



Remembrance edition 2013



Cornwall Legion News

October 2013

“Service - not Self”

❖ Well, here we are again leading up to our busiest time of the year with **Poppy Launches** set to take place all around County and Country, hopefully with many coins (and notes) to be donated from our ever generous public. Who would have thought that from **Moina Michaels** sighting of **Lt Colonel John McCrae's** Poem 'Flanders Fields' in the Punch Magazine at a New York YMCA back in 1918, that her idea surrounding the Poppy and all it represents would remain as strong as ever today, **95 years later?**

After the American Legion's adoption of the Poppy in 1920, the **French Madam Guerin** persuaded **Earl Hague** to purchase 9 million Poppies in August 1921 to raise money for Welfare. From the off, the British public 'got it' and so the Poppy Appeal was born. Since Sunday 13 November 1921 the Nation has remembered those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the **cause of our freedom**. Legion Members and the Public have worked tirelessly to raise funds to help the Serving, Ex-Serving community and their dependents in times of need.

The first year raised £106k (£30m in today's money) with the second raising £204k. The 2012/13 Appeal, with just a few days to go, has

exceeded its £36m target and so it appears that the Nation is **still** 'getting it'.

This Legion has seen numerous County fundraising events appearing in the media as Members and non-Members

alike try to do their bit by standing 'Shoulder to Shoulder' under the ethos of '**Service not Self**'. I was given a thank you card several years ago for a job that I thought very little about doing but which greatly assisted those whom I was undertaking it for. It simply read, "**Thank You for your most valuable gift – time given freely.**" To all of the County's Members, Volunteers and Fundraisers, I too offer sincere thanks for your most valuable and similar gifts.

❖ **Let us go forward** as a County and show the rest of The Royal British Legion that we are Cornwall County and this is how we do our business. We remember those who have fallen and we support those in Need.

Steve Lewis, County Chairman



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News from our Branches

WADEBRIDGE

WHEELS CLASSIC CAR RALLY

❖ Wadebridge Branch was fortunate enough to be able to attend the **Wheels Classic Car Rally** held at the Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge on 14 July 2013. As always we were able to raise **great awareness** of the Legion and also work towards increasing our membership of the Branch.



*Pictured are **John Beale, Malcolm Treadwell, Paul Tofi** and **Keith Harris** all enjoying a cup of the Lyons coffee made with the bags kindly donated to the Legion by **Lyons Coffee**.*

THE LIZARD

❖ Taking advantage of the **Cornwall Vintage Vehicle Society** annual **Lizard Run**, The Lizard Branch held another successful **Bottle Stall**. Thankfully the weather shone and with the additional interest of 150 vintage vehicles we experienced a great footfall, and with that managed to raise **over £230** for the Legion.



*Pictured: **Mark Outten**, Branch Chairman.*

Front Cover pictures courtesy of CPO Gary Clark.
Main picture: Thiepval Memorial. Top left: Ancre Naval Cemetery. Bottom left: Arras Cemetery. Top right: Bulls Road Tommy. Bottom right: Australian Infantry Cemetery.
See feature 'Homage to the war graves' on pages 12 and 13

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TIDEFORD & ST GERMANS

FANCY SEX ON THE BEACH? WANT A WOO WOO? or PREFER A VIRGIN?

❖ Tideford and St Germans held a **feelgood evening** full of glitz and sparkle with **Bern of Mood Swings** providing a fantastic musical programme in a glamorously decorated hall. Seven different cocktails with four Virgins (non alcoholic) were on offer and a total of 140 blue, pink, yellow, green - oh yes - and Black Russians were mixed on the night. The four



'shaking' bar staff and the two fruit and ice 'replenishment' team worked flat out to keep up with demand. In the picture **Sue, Ann and Ian** serve their first customer **Malcolm Hocking**, Club Chairman, and stand by for the rush. It was a very successful, happy and fun evening with the members suggesting we should hold one each month!! Maybe we'll have recovered enough by next summer!

FROM TIDEFORD TO TYWARDREATH AND BEYOND

❖ **The Riders Branch** set off on their annual Ride Out to all the Legion Clubs in Cornwall on 28 September. They gathered at Tideford & St Germans Legion at 7.30 in the morning to be met by the Branch President, Club Chairman and the Membership Secretary. They were sent on their way with a **warming coffee and tea** and bacon bap. The 10 bikes hoped to be joined by others as they called at Liskeard, Fowey, Tywardreath (which would close its doors after they left), St Austell, Newquay, Illogan, St Ives, St Just, Heamore, Mousehole and finally Newlyn where a **fine home cooked meal** awaited them. Their organiser **Paul Mulkeen** was pleased with the turn out in the face of such an inclement weather forecast.



MOUSEHOLE

❖ A New **Parish Vellum** naming all the fallen from the Parish in both World Wars and subsequent Conflicts will be dedicated at Paul Church on Remembrance Sunday.

Mousehole Branch Chairman, **Mr J Ponder** will be in attendance not only as representative of the Legion but to also honour his great uncle, who was one of the fallen and will, therefore, be one of the named.

TORPOINT & DISTRICT

❖ During a recent visit to HMS Raleigh to **gather research** for his forthcoming movie, English actor **Sir Ben Kingsley CBE** - winner of an Oscar, Grammy, BAFTA, two Golden Globes and various Screen Actors Guild awards was approached by **County Recruiting Officer Steve Lewis** with a view to joining the RBL. After confusing Sir Ben's response of "I'll get my publicist to look at it upon my return" with "I'll put it in the bin", Steve was over the moon when a correctly completed MS4 arrived through his door a few weeks later. Sir Ben has also made **generous annual donations** to both the Benevolent and General Funds for which the RBL is naturally most grateful.



