



Stamford Branch of the  
Royal British Legion

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### Events

#### V.E. Day Celebrations

As we all know, this massive event had to be postponed due to Covid-19. That does not mean that we as Royal British Legion Members and the rest of Britain, were not getting involved and thinking about all the brave men and women in the forces and others doing important jobs. Mr Ken Wallace of Elton Close was displaying his father's war medals, Mr. Edward Wallace which includes the Malta Medal.

My 'Close' had a street party, with our own tables decorated, in or near our own front gardens. We had social distance conversation, music from the 1940's, tea, cake, beer, wine, sandwiches and sweet tasty scones!

There were flags flying, people reminiscing about their friends and family, going back through the years as certain songs reminded people of those glory days.

On my walks around Stamford steets, I saw people flying different flags, loads of bunting and the atmosphere was very positive indeed.

Mr. Trever Turner sent in this photograph of himself on VE Day as he remembered the fallen, but celebrated the end of WW2.



### MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Hi everyone,

I hope that you are still coping at this very strange time. Life for a great many seems to have been put on hold. I imagine that some of you will have stories from your younger days, which can match or exceed those that are being told today. How you had to manage in the war years, through rationing in the 1950's and more. Being apart from loved ones had to be accepted back then and everyone just got on with it. My hat is tipped to you all!

Please contact me if you have any stories to share.



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[dbrawnsley@gmail.com](mailto:dbrawnsley@gmail.com). Enjoy your read and thank you every one that supports the Stamford RBL.

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## Editors choice taken from the Royal British Legion Website

### Ben

As well as being a nurse and Army Reserve, Ben also volunteers for The Royal British Legion.



After three years in the artillery, Ben took the chance to pursue his dream of becoming a nurse. So, in 2003, whilst Ben was training on artillery guns in Germany, he started the process of transferring over to the prestigious Queen Alexandra Royal Army Nursing Corps. As the nursing branch of the British Army, QARANC can trace its origins back to Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

Ben went ahead to study at the Defence School of Healthcare Studies, getting his nursing degree while he was also being deployed in Iraq. While there he treated multi-nationals, such as Iraqis and Americans, as well as British troops.

“It was a challenge to go over there in a nursing role and apply the training I was doing, but it was a great introduction into becoming a nurse.”

**Going the extra mile:** In 2007, after meeting a case officer for The Royal British Legion, Ben decided to give even more back by volunteering. He acts as the first point of contact for those that need support.

### Your RBL Committee Members

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- 🇬🇧 Youth and Schools – Mr Paddy Moore

## GOODBYE AND REST IN PEACE

It is sad to report that during this difficult time, we have lost three RBL Members. I don't feel there is a great deal to say, as the grieving process and memorial services are likely to be a long journey due to Covid-19 restrictions. However, on behalf of the Legion I would like to send our love and sympathies to the families and friends left behind.

Mrs. Edith Bonde  
Mr. Phil Dawtry  
Mr. Peter West

This has been a rather short version of the news letter and with any luck the next one will have more to offer. Again feel free to contribute.

### EVENTS

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021 we will celebrate 100 Years of the Royal British Legion, incorporating VE Day and VJ Day.

