



### **We Will Remember Them**

*Mrs Betty Macdonald & Mr George Hougham – Aldershot*

*Mr Fred Collins – Bordon & District*

*Our sincere condolences to family and friends*

### National News

#### Great Pilgrimage 90 (GP90)

GP90 will take place on August 8<sup>th</sup> 2018, at the Menin Gate in Ypres, and will honour the original pilgrimage taken place in 1928 by the wives and veterans to mark the “Last 100 Days” of WW1.

Branches will be allowed to have 2 members of the Community take part, with the Branches Standard, and lay a wreath on behalf of the community, this will cost the Branch £1000.

You must register your Branches interest by March 2018. Funding assistance may be available for smaller Branches to allow them to attend, but certain criteria has to be fulfilled, for further details please contact the MSO at the Area Office.

### County News

#### County Chairman

Mr Tim Russell has been elected to the position of County Chairman with immediate effect following the closure of nominations for the position.

The position of the County Vice-Chairman is still vacant and the deadline for nominations is 5pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

#### Annual Accounts (2017)

Branch annual accounts have to be submitted to the Area Office before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017, to ensure Branches are fully compliant with the Charities Commission. Branches should have received the paperwork (if required) and must not wait for the AGM to be signed off. Bank

statements showing the balance as off 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 must be included.

As a reminder if Branch accounts have not been submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> September, that your Branch will not be eligible to nominate a member for County Officers, or have a delegate at the County Conference on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

#### Annual Conference

The Hampshire County Annual Conference is to be held on Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> 2018, at Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham.

Branches should have received notification of the Conference, and if not please contact the Area Office.

There are vacancies for 7 members on the County committee, Conference Committee has 3 vacancies, 1 place on National Conference Committee, and nominations for the 2020 Conference location.

There are also forms to fill out for those branches wishing to participate in the Shaw, Capet or Howard Memorial Cups.

Branches are requested to canvas their Branches for people to take up these positions and please get a member to attend as the Branches Delegate, so your Branch has some say in what is happening within the County.

### Branch News

#### Headley & Liphook

Maj (Ret`d) Russell Lewis MC will be at the Liphook Village Hall on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September starting at 1945hrs, to give a first-hand account of

his 6-month tour of Afghanistan leading 200 Paras.

This is a free event and all are welcome to attend, for more information or to book a place contact Lt Col (Ret'd) Jamie Jack at [james1911jack@gmail.com](mailto:james1911jack@gmail.com)

## Lyndhurst

The Downton Band will be playing at the Lyndhurst Community Centre on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the battle of Passchendaele, at 3pm.

Tickets are £10 including a cream tea, sponsored by Fells Gulliver, Estate Agents & The Fox and Hounds. All profits to the Royal British Legion.

## EMMB

The annual memorial service for earl Mountbatten will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at Romsey Abbey. The service will be conducted by the Vicar of Romsey, the Revd Tim Sledge, and will commence at 3pm.

## Bordon & District

The Bordon & District Branch attended the annual activities day at the Forest Community Centre, to highlight the Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal. The Branch had the Buzzer game available to occupy the kids, while the parents chatted. A number of the public expressed a wish to join the Legion and asked for further details of the help that can be given by the Branch and Nationally.



## Meet Tommy Atkins - Play

This brand-new play written by playwright/actor/musician Peter Gill (Talbert house, The Jerry Lee Lewis Story) details, through the eyes of a simple “Tommy”, the reality of war for those who actually fought it.

In an astonishing solo performance, Meet Tommy Atkins takes the audience through his war – a war that saw him fight at Ypres, Passchendaele, Loos and on the Somme and that took him to the depths of despair, but also brought him unique comradeship that he would never find again. From the beginning of the war to the end, Private Tommy Atkins was there. This is HIS Story.

This solo performance takes place at the Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre, Station Road, Bordon, Hampshire, GU35 9HH at 7.30pm on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Tickets are £12, but reduced to £11 for current members of the Armed Forces or Veterans.

## Standard Bearers

### Training

The 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 into the training of Standard Bearers, not just from the RBL, but other uniformed organisations as well, so please come along and support him.

Training takes place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at the Pavilion in the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at the Drill Hall, Lymington, SO41 3RU.

There is scope for training to be carried out at other locations, so if you are interested in arranging a training night please contact Steve at [stevemo@stevemo.plus.com](mailto:stevemo@stevemo.plus.com)

## Events Diary

2017

### September

**5<sup>th</sup>** – National Memorial Arboretum  
Margaret Bates 023 8026 9725  
Winchester Branch, £17.00

**10<sup>th</sup>** – Brass band Concert – 1500hrs  
Lyndhurst Community Centre  
£10 including cream tea

### October

**14<sup>th</sup>** – Exmoor 30:30 Challenge  
[events@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:events@britishlegion.org.uk)  
Entry £50, Sponsorship £250

**18<sup>th</sup>** – Royal Marines Band Concert - 1930hrs  
[www.GLive.co.uk](http://www.GLive.co.uk)  
GLive Guildford  
£20.50, £23.50 & £26.50