Pictured above: Sir Ben follows Vice Admirals Sir Richard Ibbotson KBE CB DSC and Sir John Coward KCB DSO as well as Sgt Chris Wetton MC RM, LMA Kate Nesbitt MC RN and triple amputee Mark Ormrod RM into the Torpoint & District Branch.



CHARITY WALKER VISITS TORPOINT

❖ On 9 September Torpoint & District **President Terry Moore, Parade Marshal Colin Prideaux and Chairman Steve Lewis**, met Ex Soldier **Steve Keane** at Cremyl Ferry as he crossed the Border from Devon into Cornwall on his epic Coast to Coast Walk.

He was repeating the walk that he completed in 2007 (clockwise this time). The 670 mile regional coast path walk was in aid of the RBL, Rifles and SSAFA. He set off again from Portwrinkle the following morning and the Branch, **having raised some cash** for his cause, wished him a safe and successful passage.

LOOE

❖ Looe Branch has been quite busy over the summer months; **uncovering lost graves** from WW1, rolling out the red carpet for **Steve Keane's** epic South West coast path walk, and reinforcing our commitment to veteran welfare we have become involved with the local food bank.

LOOE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION RESCUE WAR GRAVE

❖ The British Government has stated that it will **refurbish WW1 war graves** to mark the Centenary of the start of the First World War in 2014. To assist with the project, the Looe Branch of the Royal British Legion are endeavouring to identify the war graves in St Martin's and West Looe Cemeteries. In the St Martin's Cemetery **only two of the six** WW1 graves on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) register have been identified.

One of the headstones identified at St Martin's was that of **Richard Roan** (*see pictures opposite*). It was totally overgrown and only found after an extensive search and removal of vegetation by members of the Looe RBL. It is not known if the headstone is on the site of the grave or was later moved to the edge of the graveyard. Private Richard Roan was a member of the **13th Worcestershire Regiment** which was stationed at Looe and St Martin's in 1915. The regiment's roll was to provide replacements for the casualties in France. Their stay in Looe seems to have got on well and the regiment is reported to have presented a sporting cup to the town. Unfortunately the cup has now disappeared.



In February 1915 a number of the soldiers were struck down with food or lead poisoning from contaminated tins of sardines. The only fatality was Richard Roan who **succumbed to poisoning** on the 4th February. He was laid to rest at St Martin's with his grave and headstone being paid for by the NCOs and officers of his regiment.

One other grave yet to be identified is that of **Richard E. Yoe** who came from the Looe area. Richard served with the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry and was wounded in France in August 1917. After being invalided home in 1918 he was discharged and pensioned off as unfit for any work. He eventually died of his wounds in 1920. Richard is not recorded on the CWGC register **but is remembered** on the Looe War Memorial.

❖ The identification of the war graves is on-going and any useful information would be appreciated.

Please contact the Looe Royal British Legion: **Mr Louis Portman**, Trelawne Mill Farm, Looe, PL13 2NB. Tel: 01503 262575, email: contact@looeobl.co.uk, or visit Looe RBL on Facebook at www.facebook.com/looeobl



Pictured: Before - Richard Roan's headstone after it was initially discovered. After - Richard Roan's headstone after the extensive removal of vegetation. On the left: Councillor Armand Toms (Looe RBL) and on the right: Louis Portman (Chairman Looe RBL).

LOOE

CHARITY WALK VISITS LOOE

❖ Ex-Sergeant Major **Steve Keane**, who served 22 years with the Devon and Dorset Regiment, embarked on walking 630 miles of the coastal footpath **in aid of service charities**. He left Poole in Dorset on the 30 August and arrived in Minehead on the 26 September.

On the 10 September Steve **started his day's walk** at Portwrinkle. At Seaton he was joined on his walk by the Looe Community Officer, **Simon Townley** and by **David Welch** of Looe Royal British Legion. On arriving at Looe he was greeted by the Mayor and Mayoress, **David and Annette Bryan**, and the President of the Looe Royal British Legion, **Louis Portman**.



Pictured rear: David Welch, Simon Townley, front: Annette Bryan, Louis Portman, Steve Keane and David Bryan.

LISKEARD AND LOOE FOOD BANK

❖ Liskeard and Looe food bank provides a **vital service** to our community, ever more vital due to these austere times. The Royal British Legion Looe has now become involved with the food bank as a way of **reaching out to Veterans and Service families** in the local area who may be in crisis. But the RBL isn't just there for Veterans, we are there in Looe for the whole community.



Pictured: Armand Toms (Looe County Councillor), Frank Woods (Looe RBL Welfare Officer), David Berry (Project Manager Liskeard and Looe Food Bank).

Along with other front line organisations and professional bodies we will be voucher holding, and have the support of **Armand Toms CC** and **Simon Townly Looe Community Officer**.

If you find that you need to get in touch there are a number of ways: Visit the Food Bank website at <http://liskeardlooe.foodbank.org.uk>. Contact the Food Bank Directly on 07512 011452. To Contact the Royal British Legion in Looe visit the website www.looerbl.co.uk or visit our facebook page www.facebook.com/looerbl

CAMBORNE

CAMBORNE SHOW

❖ Once again on Saturday 20 July this year, Camborne RBL manned the marquee at the **Camborne Show** along with the **Riders Branch** who attended with three of their bikes. Between them a total of £147 was raised for the Poppy Appeal.

Camborne Branch were able to sell a number of RBL items and to hand out many flags, balloons, pens, stickers and other trinkets to the public and children, many of whom will now have Legion items around their homes reminding them of the RBL. This event continues to be a **great public relations exercise**.



