



# Hampshire Link

The Newsletter of Hampshire County  
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## WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

**Jon Harmer** – New Milton Branch  
**Mrs W Dora** – Headley & District Branch

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Our Sincere Condolences to Family and Friends

## *County News*

### *County Welfare Fund*

Claire Peppiatt the County Fund Raiser (CFR) for Hampshire South & IoW has secured a cheque for £25k payable to the County Welfare fund from the Jean Wilkinson Charitable Trust. Jean died in 2008 aged 93, and was born in Hampshire, where she lived her entire life. She was a great patriot and keen supporter of those serving in the armed service and a keen supporter of the RBL. (Full letter attached to the newsletter)

### *County Newsletter*

The County Newsletter is YOUR newsletter for the County Branches, and as such we would like to hear from more Branches about what they are doing within the County. It can be to highlight someone within the Branch that has done something special that you want to congratulate, a special event that is happening in your area, or even just advertise for more members, so get in contact with the editor, details at the end of the newsletter.

Back issues can be found on the County Website:

<http://counties.britishlegion.org.uk/counties/hampshire/document-archive/hampshire-newsletters/2016>

## *Branch News*

### *Ringwood*

The Ringwood Branch would like to congratulate Mr Victor Marsden who recently celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Victor was also in the national press for being the eldest known person who has received and survived cancer treatment. Victor has beaten bowel cancer twice before, and served during the Second World War and spent 15 years with the TA and the Queen Victoria Rifles - a motorcycle reconnaissance battalion. More details can be found at the following link: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3600700/Great-grandfather-99-hailed-world-s-oldest-cancer-survivor-says-thank-heavens-ve-got-do.html>

## Romsey



On the 10<sup>th</sup> November our County President, Brigadier David Harrison JP DL, attended the unveiling of a Welsh Slate Memorial Sculpture, dedicated to all those whom gave their lives in the First World War. The money was raised by members of the Romsey RBL, and the installation was



sponsored by the Great Western Railway and the volunteers of the Three Rivers Community Rail Partnership were instrumental in bringing the project to fruition.

A welcome was given by Nick Farthing the chairman of the Three Rivers Partnership and Martin Hardy of Great Western Railway spoke of the project and invited the County President to unveil the memorial. After the unveiling, the President spoke of the aftermath of the Great War and how the RBL was formed and the Poppy came into being.

After the unveiling, the stone was blessed by the Vicar of Romsey and two readings were given by pupils of Romsey School. Romsey Branch members, Martin Chandler, read the poem by John McCrae “In Flanders Field” and Steve Horsley laid the wreath. The Town Mayor of Romsey, John Parker and the Deputy Mayor of Test Valley, Carl Borg-Neal represented the civic authorities.



The memorial stone complements a series of displays at Romsey Railway Station, where young people have been researching the stories of Romsey men who gave their lives in the First World War. The stone has the iconic Poppy Motif on the monument, which has been featured at the Chelsea Flower Show.

## Events Diary

Date	Title	Location	Contact Details
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Poppy Appeal Christmas Concert	Farnborough RBL Club	Farnborough RBL Club Jackie: 07767 025074
21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	County Conference	Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham	
25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	County Committee Meeting	Area Office Southampton	County Committee Appointments
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Regional Standard Bearers Comp	Crossfield Hall, Romsey	<a href="mailto:Stevemo@stevemo.plus.com">Stevemo@stevemo.plus.com</a>

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

# *Standard Bearers*

## *Regional Standard Bearers Competition*

The Regional Standard Bearers Competition will be held in Crossfield Hall, Romsey, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## *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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**0808 802 8080**

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