



# HAMPSHIRE LINK

MARCH, 2015

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## Queen's representative visits Area Office

The Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Nigel Atkinson, paid a visit to the Legion's Area Office on the morning of March 3. Mr Atkinson served with the Royal Green Jackets and, one of his many current appointments includes Honorary Colonel of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Army Cadet Force.

Mr Atkinson was appointed as Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire last September and quickly accepted an invitation from the Hampshire County President, Brigadier David Harrison, to visit the Area Office.

On arrival he was greeted by Jim France, the Area Manager for Hampshire, Dorset & the Isle of Wight and taken on a tour of the Pop-In Advice and Information Centre.



Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire,  
Nigel Atkinson,

It was here that the Lord Lieutenant met members of staff who welcome and advise RBL members, beneficiaries and members of the public on a day to day basis. He was also shown the state-of-the-art equipment available to the A & I team and the small rooms used for confidential interviews.

The Area Manager then escorted his guest to the first floor to view the office, meeting and conference room facilities and to meet other members of the Area Team. Hampshire Membership Support Officer Steph Harris, Area Administrator Hannah Leppard and Armed Forces Liaison Officer - South Paul Osborne were introduced to the Lord Lieutenant along with County Fundraisers Clare Peppiatt and Dave Moore. Members of the Area Welfare team were also in attendance.

The final hour of the Lord Lieutenant's visit was spent in the Conference Room where the Area Manager provided an overview of current Royal British Legion policy and new initiatives, highlighting the way in which this is impacting on the county of Hampshire.

County Chairman John Smith gave a summary of current County Committee and membership activities and issues. Having described the composition of the new County Committee, changes in the committee's meeting structure and the role of the new working groups he concluded by outlining a number of events being staged at Branch and County level.

The Lord Lieutenant listened intently, took numerous notes, made observations and asked searching questions. He completed his extended visit explaining that he had found his fact-finding visit both interesting and informative.

## BRANCH NEWS

### Dorothy Simpson's life of service



Dot Simpson

The Royal British Legion has always been blessed with many enthusiastic, caring and dedicated members. The Gosport and Alverstoke Branch lost one such member last month when Dorothy Simpson died at the age of 97.

The Gosport United Reformed Church was packed for Dot's funeral at the end of February and her life-long service to the Gosport community was chronicled in a series of moving and quite remarkable eulogies.

She was a prominent figure in the borough into her nineties, supported a number of charities, principally the Royal British Legion, and was honoured by the local Council when she was made an honorary alderman.

Many local organisations, churches, charities and Social Services contacted her direct. Not only did she look after her own Branch members but she cared for the whole community.

Dot had been a very active member of the Gosport Branch for many years. She had been involved with the Women's Section which was closed in Gosport some years ago. Besides being Gosport Branch Secretary she was the main welfare officer. She combined her branch status with the local charities when dealing with our beneficiaries and many a time she arranged housing through her contacts at no cost to the Legion.

She was a familiar figure during the Poppy Appeal, sitting in the Town Hall foyer for days on end with her table and tins and nobody, not even mayors, councillors and staff, could escape without donating. In recent years Dot even had a dog named Poppy.

Dot was always present at civic ceremonies and parades and for many years gave the exhortation at the local Remembrance Day Service. She was one of the leading figures in instigating the Ceremony in Anne's Hill Cemetery at the UK and German war graves.

One of Dot's sons brought a smile to the faces of those gathered at the funeral. He recalled many fond memories of his mother; "When I was young I joined the Campaigners ... which mum led. I joined the Scouts ... which mum led. I joined the Sunday School ... which mum led. But when she took me to church she had to admit God was in charge."

### To the victors the spoils

Totton & Eling Branch staged their third New Forest East Quiz on February 23. In the absence of Brockenhurst, Burley and Lyndhurst, Copythorne were left to battle it out with Totton & Eling for the coveted shield. Seven rounds of questions saw the lead swinging to and fro but the last two rounds tipped things Totton's way and they retained the shield for another year.

Copythorne 'B' and Totton 'Bygones' contested a 'for-fun only' competition which saw the 'Bygones' take, and hold, an early lead.

Totton & Eling members extended thanks to all those that braved the cold February weather to attend and extended another invitation to the five New Forest East Branches for next year's quiz. By all accounts it is worth attending to experience Julie Taylor's ploughman's supper!



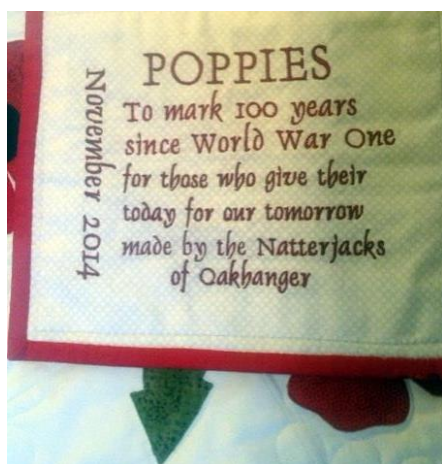
## Bordon thanks the Natterjacks



A talented group of quilters, 'The Natterjacks Quilting Group of Oakhanger' created a wonderful Poppy Quilt to mark the centenary of the start of World War One.

Through their endeavours they managed to raise money for the Poppy Appeal, selling tickets for £1 and having a Grand Draw at The Maltings in Farnham on January 18.

Their creative initiative proved enjoyable and worthwhile and the Natterjacks of Oakhanger raised a remarkable £396.40.



Their Poppy Appeal donation was passed on to the Bordon Branch. Secretary, Darron Back said, "We would like to thank all the members of The Natterjacks for their hard work and kind consideration in raising money for this very deserving cause."



## Cup winning is no joke



A naval veteran of the Falklands and a holder of the B.E.M., Dave Allport, was acknowledged as the top Poppy Appeal collector in Waterloooville on January 12.

He was presented with the RBL Trophy at the Lovedean and Horndean Branch where members learned that on the first day of collecting at Waitrose his first two tins, together, contained around £850.

Described as 'a great character with a whole range of interests, Dave is renowned for his very quick wit. He works in the Portsmouth Harbour-Master's office and was quick to offer to cut friends in on any cheap Range-Rovers retrieved from the ship stranded on the sandbank off Lee-on-the-Solent!

The Waterloooville total has already reached £24,327.28 this year with the promise of another £400 from the Waitrose" community chest" collection.

Our photograph shows the Lovedean and Horndean Branch President Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton presenting the cup to Dave Allport.

## Remembering the very 'cold war'

In our February edition of *Hampshire Link* we reported the visit of 20 Russians, including 9 Arctic Convoy Veterans, to the United Kingdom. Their busy programme through Scotland and the north of England ended in Portsmouth in December.

The organisers of that visit are now offering two Hampshire Arctic Convoy Veterans an opportunity to participate in an all-expenses-paid visit to St Petersburg in Russia where they will witness the Russian V.E. Day celebrations in May.

The Portsmouth and Gosport Branches have been asked to identify vets who might wish to take advantage of this offer, but any other branches, wishing to nominate a veteran of their own, should contact the Membership Support Officer at the Area Office. The two veterans selected can be accompanied by a spouse or carer whose costs will be covered.

## Remembrance, resolution, recruitment

The Totton & Eling Branch has a problem but like all good branches it has taken steps to find a solution. The advancing age of the Branch Committee and a new ruling put in place by the Hampshire Constabulary meant, in 2014, that it was getting harder for the Branch to organise all the aspects of the Remembrance Day Parade on behalf of the Town Council and Community.

On February 24 they proposed a new look for the Remembrance Parade in 2015. Having put out a call for additional help in all aspects of the future organisation of the Act of Remembrance, 21 local people attended and offered their support.

Branch President, Rodney Hawkins, outlined how the parade had grown over the last decade under his stewardship but announced that he was intending to take a back seat. Chairman, Chris Compton, explained what support was needed and Parade Administrator, Susan Compton, spoke about the extra directives the Parade had to satisfy if the annual Act of Remembrance was to continue.

Branch members answered questions about the work of the Legion, forms were distributed and, in addition to those that volunteered, six offered to take the extra step and joined the Branch. The Totton & Eling Branch is to be congratulated on identifying the problem, reaching a successful conclusion and increasing their membership as a result.

## COUNTY NEWS

### Military Covenants

The Royal British Legion should be justifiably proud of the leading role it played in persuading local councils and authorities to sign up to the Military Covenant. The Legion's representation does not stop there and TRBL is now planning to move into the second phase of its campaigning.

The Military Covenant does not offer members of the ex-service community priority in matters of housing, education and employment but it should offer parity. Branches are now asked to report to the Area Office any cases where beneficiaries or members of the ex-Service community are not receiving the agreed level of welfare support.



