteran Pete Robinson who is featured in one of the most defining photos of the war with Pete Holdgate, the photographer who took the photo all these years ago. They talked about the impact of this photo and their memories of the war including how they were welcomed home after the end of the conflict.

[Watch the video](#)

Going back in time



From the Royal British Legion Magazine December 1947

When an eviction order was sought against the wife of a paralysed ex-regular soldier, never to walk again, the Legion stepped in to support the family. The paralysed soldier was in hospital and the wife's only income came from looking after a foster child but she owed £21 arrears of rent. Lt.-Col. Crafter of the Legion attended court and on behalf of the Legion promised to clear off the arrears and save the family from eviction. The Judge said 'I think in this case the British Legion has proved itself a friend in need.'

This month's quiz

Test your knowledge of the Falklands War. When did the Falklands conflict start?

1. 2 April 1982
2. 14 June 1982
3. 3 September 1982
4. 23 April 1984

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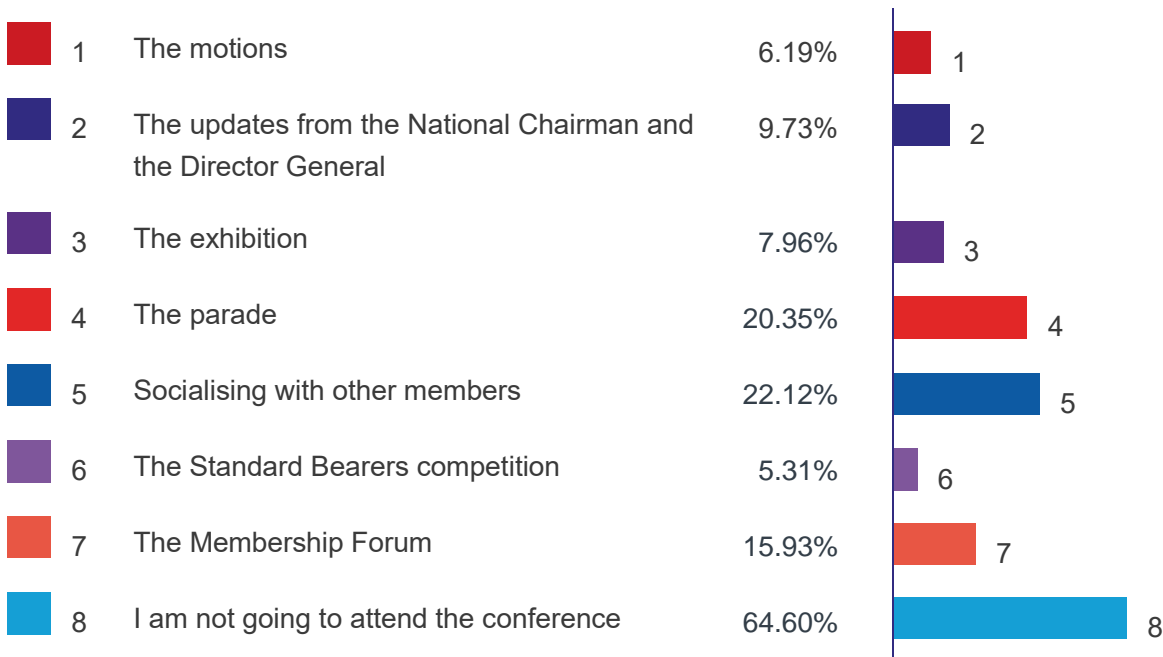
Last month's poll

What are you most looking forward to this year's conference?

113 Participants

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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

Best wishes,

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