Pictured: Members of Camborne RBL

ROSCROGGAN MEMORIAL SERVICE

❖ On Saturday 27 July the annual **Memorial Service** was held at **Roscroggan**, Camborne to honour and remember the lives of the four Aircrew who lost their lives in 1942 whilst on a flying mission from **RAF Portreath to Malta**. The service was conducted by **Rev'd Mike Firbank** and was attended by serving RAF Personnel, RAFA Standard bearers for both Camborne/Redruth and the County along with the Camborne RBL Standard and the Union Jack. Also in attendance were members of the ATC Camborne, the Mayor **Mike Champion**, Councillor **Paul White**, other members of the RBL and the public. Considering 2012 was the inauguration of the new **Memorial Stone** at Roscroggan a good number of people still turned out this year.

At the end of the service the President **Vincent Young** took the opportunity to present certificates, honouring meritorious service to Camborne Branch, to **Clarence Hicks** (a long time member) and **Ted Williams** (past Chairman). In Ted's absence his award was handed to his wife **Morwenna Williams**.



REDRUTH

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Please do get in touch.

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CAMBORNE

THE TWO WORLDS OF CHARLIE F

❖ I recently had the privilege to attend a screening at Falmouth University of the newly produced play *The Two Worlds Of Charlie F*. This is a play written by **Owen Sheers** about the trials and tribulations of our young men and women who have been seriously wounded in Afghanistan.

Moving from the war in Afghanistan, through the **dream world** of morphine-induced hallucinations, to the physio rooms of the armed forces' dedicated rehabilitation centre **Headley Court**, *The Two Worlds of Charlie F* explores the consequences of injury, both physical and psychological, and its effects on others as the soldiers fight to win the new battle for survival at home.

Taken from the **personal experiences** of wounded, injured and sick Service personnel, the play is a darkly comic, authentic and **uplifting tale of survival**, made even more powerful as the majority of the cast has seen active Service. Although the play is inspired by actual experiences, the names of the characters have been changed.

In the summer of 2012, **The Bravo 22 Company** toured the production of *The Two Worlds of Charlie F* to the New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, the Sherman Cymru Theatre, Cardiff, the Pleasance Grand as part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and finally returned to London's West End. It was also awarded the **Amnesty International Freedom of Expression Award** in 2012.

The actors in the play are largely the very Service personnel who were themselves injured in Afghanistan and this brings with it the **most incredible poignancy**. During the evening we were addressed by both **Owen Sheers** the writer and **Cassidy Little** the lead character of the film who lost his right leg in an IED explosion. Both of whom were inspirational.

I would commend this play / film to anyone and it can be accessed via the internet under its title.

Vincent Young, President, Camborne Branch

DELABOLE

CREAM TEAS AND TRAIN RIDES

❖ Although the weather hadn't been too good in the morning the Delabole Branch was able to hold a **Cream Tea and Train Ride** afternoon at Pencarey, St Teath, home to **Mr & Mrs Tew**. We were pleased to welcome friends from both villages and the surrounding area, who all had a great time, along with raising £423.

ANNUAL DINNER

❖ Over 40 members and friends attended the Delabole Branch annual dinner at **The Poldard Inn**. During the evening, a bouquet of flowers was presented to **Mrs Val Callaway**, who has organised the village Poppy collection for many years, ensuring that every home was visited by her **very enthusiastic** band of collectors. Now some 40 years later, she is handing on this responsibility to **Geoff Cleave**; sincere thanks to Val.



Pictured: Val Callaway receiving flowers from Branch Chairman, Phil Carnon.

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Day 1 We depart the West Country to catch the Eurotunnel train to Calais and proceed to our hotel The Altia Lille for the next 3 nights.

Day 2 Full day Ypres and 14-18 Route

Today we visit the Flanders Battlefields around Ypres, beginning with the 'In Flanders Fields Museum' followed by a guided coach excursion around the 14-18 Route, stopping at Sanctuary Wood/Hill 62 Museum, Essex Farm, Tyne Cot Cemetery and the Irish Peace Tower amongst others. Finish the day at the Menin Gate to witness the Last Post Ceremony (Every evening 8.00pm).

Day 3 The Somme Battlefields

Today we head for The Somme for a full day exploring the Battlefields. A guided tour featuring Lochnager Crater, Thiepval Memorial, Ulster Tower and Newfoundland Park, followed by a visit to Wellington Quarries in Arras, a large system of underground tunnels used by British troops in the First World War.

Day 4 Departing the hotel to catch the Eurotunnel train for Folkestone and the journey home, including comfort stops.