## Come to the Clusters ... please!

The Hampshire Cluster Meetings, introduced last year and designed as a programme of collective problem solving, idea sharing and support for branches experiencing difficulties, resumed on February 23. Your new County Committee are eager to engage with and provide genuine support to every branch in Hampshire.

Of the ten branches and clubs invited only four (Aldershot, Farnborough, Fleet and Odiham) attended. That said, the eleven members that travelled to the Farnborough Club participated in a lively, thought-provoking and impassioned discussion in the Club committee room. Feedback from the first meeting suggested that the evening was informative and valuable.

The sessions are structured to accentuate the positive rather than to concentrate on the negative and, without fail, members generate ideas and opinions that inspire and encourage.

Following the North East Cluster meeting in February, one attendee sent the County Chairman details of a company that produces card bookmarks that can be designed to promote the Royal British Legion or individual branches. Another has offered the script for a presentation that has proven extremely successful when delivered to students in local schools. A third is offering a cup for the Army Cadet Force, Air Training Corps, Sea Cadets or Scout Group in his area that can participate in the County Poppy Walk and raise the largest amount for the Poppy Appeal Fund.

Alone we are weak, together we are strong and we encourage all branches and clubs to attend their local Cluster meeting when they receive their invitation.

If the date and time of a scheduled meeting is not convenient we will be offering branches the opportunity to attend a subsequent out-of-area alternative. Such is the importance of these meetings that officials missing both options will be asked to come to the Area Office for a wash-up session.

The Cluster Meeting for branches and clubs in the north west of Hampshire will be held at the Old Basing Club on Monday, March 23 at 7.30pm.

## Hints and Tips

The Branch and Club officials attending the Farnborough Cluster meeting suggested that Hampshire could do more to promote the way in which Poppy Appeal money is spent. The Area Manager has kindly provided the following key messages which we should be broadcasting at every opportunity:

- ❖ The Royal British Legion is the nation's No.1 military charity
- ❖ The Legion spends £1.6m per week on its welfare work
- ❖ Hampshire paid out 634 grants to beneficiaries between 2013-2014
- ❖ The value of the Hampshire grants was £303,840
- ❖ The average age of Hampshire beneficiaries is 54
- ❖ The largest welfare expenditure in Hampshire goes on mobility and housing

## Legion in the Community

The Hampshire County Events Co-ordinator, Dave Taylor, once again requests that all Chairman and Secretaries submit an LIC2 form before any event being organised by their branch.

This does not mean that the County wishes to intervene or interfere in any way but is eager to log events in order that any chance of conflict or clash may be anticipated. This obviously does not include Remembrance Day and Armistice Day events.

Branch officers are asked to send completed LIC2 forms to Dave by either email or post. The information will then be added to an events calendar before being sent to the Membership Support Officer Steph Harris. Follow up LIC4 forms can be sent directly to Steph.

The Hampshire County Events Co-ordinator's contact details are:

Dave Taylor, 85 Water Lane, Totton, Hampshire SO40 3DJ

Telephone: 02380 863618 or 07443 860777 e-mail: davenjutaylor@talktalk.net

Events on the County Events Calendar will be included in the What's On section on the Hampshire Link newsletter, the result being that your branch events will be advertised to all other branches in Hampshire. If branches require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Dave.

## Comradeship Services Project

The aim of the Comradeship Services Project is to consolidate all the Legion systems into an integrated, cost effective Membership Service, with Comradeship, Supporter and Volunteer data all on one database. All details will be in one location and the data will only require updating once avoiding duplication.

There will be a major change to the way **Cash Payers** subscriptions are to be collected. Fees will be paid directly by each member to Head Office and not through the Branch.

**All Payers** will receive a written notice from Head Office a few weeks before renewal each year. Cards will only be sent to members after cash or direct debit payment and not before. Payment can be made as cash payments via bank Giro slips, credit or debit card payments via on-line portal or telephone or by direct debit (as at present).

**Existing members will renew from October 1 each year.**

No cash will be collected from **New Joiners** at the time of joining. Payment notification will be sent to the new member by Head Office encouraging direct debit payment. Cards will be issued after payment is received at Head Office. Members will renew their subscription on their joining date each year.

When joining on-line payment will be made directly to Head Office by direct debit or credit/debit card.

Members will be asked to change their personal details (address change, payment method, etc.) on-line. Those without on-line access can write to Head Office or telephone details via the contact centre: 0808 8028080.