**20<sup>th</sup>** – Poppy Launch  
Aldershot Conservative Club  
Mick & Caroline – 01252 325558  
Tickets £6.00 (Buffet included)

### November

**11<sup>th</sup>** – Armistice Day

**11<sup>th</sup>** – Meet Tommy Atkins – 1930hrs  
Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre  
01420 472664  
[www.phoenixarts.co.uk](http://www.phoenixarts.co.uk)  
£12.00 (£11.00 Forces & Veterans)

**12<sup>th</sup>** – Remembrance Sunday

**16<sup>th</sup>** – Festival of Remembrance  
Princess Hall  
Aldershot

2018

### January

**20<sup>th</sup>** – County Conference – 1000hrs  
Jubilee Hall  
Bishops Waltham

If you have any organised events that you would like to inform the County about, please contact the Hampshire Link with the details, along with costs, Locations and contact details.

## Poppy Appeal

Hampshire North - £758,718.78

Hampshire South - £866,883.54

## Notices

### Hampshire Festival of Remembrance

The Hampshire Festival of Remembrance will take place at the Princess Hall, Aldershot – The RLC Band and Corps of drums along with a single piper from 10 QGLR will be part of the magnificent event on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Further details will follow when known.

### Royal Marines Concert Band

Seafarers UK, Britain's main maritime charity, was founded in 1917, as King George's Fund for Sailors, to support seafarers and their families during the First World War. In its centenary year, the charity's mission remains the same, to support the past, present and future of seafaring.

As part of these centenary celebrations, the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Portsmouth will perform in a charity concert, at GLive on Wednesday 18th October, in aid of Seafarers UK.

The Royal Marines Bands contain some really talented musicians who always deliver a lively, entertaining programme including classical pieces and band numbers as well as the military music for which they are famous. Guildford is fortunate to enjoy an annual concert and every year we are very well entertained to a wide variety of music. The Corps of Drums is always popular.

Concert tickets are available at £26.50, £23.50 and £20.50 (inclusive of booking fee) and all proceeds go to Seafarers UK. Concessions are less £1. Groups of ten or more save 10%.

Tickets are available from the GLive Box Office, London Road, Guildford, at [glive.co.uk](http://glive.co.uk) or on 01483 369350

The concert is at GLive on 18th October at 7.30pm.

## Leukaemia Busters

William Reed (Milford Branch) completed a Sky Dive for Leukaemia Busters on 3<sup>rd</sup> June at the Old Sarum Airfield in Wiltshire. The Chairman of Leukaemia Busters Rob Sutcliffe spoke about Dr David J Flavell BD c Phd FRCPATH Charity and Director's pioneering work over 30 years, which is located at Southampton General Hospital. Mr Sutcliffe acknowledged the £2172 cheque and emphasised that 97 pence from every £1 was used to fund research.

Congratulations to William for all his hard work, and completing a 10,000feet jump.

## Poppy Lottery



The enter the Poppy Lottery contact the Office on Tel: 0800 954 0256, Email:

[raffenquiries@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:raffenquiries@britishlegion.org.uk)

Website: [www.britishlegion.org.uk/raffle](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/raffle)

Address: The RBL, PO Box 1127, Maidenhead, SL6 3LN

## County Website/Facebook

Avril has been undertaking a task to try and get all Hampshire Branches on-line with their own website or Facebook page. Branches are encouraged to contact Avril at [Hampshire.web@rbl.community](mailto:Hampshire.web@rbl.community) if they require assistance.

The Hampshire Facebook page is listed at the end of the Newsletter and all members of the County are encouraged to join and follow the page.

## County Newsletter

This month I have produced the newsletter in a new format to try and make it easier on the eye, and would welcome feedback from Branches and Members as to how it looks, and which format is preferred.

If you have any ideas for inclusions for the newsletter then please contact the Editor and we will see if they can be taken forward.

## County Websites

RBL Website:

[www.BritishLegion.org.uk](http://www.BritishLegion.org.uk)

County Website:

<http://counties.britishlegion.org.uk/counties/hampshire>

Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/groups/hantscountyrb/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/hantscountyrb/)

Poppy Appeal

[www.facebook.com.poppy.hampshirerbl](http://www.facebook.com.poppy.hampshirerbl)

## Contact us

### It's your newsletter!!!

If anyone has any articles that they would like published in the Newsletter then please contact the editor at:

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Or

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(Please ensure correct postage is paid)

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 considered

### ALL LEGION INQUIRIES

(including Welfare requests)

Should be directed to the national call centre

**0808 802 8080**

## County Personnel

Patron	<i>Lt Gen Sir Mark Mans KCB CBE DL</i>
President	<i>Col Andrew King</i>
Chairman	<i>Tim Russell</i>
Vice-Chairman	<i>Vacant</i>
MSO	<i>Christopher Bolton</i>
Membership Council Rep	<i>Paul Harris QGM</i>
Area Manager SW	<i>Jim France</i>
CFR – Manager	<i>Claire Peppiatt</i>
CFR – North	<i>Jim Parker</i>
CFR - South	<i>Pat Prior</i>
PAO Coordinator – North	<i>Jacki Gatfield</i>
PAO Coordinator – South	<i>Pat Prior</i>