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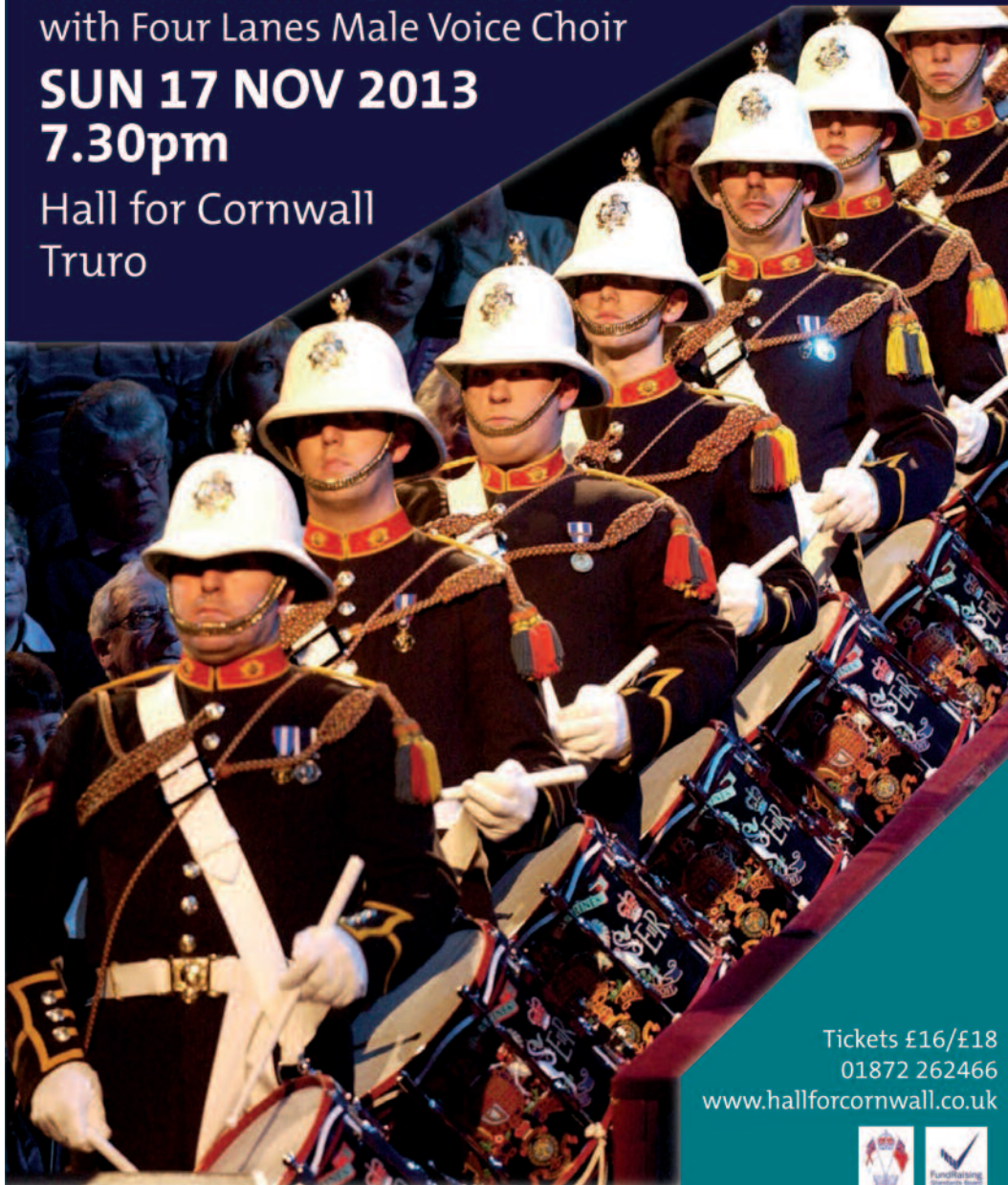
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Remembrance

The Somme: One War, 25 Nations 'A Royal Navy homage to the war graves'

❖ A team of seven personnel from **Royal Naval Air Station Culdrose** comprising of six Sailors and a Civil servant, were fortunate enough to visit The Somme during the first week of November 2012. The area in Northern France where the Royal Naval Division fought in 1916 and renowned for some of the bloodiest trench warfare during World War One. The plan was to visit **Battlefields and Commonwealth War Graves** along the way, concluding with laying wreaths and wooden crosses at Ancre Naval Cemetery.

After an arduous 10 hour journey from Cornwall we arrived at our overnight stop in Manston near Ramsgate in Kent. A swift taste of the local produce then off to bed, ready for the **ferry crossing to France** the next day, a rare and exciting trip at sea for some of the team! We were up early to catch the ferry and our plan paid dividends, as we sped across Northern France towards **The Somme**, a three hour drive away. We arrived at our first destination of Flers, which was to be home for the next four days, in time to stock up on some essential provisions, including various local grape based beverages, cheese and bread. The evening was **rounded off nicely** with steak and chips cooked by the 'Big Boss'.

Sunday morning saw us take in a couple of the cemeteries close to the house that we were staying in, firstly the **Bulls Road Cemetery** and the **Australian Imperial Force Burial Ground** close by. Flers was captured on 15 September 1916 in the **Battle of Flers-Courcelette**, when it was entered by the New Zealand and the 41st Division behind tanks, an innovative new weapon that was being used here for the first time. The village was lost during the German advance of March

1918 and retaken at the end of the following August by the 10th West York's and the 6th Dorset's of the 17th Division.

On Sunday afternoon we conducted a **six mile circular walk** which provided us with the ability to pay our respects to more comrades who had lost their lives and witness sights including the Sunken Lane, Hawthorn Ridge Mine Crater and cemetery. Back to the cottage in the evening to reflect on the days activities and our evening meal cooked by the 'Little Boss'.

Monday was an early start with a trip to **Deville Wood** in the morning, home to the **South African Memorial**. The afternoon was a whistle stop tour of various smaller cemeteries including Beaumont Hamel and German Cemetery at Fricourt. Among those buried there at one time was the famous German fighter pilot Manfred Von Richthofen, the '**Red Baron**', before his repatriation to Germany. Culminating in a visit to **Ancre Naval Cemetery**, the burial of 641 Sailors. It was here that the first of our wreaths was laid by **WO2 Richie Reed**. We also placed over 300 wooden crosses on graves of the Sailors of the Royal Naval Division.

Call the hands at 7.30am for what was our last day, a brief revisit to Deville Woods in the morning for Richie Reed to lay the second of our wreaths, then onwards for a visit to **Thiepval Memorial** where Richie placed our third wreath. This memorial has 72,191 missing British and South African Servicemen's names, with no known grave, engraved around its enormous columns (*the main picture on the front cover*). A brief stop to take in the sights of the Welsh Guards Memorial at **Mametz Wood** was followed by an afternoon in Arras.