**You need not inform the Branch Secretary of any changes as they will not have been notified.**

Access to the individual branch records by the Branch/Membership Secretary will be on-line with an access code provided by Head Office, or information acquired through the Membership Support Officer. The start date will be May 2015 and information about the changes will be available via e-mail, The Waterlooville total has already reached £24,327.28 this year with the promise of

## Almonisation

Almonisation provides assistance to Welfare Cases in Hampshire from the County Welfare Fund. Historically, the County officers looked at each case and decided how much money should be granted. The last grants were made through the Area Welfare team at Eastleigh in January 2014.

From that date all cases were transferred to Head Office and new procedures were put in place. However, some counties objected to having no details of the cases and no certainty of beneficiaries being in the correct county.

There were also problems with setting up the system and no requests had been made until October when it was agreed that £30,000 should be contributed to 132 cases. £27,000 has recently been transferred from the BFI along with £3,000 from the Current Account.

No case suffers from this recent hiatus in supplying funds, since all cases had been helped already and we are topping up the national benevolent fund from our county fund and our own funds are being replaced by branch and other donations.

## POPPY APPEAL

### Can't walk ... then bring the children

The Bordon & District Branch, with the permission of the Forestry Commission, are staging the 2015 Hampshire County Poppy Walk at the Alice Holt Forest near Farnham on June 7.

Walkers are encouraged to gain the support of sponsors and all monies collected go to the Poppy Appeal. Alice Holt has a number of walks which can cater for all abilities.

1. 1km Habitat trail, a family walk with giant sculptures on which children can climb
2. 1km Willows Green Trail, an attractive trail with one steep section and optional short cut
3. 2km Easy Access Trail, suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs, with a shortcut if required  
This is the Gruffalo trail that takes in a variety of woodland and there is a leaflet for children
4. 4km Lodge Pond, 'an off-road' trail to the pond. It can be muddy when wet but is a beautiful trail.
5. 5km cycle trail around the perimeter of the forest. It can be walked and has a number of hills.

The Habitat and Lodge Pond trails are not suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs as they are 'off-road' although the rest are on hardcore pathways.

Alice Holt Forest has a Café and Cycle Hire shop for those that wish to hire a bicycle to do the routes. There is also a large adventure playgroup for the children to explore.

**For many years the Hampshire County Poppy Walk was staged in the New Forest. We appreciate that branch members in the north and middle of the county have found it difficult to travel to the annual event. It is for that reason that the Walk has now been moved to the Bordon area and we hope our north and central branches will now fully support the Bordon Branch. As you will see above, it will be a great day for families so members are invited to bring their children, grandchildren and friends ... and it's an ideal location for a picnic!**

**Sponsor forms for the Hampshire County Poppy Walk are attached separately.**

## A challenge for young walkers



Cadets can't resist turning the Poppy Walk into a Poppy Sprint!

The Aldershot Branch is pulling out all the stops to support its Bordon neighbours and boost the fundraising efforts of the County Poppy Walk.

In a bid to engage local youth groups, involve them in supportive and fundraising activities and to educate them about the Royal British Legion they have decided the Poppy Walk will help to cement the union.

They are recycling a Branch trophy, the Horne Cup, (originally presented by the Aldershot Royal British Legion to the Garrison for Cross Country) and they plan to offer it annually for a youth challenge in the area.

They will invite local Sea Cadets, Army Cadets, RAF Cadets and Explorer Scouts to compete for the trophy and local bragging rights!

Participating in the County Poppy Walk on June 7 might appeal to the Aldershot youth groups and, if so, the branch will have to draft a set of rules for the challenge. One suggestion is that teams of six young people might compete, with up to 50 % of the points awarded for the fastest combined time taken to complete the course. The other 50% of the points might be awarded to reflect the value of the team's Poppy Appeal sponsorship donations.

The Aldershot Branch should be applauded for its outreach activities and their determination to increase their membership through engagement with various age groups within their community.

## PAO's sent to the Tower

The ceramic poppies have been removed from the Tower of London only to be replaced by a group of Hampshire Poppy Appeal Supporters

Dave Moore, County Fundraiser (North), has arranged for a coachload of volunteers to visit the historic London landmark on Saturday, April 11 where they will celebrate yet another successful fundraising year.

Hampshire's 2013-2014 Poppy Appeal collection topped £1.5m for the first time and Dave felt it was important to mark the achievement in a special way.



