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Oxted Royal British Legion Branch and Club Newsletter Issue 16 – December 2024

In this very short edition, we have details of:

- The sad news of the passing of our Club President, Gordon Pointer.
- A short summary from the Branch and Club AGMs, introducing your new committees.
- Details of the Club's opening times over the festive period.

He will be Sadly Missed

It is with a very heavy heart that we announce that our Club President, Gordon Pointer, sadly passed away earlier in the month after a lengthy stay in hospital. He was comfortable and at peace at the end.

Gordon was a true friend and supporter of the Royal British Legion in Oxted for many years. Over many decades of service, he has served both the Branch and Club, being Chairman and President of both.

As a Veteran who was immensely proud of his service with the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery, Gordon led the Remembrance Sunday commemorations at our War Memorial for many years. He would be seen at the Poppy Table at Morrisons proudly wearing his Regimental cap as he helped raise money for this great charity. In the company of his fellow veterans, he always had a tale to tell.

His family has said: We are deeply appreciative of the love and respect shown to Gordon, and we know how well-regarded he was by everyone who knew him. He will be greatly missed, and it is hard to believe he is no longer with us.

The Club said: Gordon Pointer was one of a kind, a lovely, funny, brilliant character who was one the nicest people anyone could have wished to meet. At least he is at rest now with his beloved Pat. Rest In Peace, Flash, you will be sorely missed.

We offer our sincere condolences to his family and many friends. His funeral will take place at 1100 on Monday 13 January at Worth Crematorium.

Branch and Club AGMs

Thank you to those who attended both the Branch and Club Annual General Meetings on Sunday 24th November. Full minutes will be published in due course, but to introduce you to your new committees, they are:

Branch

- President – The Rt Hon the Lord Astor of Hever PC DL
- Chairman – Rob Cogan
- Vice-Chair – Vacant
- Secretary – Matt Calderwood
- Treasurer – Robert Sayer
- Membership Secretary – Andrea Cogan
- Poppy Appeal Organiser – Helen Burton
- Community Support Officer & Standard Bearer – Ryan Williamson
- Recruiting Officer – Alex Starr
- Committee Members:
 - Jean Inker
 - Creenagh Williamson
 - Zara Nelson
 - Jenny Law
 - Ashley Williamson

Club

- Chairman – Benj Bennett
- Vice-Chair – Gavin Thomas
- Secretary – Ian Beagley
- Treasurer – Brian Hay
- Committee Members:
 - Tricia Grant
 - Fran Hay
 - Frank Watson
 - Hazel Oakley
 - Barbara Snashfold
 - Bill Luckhurst

Club Opening Hours over the Festive Period

- Christmas Eve - 12 till 11pm
- Christmas Day - 12 till 2pm
- Boxing Day - 12 till 11pm
- 27th and 28th - 12 till 11pm

- 29th - 12 till 7pm
- 30th - 12 till 11pm
- New Year's Eve - 12 till 1am
- New Year's Day - 12 till 11

Christmas Wishes

All that remains is to wish all our members a safe and Merry Christmas.

This was a Christmas card from 1914:

