

# The Royal British Legion

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*Warsop, Meden Vale, Edwinstowe &  
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## **NEWSLETTER**



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Welcome to the  
February 2013  
Newsletter.

It seems strange saying  
Happy New Year to you  
all, but this is the first  
newsletter of 2013.

County Conference  
We had a good repre-  
sentation at Bilsthorpe  
this year. The guest  
speaker was Bob Gam-  
ble - Assistant Director  
Membership & Armed  
Forces Engagement  
from HQ. I have heard  
Bob speak on several  
occasions now and he is  
always interesting and  
motivational. Major  
changes are clearly  
coming for TRBL.  
The branch won the  
Poppy Appeal Runner  
Up award due to the  
hard work of all those  
who have helped over  
the past three years.  
I gave a branch update  
to the meeting.  
Farewell and  
Welcome  
I mentioned the Confer-  
ence first as the man

who made it all possi-  
ble, Mr Richard Dodge,  
is retiring as County  
Secretary after more  
than 10 years in Post.  
Richard is a sad loss to  
the County Team as he  
has been the driving  
force for so many  
things they have  
achieved.

The good news is that  
Richard and Val his  
wife have chosen to  
become members of  
our branch. We wel-  
come them with open  
arms and look forward  
to continuing to work  
along side them in the  
years to come.

Val also comes with  
her own expertise as  
she has been the  
Counties Principal Re-  
cruiting Officer for  
some time.

In addition to welcom-  
ing Richard and Val to  
the branch family, I  
am also pleased to  
welcome;

Mr Jeffrey Wood  
Mr Mathew Wood

Mr Jonathon Wood  
Mr Louis Mahan  
Mr Frazier Faultner  
Mr Mark Mahan  
Mrs Judith Wood  
Mrs Wendy Clarkson  
Mr Wayne Clarkson  
Miss Saskia Clarkson  
Birthday Greetings  
Birthday wishes go to  
the following members;  
Belated greetings for  
January to Bill Adams  
February  
Leonard Appleby  
Jackie Carter  
Alan Hill  
Doug Holmes  
Peter McNally  
Craig Moore  
Ellie-May Morrell  
Jeanette Nicholson  
Kevin Usher  
John Wood

A very happy birthday  
to you all.

Valentines  
A meal has been ar-  
ranged at the Mansfield  
Manor Hotel (Carr Bank)  
on the evening of Feb-  
ruary the 14th. Usually  
£40, the cost is £25 a  
head which includes en-

try into a fantastic raffle.

All proceeds are going to TRBL and to PTSD charities. The monies are being raised in memory of Ashley Clarkson who gave his life to PTSD last year.

The Clarksons are to officially hand over a cheque for £1000 to the branch on the night (raised on the Ashley Clarkson Honour Walk, Crich to Mansfield, held last summer.) This money will be used for welfare purposes in the local area.

Come and support this fantastic event - places are strictly limited.

#### Trips

Looking forward, we are asking for possible destinations to be voted upon. Let us know where you would like to go.

#### Fund Raising

Plans are underway for some fundraising towards the Poppy Appeal.

Anyone wishing to sponsor Gordon Bell (The younger) for his London Marathon effort can do so via Pete/Elaine or the internet at [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/gordonbell](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/gordonbell)

#### Diary Dates

February

14<sup>th</sup> - Valentines Meal, Mansfield Manor Hotel

June

2<sup>nd</sup> - County Parade and Service of Re-dedication at Southwell

July

21<sup>st</sup> - Honour Walk from The Major Oak to Carr Bank Park.

#### Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7.45pm, The Memorial Club (Doors open 7.30pm) We look forward to hearing Les Nickless with another of his talks on Warsop

~~Vale.~~ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Again Courtesy of Joe Martin

*One day a lad goes into a pharmacy, reaches into his pocket and takes out a small bottle and a teaspoon. He pours some liquid onto the teaspoon and offers it to the chemist. "Could you taste this for me, please?" The chemist takes the teaspoon, puts it in his mouth, swills the liquid around and swallows it. "Does that taste sweet to you?" says Dai. "No, not at all," says the chemist. "Oh that's a relief," says Dai. "The doctor told me to come here and get my urine tested for sugar."*

*If you didn't know STUFF, well here is your chance. Really interesting stuff that you may or may not have already known....*

*If you are right handed, you will tend to chew your food on the right side of your mouth. If you are left handed, you will tend to chew your food on the left side of your mouth.*

*To make half a kilo of honey, bees must collect nectar from over 2 million individual flowers*

*Heroin is the brand name of morphine once marketed by "Bayer".*

*Tourists visiting Iceland should know that tipping at a restaurant is considered an insult!*

*People in nudist colonies play volleyball more than any other sport.*

*Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel in 1952, but he declined.*

*Astronauts can't belch - there is no gravity to separate liquid from gas in their stomachs.*

*The night of January 20 is "Saint Agnes's Eve", which is regarded as a time when a young woman dreams of her future husband.*