This was the home from home to the Royal Naval Air Service and Royal Flying Corps, the precursors of the Fleet Air Arm and Royal Air Force. It was here at Arras, as a fitting tribute, that we laid our final wreath. We took a few moments to **think about their sacrifice** during the fighting and reflect on the scale and enormity of what those young men went through. It was then off for our final stop of the trip to **Vimy Ridge** home of the Canadian Cemetery and Memorial, this was an amazing place to visit which including an underground tour of the trenches.

Our last evening in France saw us rounding off the trip with a tour of the local 'Hyper- Marche' and collecting some grape based produce that had been sampled, then back to the cottage for a **Chicken Curry for six** and a **Chicken Stew for one!** After dinner, pre-disembarkation rounds were conducted by the 'Big Boss', then off to bed ready for the trip back to Blighty.



The team from left to right: Shawn Gimbert, Tony Metcalfe, Eddie Dunn, Richie Reed, Tim Myers, Kev Carley and Gary Clark.

❖ This trip was undertaken by the kind permission of **Commander Andy Ewen**, Commander Air Engineering at Culdrose, along with the kind support of **Mrs Emma Stevenson** at The Royal British Legion. Last but by no means least, **Eddie Dunn** for organising the trip and acting as an excellent tour guide.

*Chief Petty Officer Gary Clark,
Quality Assurance Department,
RNAS Culdrose*

Why I wear my Poppy



Commodore Muriel Hocking RNR

❖ As a Wren (many moons ago!) I felt it a **special, unique privilege** to be able to wear a poppy in my tally band – a naval tradition which continues to this day. It is an emotive emblem which declares support of those who have Served and who presently Serve. It makes a strong statement, it says **remember the past**, be proud of the present and be optimistic for a better future. Those striking red blooms, either in the wild or in our buttonholes say it all – **that's why I wear my poppy** whether I am shopping, gardening, at the theatre, on the golf course or even in the Himalayas – I want to tell the world.



Remembrance Services 2013

BUDE & STRATTON RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Parade to muster at 9.15am at Stratton War Memorial for a short service at 9.30am.

At 10.45am, parade to muster at The Strand, Bude for a wreath laying ceremony, followed by a Service to be held at Central Methodist Church. Monday 11 November - 2 minute silence will be observed at the Triangle, Bude.

CALLINGTON RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Muster at Delaware School; march off at 9.30am down to the Albaston War Memorial for wreath laying and name reading and a short Service of Remembrance. St.Ive Church nr Callington - Muster at 10.45am at the church. Muster at the Town Hall at 2.15pm; march off at 2.30pm for the Parade to the War Memorial at St. Mary's church for wreath laying of all the organisations in and around Callington, and name reading of all the War dead in both Wars. Service of Remembrance in St Mary's Church with the Portreeve & Town Mayor and Councillors, and MP Sheryll Murray. POC: Mr D Jones 07875 075755

CAMBORNE RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 3 November - Remembrance Parade and Service at Portreath. Muster at the Sea Front Car Park at 2.00pm. March off at 2.15pm to St Marys Church. Wreaths to be laid and a short service to be conducted in Church at approx. 2.30pm. Tea and buns in the Church Hall afterwards. Free car parking for those joining the parade. Friday 8 November - Children's Open Air Service at Camborne War Memorial. All Camborne Schools invited to an open air Service commencing at 10.45am. Children will lay Posies of Poppies on the War Memorial. If wet, inside Camborne Parish Church using the Lady Chapel. Sunday 10 November - Camborne Remembrance Parade and Service. Muster at Camborne Church at 10.30am.

At 10.45am - Parade into Church Street and the wreath laying ceremony commences. Observe the 2 minutes silence and then Parade through the town centre to the Wesley Chapel for the Service. After the Service, the congregation will

be invited to take tea and buns in the Wesley Hall. Monday 11 November - 2 minutes silence will be observed at the Camborne War Memorial, Camborne Church at 10.45am for 11.00am.

POC: Mr I Thompson 01209 717691

Email:ian@tamarisksw.wanadoo.co.uk

CAMELFORD RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Parade will form up at 10.30am at Bowood for march off to Lanteglos where wreaths will be laid and 2 minute silence will be observed. This will be followed by a Service to be held in Lanteglos. Wreath laying ceremony will take place at 2.30pm at Davidstow Church followed by a Service. Monday 11 November - 2 minute silence will be observed at 11.00am at the Fore Street Chapel. Monday 11 November - 2 minute silence will be observed at 11.00am at Tintagel Roundabout.

POC: Mr C Wrightman 01840 213171

DELABOLE RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Service will take place at 2.30pm at the War Memorial, followed by a Parade to St John's Church.

POC: Mr P Carnon 01840 214939

HAYLE RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Service will be held at 9.30am at St Elwyns Church. Parade will march off at 10.40am from St Elwyns Church to the War Memorial. Refreshments will be available at the Cadets Drill Hall located next to Passmore Edwards Hall following the Wreath laying ceremony.

HELSTON RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Parade to muster at the Co-Op car park at 2.30pm. March to St Michaels Church for a 3.00pm Service, followed by a wreath laying ceremony. Helston Branch is also putting on a Remembrance Day Concert at St Michaels Church at 7.30pm with Helston Town Band and St Keverne Male Voice Choir. Cost £5 on the door. POC: Mr L Endean 01209 212458

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LAUNCESTON RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Parade will form up by the multi-story car park in Westgate Street at 10.30am, then march to the War Memorial in the Town Square for the Act of Remembrance and wreath laying ceremony commencing at 11.00am. The Service of Remembrance will follow. The parade will then perform a march past of the War Memorial before dismissal outside the Town Hall. Refreshments will be available in the Town Hall immediately after the parade.

LISKEARD RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 3 November - Dedication of the Field of Remembrance will be held at Webb's House commencing at 2.00pm. Sunday 10 November - Parade leaves the Cattle Market at 10.40am to the War Memorial for a wreath laying ceremony and then onto St Martin's Church for a Service. The parade will then march back to the Cattle Market. Refreshments will be available at the RBL Club, Barn Street following the Service.

LOOE RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Parade will commence from the Guildhall at 10.30am and proceed to the Memorial. A short service will be held at 10.45am and the 2 minute silence observed at 11.00am.

MOUSEHOLE RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Parade to muster at 10.45am at the Royal British Legion Hall, to march to the War Memorial. A short Service will be conducted on the cliff next to the Memorial followed by a wreath laying ceremony and the Reading of the Names of the Fallen.

MULLION RBL

Details of Service/Parade: 29 October to 11 November - Poppy Cafe in RBL Hall with additional evening events. Sunday 10 November - Parade to muster at the RBL Hall at 2.30pm for a 2.45pm march off. Parade will march to the Parish Church for a Service at 3.00pm. A wreath laying ceremony will take place, following the Service, at the Memorial and then Parade will march back to RBL Hall. Refreshments will be available in the Poppy Cafe (RBL Hall) after the

parade. Monday 11 November - Meet at the Memorial by the Parish Church at 10.50am for Remembrance at 11.00am. *POC: Tony Wiffin 01326 241560 or penrhoss@btinternet.com*

NEWQUAY RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Parade will form up at Fore Street Car Park, just below Sainsbury's Supermarket at 10.15am and will march off at 10.30am prompt to arrive at St Michaels Church by 10.50am. *POC: Mr P Knowlson 01637 876378*

PENRYN RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Muster at the Town Hall at 10.30am. Parade will march to St Gluvias Church for a Service at 11.00am. Sunday 10 November - Act of Remembrance to take place at Penryn Rugby Club at 2.00pm. Monday 11 November - 2 minute silence will be observed at 11.00am at Penryn Memorial Garden, Quay Hill. *POC: Mr C Wenmoth 01326 379141*

PERRANWELL STATION RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Muster at 10.50am for 2 minute silence at Perranarworthal War Memorial (junction of Cove Hill, St Pirans Hill, Church Road and Trewinarad Road), followed by a Church Service at St Pirans Church at 11.10am.

ST AGNES RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Saturday 9 November - Coffee morning to be held at St Agnes Church Hall at 10.00am. Sunday 10 November - Wreath laying ceremony to take place at 10.30am at the War Memorial at St. Agnes Methodist Church, with Trumpeters and Lone Piper in attendance. This will be followed by a parade through the village. Sunday 10 November - Wreath laying ceremony to be held at 3.00pm at Blackwater War Memorial. Monday 11 November - Wreath laying ceremony to take place at 11.00am at St Agnes Parish Church War Memorial.

ST CLEER RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Parade to muster for 10.40am at Trethevy Close to march off for a Service at 10.55am at the War Memorial, followed by a Church Service at 11.10am. Further details can be found in the 'Granite Post'.

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ST COLUMB RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Remembrance Service to be held at St Mawgan Church at 10.45am. Parade and Service to be held at 2.30pm at St Columb Major. Monday 11 November - 2 minute silence will be observed by the War Memorial, St Columb Major.

ST JUST

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Parade musters at the RBL club prior to, and ready to move off to St Just Parish Church at 10.40am. Act of Remembrance and 2 minutes silence will take place at 11.00am. On completion of the Service, the parade will move to the War Memorial for the laying of wreaths. On completion, the parade returns to RBL club for refreshments.

ST KEVERNE RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Parade to muster at the Statues at 10.40am to march off at 10.45am to the Memorial, led by the St Keverne Band. Short service will be conducted in the square followed by a Service in the Parish Church. 12.30pm approx. there will be a short wreath laying service at St Peters Church Memorial, Coverack - all are invited to attend.
 POC: W Sanger 01326 280947
 or D Moore 01326 280879

SALTASH AND DISTRICT RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Parade to form up at St Stephen's School at 2.30pm, marching off at 2.40pm for Church Service at St Stephen's Church at 3.00pm. The Service will be followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial and the Salute in St Stephen's Road falling out at The Parkesway.
 POC: Mrs & Mrs Dent 01752 303008

STITIHANS RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Parade will muster at 10.15am at The Surgery, Crelow Lane to march to the Parish Church where a Service will be held at 10.45am. Monday 11 November - Service at the War Memorial from

10.30am. Wet weather routine: the Service will be held in the Church.

POC: Mr M Tatnall 01209 860596
 or Mr J Ferrier 01326 314372

TIDEFORD & ST GERMANS RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - At 10.45am, an Act of Remembrance will be observed at the War Memorial in Tideford Legion car park. On completion, the Standard will be paraded to St Luke's for a Church Service, followed by refreshments at the Legion Club. Monday 11 November - 10.00am to 12.00pm, coffee and cakes served at the Legion Club. 2 minute silence observed at 11.00am with the rest of the Nation.

POC: 01752 851406

TORPOINT & DISTRICT RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Parade to march off from Albion Road to St James' Square at 10.40am and return march on completion of Service (return timings dependant on length of Service). Refreshments in Comrades Club, Antony Road (opposite Sainsbury's) on completion of return march/dismissal.

POC: Rose Southworth

Email: rosesouthworth@btinternet.com

TRURO RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 3 November - Garden of Remembrance to take place at 11.45am, East end of Cathedral. Sunday 10 November - Parade to muster at 2.00pm at Truro RBL Branch HQ, march past will take place at approx. 2.50pm. Monday 11 November - Short Service to be held in front of the War Memorial in Boscawen Street at 11.00am.

TYWARDREATH RBL

Details of Service/Parade: Sunday 10 November - Parade will start at 10.40am from Poldrea, Tywardreath, where the parade will march to St Andrews Church for a Service outside by the War Memorial and then into the church at 11.00am for the full service (all welcome). Parade will then march back to Legion Lane.

Cornwall Super Hero Challenge

The official launch of the
Poppy Appeal

Join us in St Austell
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Friday 25th October 2013

You choose
the distance,
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Dress as your favourite
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Closing date for entries
Friday 18 October '13.

There is a registration fee of £15 for
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News from County Office

Telephone Switchover - IMPORTANT

❖ Members are advised that with effect from 16 October the main contact number for the County Office, Cornwall will no longer be in use. This switchover is another landmark in the Legion's **programme of modernisation** the overall objective of which is to make our service more visible and accessible to our beneficiaries and supporters. Any individual requiring assistance should make contact via the **new Contact Centre 08457 725 725**. Enquiries/details of contact will then be passed to the most appropriate person as quickly and effectively as possible.

The County Secretary's number will remain in use (until otherwise notified) for any query **relating to Membership/clubs/property/general enquiries etc.** Any caller requiring welfare assistance will be redirected to the Contact Centre.

Legion in the Community

❖ Branches are advised that the process for applying for **Legion in the Community (LIC)** funding has changed. With immediate effect (from the start of the corporate financial year (1 October), Branches are invited to apply for funding under the LIC programme by submitting an **LIC form 2**. All project proposals need to include a brief description of the event, objectives of taking part in this activity, expected footfall, anticipated outcome in terms of benefit to the Legion and costs. All applications must be submitted to the County Secretary by 31 December (annually). Subsequently, Counties will **submit a consolidated bid** of all Branch applications forms to HO. By 31 January all applying Branches/Counties will be informed of the decision.

Branches should be aware that all the proposed allocations will reflect the maximum amount of funds they can receive based on the **forecast of the event costs**. Should you wish further information and an application then please do contact **Emma Stevenson** on estevenson@britishlegion.org.uk

Independent Examiner Course

❖ Cornwall RBL, at present, has only one qualified Independent Examiner (IE) to conduct audits on Branch Accounts. Due to an increase in Branches

wishing to utilise his skills it has been deemed necessary to seek volunteers to take up the role of an IE. To this end, it is hoped that a course can be conducted locally with members from Devon also in attendance. Details will be confirmed in due course; however, any individuals wishing to conduct an IE course are kindly requested to email the County Secretary on estevenson@britishlegion.org.uk

Legion Publications

❖ Any Branch requiring publication material (leaflets about the Legion/Membership forms) can obtain them **direct from Aylesford** by emailing poppymembership@britishlegion.org.uk When contacting you should ensure the following is quoted: Branch code, Branch name, name of contact, position held on Branch and the literature required. Regrettably, due to limited storage and/or stock the County Office is **unable to supply Legion literature** to Branches.

Royal British Legion Membership Fee - 2013/14

❖ Members are advised that with effect from 1 October 2013 the RBL Membership fee increased to £14 (not inclusive of any additional Branch and/or Club fee). Should you have any questions regarding Membership then please do contact **Emma Stevenson** at estevenson@britishlegion.org.uk

Use of Legion Logo - external organisation/individual

❖ New procedures have recently been implemented to **safeguard the Legion logo** when utilised by external agencies in particular, when either fundraising for the Legion or wishing to embark on corporate partnership. Branches/members are advised that should any external organisation and/or individual wish to utilise the Logo then they must direct them to either the CS or CFR, who will commence the registration process and ensure the correct logo is provided i.e. **'in support of'**.

Poppy Shop Discount

❖ Members and Military Members can now **receive 15% discount** on the Poppy Shop. When ordering, they should use the code **MEMBER15**, which will be applied to the purchase upon checkout.

News from County Office

Meet the Welfare Team in Cornwall

❖ As part of the changes happening across the Legion, the Cornwall office welcomed **two new members of staff** at the end of the summer. **Vikkie Massey**, Case Officer (CO) and **Peter Mackley**, Advice & Information Officer (AIO) who now make up the welfare team in Cornwall, working out of the Lemon Street Office in Truro.

Vikkie will be out visiting people who need support as well as looking at grant based assistance. Peter will be out in the community offering a 'walk- in' option for advice and information about Legion services. Our phone service is also due to get underway shortly with all calls being taken by the Legionline Contact Centre. For any welfare enquiries please call the Legion on **08457 725 725**.

Vikkie Massey

❖ By way of introduction, my name is **Vikkie Massey** and I started my career in the charity sector some 18 years ago. My roles have been varied and included volunteer co-ordination, development of new and existing projects and managing the **successful delivery** of a range of support services for individuals within the community. Most recently I spent six years as a Business Development Manager for a charity based in the East of England.

I know I have joined the Legion in the middle of big changes however I think this is an interesting time to join. I am **excited about my new position** as Case Officer for Cornwall and am

looking forward to being part of the new programme in helping to take such a worthy cause forward and I am **proud to be part of it**. I look forward to getting out and about and meeting people over the next few months so if you see me around please come and have a chat.

Peter Mackley

❖ I am married to **Steph** and have two boys, **Jay 13** and **Gabriel 9**. We live in Mullion with our black Labrador **Tinley**. I joined the Royal Navy in 1977 straight from school and served nine years leaving as an LMEM (L). I served in the Falklands on HMS Avenger and represented Devonport in the **Field Gun Crew** in 1986. My career has been varied and has included roles within the Glass & Glazing industry as well as building a national fundraising company.

Five years ago I decided I wanted to **change my career path** towards the Social Care sector and have since worked as a supported housing officer for a local housing association, a support worker at a homeless shelter and also a support worker at a residential detox and rehab centre. I am delighted to have gained employment within The Legion. I am in no doubt that my role as Advice & Information Officer (AIO) will be both **challenging and rewarding**; however, I look forward to moving forward under the new way of working and commencing on a journey that will no doubt be full of interesting people and opportunities.



