



Hampshire Link

The Newsletter of Hampshire County
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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Miss T Greaves – Copythorne
Mr H Lillywhite – Lee on Solent
Mr J Vaughan, Mr K McAlpine & Mr D Cunningham – Southampton
Mr M Byrnes – Sutton Scotney

Our Sincere Condolences to Family and Friends

National News

Insult to Injury Campaign

The Scottish Government has today announced that: *“From April 2017 [the Scottish Government] will exempt from consideration in assessments of care charges War Pensions for veterans and Guaranteed Income Payments under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme for those injured after April 2005.”*

The Scottish Government’s recent announcement thus successfully delivers on our *Insult to Injury* campaign across Great Britain, ensuring that injured veterans wherever they live, and whenever they were injured, will from April next year no longer have their compensation used to cover the costs of their social care.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this long-running campaign, and in particular our colleagues in Poppyscotland – together we’ve secured another landmark campaign win for our beneficiaries.

Branch News

Bordon & District

The Bordon & District Branch attended the Friends of Bordon Schools summer fete again this year to raise money towards the Poppy Appeal, raise awareness of the RBL and Branch and try to get new volunteers to assist with the Poppy Appeal. We managed to have very good weather once again and plenty of people visited the Branches stall.

This year to attract more people to the stall the PAO made a “Beat the Buzzer” game for the kids and who got a sweet for having a go, but got a small gift if the parents made a donation to the Poppy Appeal and it seemed to attract more people to the stall than normal. This year we raised £85.20 for the Poppy Appeal.



Earl Mountbatten Memorial Branch

The 36th Annual Memorial Service of the Earl Mountbatten Memorial Branch was held on Sunday 4th September at Romsey Abbey. The service was conducted by the Revd Canon Tim Sledge, Vicar of Romsey, assisted by the County Padre, Revd Mark Christian FRSA. The sermon was given by Revd David Potterton, Curate of Romsey.

The service was attended by Lt Gen Sir Mark Mans KCB CBE DL (County Patron), Brig David Harrison JP DL (County President), Simon Goldby (County Chairman), Steve Forward (County Parade Marshal), Mrs Sara Jones CBE JP DL (W/S County President), Mrs Pauline Keane (W/S County Chairman), Mrs Pauline Hooper (W/S County Vice-Chairman), Mike Reed (Branch President), Jerry Musgrove (Branch Chairman), Peter Cox (Branch Standard Bearer), Mrs Caroline Nokes (Romsey MP) & Councillor Carl Borg-Neal (Deputy Mayor of Test Valley) to name but a few. The Branch would like to thank to all those who supported the occasion which went very well.

Our annual Remembrance service is held soon after the anniversary of the death of Lord Mountbatten in August 1979. We do not hold a branch service in November, since all of our members belong to a “home” branch, near where they live. We will welcome any member of a Hampshire branch to join us as a second branch, but request they retain membership of their “home” Branch.

Romsey

There will be a Remembrance Concert in Romsey on the 11th of November. The event will be at the United Reform Church start time 19:30. Tickets are available from the Tourist Information Centre Romsey or on the door, tickets will be £10 per person (£9 concessions). This will be the 10th year that this concert has been held. The Michelmersh Silver band will be performing, with a theme of "The Somme 100".

Hayling Island

The Hayling Island Branch is desperate for a bugler for their Remembrance Sunday Service (13th Nov) as the one that was booked has let them down. They are more than willing to cover any expense costs that are incurred. If you are able to help then please contact the Branch Chairman, Tom Ferguson, on 01428 481995 and leave your details.

Poppy Appeal

Totton – Knitted & Crocheted Poppies

Every year many red woollen poppies are knitted or crocheted by the residents of Totton to raise funds for the Poppy Appeal and each year we sell out of our beautiful poppies as they seem to be very popular. This year we have gone one step further and have packaged each individual poppy along with a name from our “Roll of Honour” on the Totton Memorial. This allows us to present them in an attractive way and at the same time remember those who have fallen. On the reverse side of the backing sheet we have printed a message asking people to contact the Totton and Eling Branch to help with the poppy appeal by making or selling poppies, or to help with the many other fundraising and Remembrance events. We are hopeful that this will both increase the amount of money donated and will encourage people to assist with next year’s Poppy Appeal collection.