The coach party will set off at 6.00pm and reach the floodlit fortress in time for a hot snack and a few words of thanks and encouragement from our County Fundraisers.

Coincidentally, the Portsmouth South Branch is holding its annual Poppy Party at the Royal British Legion Club, Lucknow Street, Fratton, on the same evening. It is the branches opportunity to say 'thanks' to all its volunteers and supporters for the amazing amounts raised in the Portsmouth area.

There will be live entertainment, a buffet, raffle and an awards ceremony. The Pompey Party gets underway at 7.30pm.



## Old Wykehamist remembered

George Mallory was an English mountaineer who took part in the first three British expeditions to Mount Everest in the early 1920s.

During the 1924 British Mount Everest expedition, Mallory and his climbing partner disappeared during their attempt to make the first ascent of the world's highest mountain.

Mallory's body was discovered in 1999 and whether Mallory reached the summit of Everest remains a subject of speculation.



George Mallory is an Old Wykehamist and 100 years ago, in 1915, he joined the Royal Artillery to fight in the Great War. The School is conducting many events to remember the 489 OWs who died during the Great War. The Mallory Challenge aims to capture Mallory's spirit of adventure and raise much needed money to support the Royal British Legion.

This summer, 41 boys and 20 staff will travel to the Lake District to complete the Mallory Challenge 2. Following a successful Challenge in 2013, where the team raised £18K for the RBL, the route has been redesigned to allow four teams, as a relay, to cover 360km, 10,400m of ascent and paddle eight lakes in a 5 day period using mountain bikes, canoes and boots! The Challenge will be a test of endurance for the teams and activity leaders, whilst also posing a significant logistical challenge ensuring that the right teams and equipment link up. In achieving their aim, they hope to raise £25,000 for the Royal British Legion.

## EVENTS

### National Chairman invites you to party



As the National Custodian of Remembrance, and in the spirit of *LIVE ON*, the Royal British Legion will be at the heart of the commemorative events to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day.

National Chairman John Crisford contacted all branches recently asking if the branch would play a part in the VE Day celebrations. This might take the form of an event or ceremony at a community centre, Legion club or local school.

Legion headquarters are keen to know about all VE Day events being organised across the country and Hampshire branches marking this special anniversary should pass the relevant information via the County Chairman or Membership Support Officer. The Legion will then help to promote your event. For further information please email [VEday70@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:VEday70@britishlegion.org.uk) or call 0808 802 8080.

Branches organising VE Day events are invited to apply for a VE Day celebration information pack containing bunting, balloons, flags and key rings which will be available in mid-April. Application forms have been sent to your branch chairman.

The Legion will soon be distributing details of their 'VE Day story'. They are asking, veterans, their families and friends to share their stories of what they were doing on VE Day. The resource will then be shared with school children and community groups as a reference for future generations.

The Legion is providing organisational support for the national commemorative events in London between May 8-10. Information on ticket allocation for the ceremony and parade will follow soon.

# EVENTS DIARY

## What's On.....

### 7 March 2015

Central Band of the Royal Air Force in concert  
All Saints Parish Church, Milford-on-Sea  
7.00pm  
Tickets: £17.50 (Concessions £10)  
Further details: 01590 642291

### 21/22 March 2015

Branch Treasurer's Course  
Area Office, 104 Above Bar Street, Southampton  
Further details: [s.harris@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:s.harris@britishlegion.org.uk)

### 30 March 2015

Cluster Meeting for N.W.Branches  
Old Basing RBL Club, Old Basing  
7.30-9.00pm  
Further details: 01794 323487

### 18/19 April 2015

Independent Examiner's Course  
Area Office, 104 Above Bar Street, Southampton  
Further details: [s.harris@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:s.harris@britishlegion.org.uk)

### 7 May 2015

General Election

### 8 May 2015

Victory in Europe Day

### 9 May 2015

V.E.Day Parade through Aldershot

### 9 May 2015

'Victory' Party  
Southampton City Council & Hampshire RBL  
Party for 250 World War II veterans  
Guildhall Square, Southampton  
Big Band and entertainers  
Details: 01794 323487

### 10 May 2015 - National V.E.Day

V.E.Day Commemorative Service  
Garrison Church, Aldershot  
Details to follow.