Dates for the diary

October 2013

- 25 County Poppy Appeal Launch – Superhero Challenge
- 26 Camborne Branch PA Launch
St Columb PA Launch
Saltash & Distict FOR

November 2013

- 9 – 11 Branch Remembrance Parades – refer to article
- 9 Festival of Remembrance – Albert Hall
- 10 Carbis Bay FOR

January 2014

- 12 Cornwall County Conference – RAF St Mawgan – 2pm

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MoneyForce is a new programme designed to improve the financial capabilities of members of the Armed Forces.

The focal point of the programme is the MoneyForce website that has been created and delivered by The Royal British Legion, working in collaboration with the MOD.

Funding for the project has been provided by the Standard Life Charitable Trust to support greater financial capability and the very specific needs of service personnel.



Covering all aspects of personal finance, the MoneyForce website and associated training programme encourages service personnel to get 'MoneyFit' by taking control of their own finances. The site includes:

- **Interactive tools** including a **Budget Planner**, **Credit Card Calculator** and **Car Costs Calculator**
- **Money Fitness Tips** for a healthier wallet and brighter future
- **Quizzes** for users to test their knowledge on a range of money topics

Introduced by former Army PTI Dame Kelly Holmes, MoneyForce also features video case studies, based on true life stories from the Armed Forces community.

Topics covered on the site include planning your finances – including when going on deployment or getting a new posting – as well as dealing with crises, such as problem debt, injury or illness.

Members of the Armed Forces and their families can find information relevant to their situation, whether they've just joined up or are planning a family or about to retire.



We will remember them



It is with great sadness that the RBL Cornwall announces the deaths of the following Royal British Legion members:

- ❖ **Mr B Rees MBE, Branch President** of St Just Branch
- ❖ **Mr M Hemming** of Tideford & St Germans Branch
- ❖ **Mr H Silver** of Mousehole Branch
- ❖ **Mr J Goddard** of Torpoint Branch
- ❖ **Mr B Andrews** of Newlyn West Branch
- Our sincere condolences go to all their families and friends.*
- ❖ **Mr R Libby** of Pelynt & Lanreath Branch

Looe Branch - Oldest Member Dies

Samuel (Sam) Soady, Looe's oldest RBL Branch Member has died.

❖ Sam was born in Looe the eighth child of a family of 11 children. He left school at 14 and subsequently started an apprenticeship with **Freeman's Granite Merchants** on Looe Quay. His work involved cutting and shaping granite for Lambeth Bridge and the Thames Embankment. He eventually started his own business until the outbreak of WW2.

Sam joined the Royal Engineers (Field Engineers) of the Wessex Division and on 6 June aged 35, landing at the Normandy beachhead. The Wessex Division proceeded to Caen, Rouen, Antwerp and the Rhine Crossing and finally Berlin.

After the war Sam and his brother **Gerald**, who served with the 1st Army, cut and **erected a memorial** to all the boys of Looe who lost their lives in WW2. Each letter had half a dozen holes bored slightly slanting so that when the lead was beaten in place the legs hung on like claws. The lead was then flattened with a set tool.

❖ **Sam did his bit – 'Rest in Peace'.**



Pictured: Sam with Louis Portman (Looe Branch President) on the occasion of Sam's 100th Birthday back in 2010.

Donations Received

On behalf of the County Chairman and Committee please accept our sincere thanks for the following very kind donations made to either the Welfare Fund (WF), Poppy Appeal (PA) or General Fund (GF):

Looe Branch	£1k	WF	Mrs L Wearne	£1k	WF
Looe Branch	£400	WF	(via Padstow Branch)		
Pelynt & Lanreath Branch	£200	WF	Newquay Branch	£3k	WF

Independent Fundraising Champions

❖ A **Navy Reservist** from South East Cornwall and his Royal Marine brother **hiked 100km** from coast to coast across Devon in support of the Royal British Legion.

Aaron Barrett, of St Keyne near Liskeard, is a Reserve Able Diver based at **HMS Vivid** in Devonport. His brother **Marcus** is a Corporal in the Royal Marines based at **RM Chivenor** in North Devon, and has completed three tours in Afghanistan. The brothers originally planned the arduous walk 'just for fun' - but decided several days before the event to **raise money** at the same time. During their two and a half day walk the pair hiked over Dartmoor in scorching weather and spent the nights sleeping in a bivvy. Aaron, who in civilian life teaches Science at **Fowey Community College**, said: "We chose the RBL because

Steve Lewis, Cornwall County Chairman, had done an excellent presentation at HMS Vivid, which highlighted how current and relevant their work still is."

Despite gaining some '**epic blisters**' on their feet the pair arrived in Westward Ho in good spirits, having raised around £350 through sponsorship and donations. "The best bit of the trip was walking over Dartmoor because of the stunning views. We got to talk to lots of interesting people and are grateful to everyone who supported us along the way", said Aaron.

❖ Anybody wishing to support the brothers in their fundraising efforts for the RBL can still visit www.justgiving.com/aaronbarrett1



Above: Aaron & Marcus arriving at Westward Ho!
Right: Aaron waking up after a night in the Bivvi







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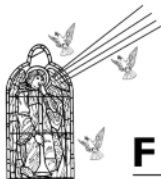
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Are you desperate to say 'sorry'...

Do you have an overdue apology to make to someone you're no longer in touch with, or have tried to find but failed? If you could, would you like to say sorry to the person you know you've let down? Or for the mistake you still feel guilty about? Would you like the chance to apologise to the victim of a crime you've committed? Or to the friend you've been estranged from for years?

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