To find out more about the Totton and Eling 2016 Poppy Appeal or the Armistice Day Service at 10.30am on Friday 11th November, or Remembrance Parade in Totton from 9.45am on Sunday 13th November please contact the Branch Secretary Susan Compton on 023 8087 3143 or email legion@compark.co.uk

Farnborough

The Farnborough Branch will be having the Poppy Christmas Concert at the Farnborough RBL Club on Saturday 10th Dec starting at 7.30pm. The Farnborough RBL Brass Band will be performing a number of Christmas songs including ones to sing-a-long to, which everyone is encouraged to participate. A raffle will also run alongside. Cost is £10.00 per person which covers the entry & a Buffet, the tickets will be available to order after 16th October from the Farnborough RBL Club or from Jackie 07767 025074.

Events Diary

Date	Title	Location	Contact Details
8 th Oct	Jubilee Brass Band	All Saints Church, Milford on Sea	Jan England – 01590 642291
9 th Oct	County Standard Bearers Comp	Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham	stevemo@stevemo.plus.com
15 th Oct	RBL Brass Band Proms	Princess Hall, Aldershot	www.princesshall.com
23 rd Oct	Great South Run	Southsea	CPeppiatt@BritishLegion.org.uk 02380 477274
26 th October	County Committee Meeting	Old Basing RBL Club	
29 th Oct	Poppy Appeal Launch	Princess Mead, Farnborough	DMoore@Britishlegion.org.uk
11 th Nov	Remembrance Concert	Romsey, United Reform Church	Tourist Information Centre On the Door
11 th Nov	Remembrance Day		
13 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday		
28 th Nov	County Committee Meeting	Farnborough Civic Offices	
10 th Dec	Poppy Appeal Christmas Concert	Farnborough RBL Club	Farnborough RBL Club Jackie: 07767 025074
21 st Jan	County Conference	Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham	
25 th Jan	County Committee Meeting	Area Office Southampton	County Committee Appointments
11 th Feb	Regional Standard Bearers Comp	Crossfield Hall, Romsey	Stevemo@stevemo.plus.com

If you have any organised events that you would like to inform the County about please contact the Hampshire Link

Standard Bearers

County Standard Bearers Competition

The County Standard Bearers competition will take place on Sunday 9th Oct 2016 in the Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham. Any Standard Bearer who would like to enter the competition should inform their Branch Chairman and the County Parade Marshal, any entrant to the competition must have attended at least ONE training session within the past year. Full program and timings will be released nearer the time, Branch members are more than welcome to come along and support their Standards as are ALL RBL members.

Regional Standard Bearers Competition

The Regional Standard Bearers Competition will be held in Crossfield Hall, Romsey, on Saturday 11th February 2017. As it is being held in Hampshire, I would encourage any Standard Bearers to come along as spectators, as the winner of the County Competition will be taking part.

Standard Bearer Training

Our County Parade Marshal, Steve Forward, would like to invite all Standard Bearers to partake in training sessions to ensure that they are kept current, Steve puts a lot of his own time in helping Standard Bearers from all organisations not just the RBL so please come along and support him.

There now is the facility to conduct Standard Bearer training in Aldershot, and the County Parade Marshal, Steve Forward, would like to hear from any Standard Bearer in the north of the county who would like to attend training there, (stevemo@stevemo.plus.com) or contact the Area office. If the cost of travelling to and from Standard Bearer Training is a problem, as it is classed as a RBL course/activity then expenses can be claimed back from Branches and on a case by case basis, the County can assist with expenses, so please don't let that be a stumbling block to attending courses.

Training takes place at the following locations and at the times specified:

Details of Training will be published next month

Attachments to Hampshire Link

Milford-On-Sea – Jubilee Brass Band Concert
Farnborough Poppy Appeal Christmas Concert
Brass Band Proms Concert

HMS Belfast Association – Special report by Captain Mike Matthews RN (Rtd)

Whilst this is not specifically RBL news, it is of historical interest for all to read.

Contact Us

IT`S YOUR NEWSLETTER!!!

If anyone has any articles they would like to see published in the newsletter then please contact the editor at:

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By the 26th of the month

Almost anything will be considered for inclusion from Jokes to tips, remarkable personal achievements and Branch events. Even adverts will be accepted.

ALL LEGION ENQUIRIES
(including Welfare Request)
Should be directed to the contact centre

0808 802 8080

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Secretaries - please ensure that this Newsletter is circulated amongst your members, or if you know a Branch that has not received the Newsletter then get them to contact me. If I am not able to send it electronically, then I will post a copy to the Branch Secretary.

Membership documents can be found at the following website:

<http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership/already-a-member/membership-documents/>

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All RBL members should be given this website and password