### 16/17 May 2015

National Conference 2015  
Southport Conference Centre, Lancashire

### 7 June 2015

Hampshire County Poppy Walk  
Alice Holt Forest Centre, Bordon  
(Hosted by Bordon & District Branch)  
09.30 start  
Further details: 07758 881961

### 22 June 2015

Armed Forces Day

### 27 June 2015

Farewell to the Garrison  
The British Army leave Bordon  
Parade, Memorial Service and Fun Day  
Further details: 07758 881961

### 15 August 2015

Victory in Japan Day

### 27 September 2015

Hampshire Standard Bearer's Competition  
Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham  
Further details: 02380 693028

### 10 October 2015

Hampshire County Conference  
Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham  
Further details: [s.harris@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:s.harris@britishlegion.org.uk)

### 25 October 2015

Festival of Remembrance Concert & Service  
Eastleigh & Chandlers Ford Branch  
The Point, Eastleigh  
Further details: 01962 275980

### 1 November 2015

Hampshire Royal British Legion Women's Section  
Remembrance Concert  
Fordingbridge  
Further details: 01425 652499

### 8 November 2015

Remembrance Sunday

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**For More information contact:**

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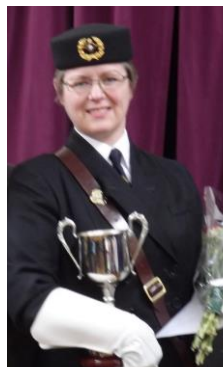
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## STANDARD BEARERS

### Mixed emotions for Hampshire duo



Karen Pearson and David Graham are no strangers to challenging competitions. Our County Standard Bearers have been a great credit to us for a number of years, spending hours at our Hampshire training schools, representing us on an almost weekly basis at events, services and funerals and preparing for stressful competitions at local and regional level.

In 2014 Karen added participation at national level to her list of achievements, recently claiming a place in the Women's Section National Finals for the second year running. She will compete with the Women's Section best at the forthcoming annual conference at Bournemouth on April 14.

The South East Regional Final was held at Chobham in Surrey, Karen keeping four other finalists at bay to claim the Regional title and the silver trophy.

Hampshire RBL Standard Bearer Dave Graham progressed to the South West Regional Final by winning the county competition at the end of February. Two weeks ago he lined up with competitors from Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire in the Further Education College in Bridgwater.

Following the inspection and drill tests it proved not to be David's day and he was placed outside the top three. The red-hot favourite and title holder came third, the first and second places taken by two young Standard Bearers; Devon finishing second and the Wiltshire victor progressing to the National Finals at the RBL Conference in May.



### The start of a new school term

County Parade Marshall Steve Forward launches a new series of Standard Bearer's training schools this weekend, Branch members gathering at the Pavilion in the Park, Kingfisher Road Eastleigh SO50 9LH on Sunday, (March 8) at 2.00pm.

The first Lymington School convenes at 7.30pm on Monday, March 9 at the TA Drill Hall in Bath Rd.

Standard Bearers are also required on the following dates:

Weekend, May 9/10	County and Branch Standards for the V.E.Day parade in Aldershot
Sunday, June 22	County Standards for the Armed Forces Day Flag Raising in Winchester
Sunday, June 28	Six standards required for transfer of Branch Standard at Bordon
Sunday, September 6	County Standards for the EMMB Parade in Romsey

#### **Special announcement:**

Karen and David, our County Standard bearers, are getting married on Sunday, July 12. Our County Parade Marshal requires 8 standards to form a Guard of Honour.

## LEST WE FORGET

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of these members:

Sir Robert Atkinson, D.S.C - Itchen Valley

Mr L R Chapman - Lovedean & Horndean

Mr D Cole - Bishops Waltham

Cdr E Cottle - Lee on the Solent

Mr P Harvey - Andover

Mr A Houching - Burley

Mrs P Jones - Petersfield

Mr R M Lees - Bishops Waltham

Mr P Ogilvy-Stuart - Brockenhurst

Mr A Page - Winchester

Mrs D Simpson - Gosport

Lt Col A Tinson - Fleet, Crookham & District

Cdr E Ward - Stratfield Saye

## SEND US YOUR NEWS

We would like to thank all those that have contributed photographs and copy for this month's newsletter. It is very much appreciated. It shows how busy and vibrant the Royal British Legion is in our County and this allows us to circulate the excellent news and examples of good practice.

We are always eager to receive photographs and articles about your recent or forthcoming Branch activities. These can then be considered for inclusion in the monthly Hampshire County newsletter. Please forward this information to:

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