



We Will Remember Them

To all those that have passed and not reported

Our sincere condolences to family and friends

Secretaries – *The Hampshire Link is for ALL County Members, so please ensure this newsletter gets the widest distribution within your Branch.*

National News

Great Pilgrimage 90 (GP90)

GP90 will take place on August 8th 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

Annual Conference

The Hampshire County Annual Conference is to be held on Saturday January 20th 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, Caper 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

Bramley

The Branch Chairman of Bramley, Mr John Delafield is arranging their annual dinner on 6th October 17 at Sherborne St. John Near Basingstoke, for further details contact Bramley Branch.

Petersfield



The Petersfield branch visited Brooklands Raceway on 2nd September to view a wealth of cars, bikes, planes, buses and technological memorabilia – suffice to say – an enjoyable day for all.



Totton And Eling

The weekend of 9th and 10th September was very busy for the Totton and Eling Branch. On Saturday, we took the branch stall to the Ashurst and Colbury Village Fun Day. The Totton and Eling Branch also covers Ashurst, Colbury and Marchwood and the stall gave us an opportunity to talk about the work of the RBL. We had a “roll the ball” game for children which was very popular and the game and poppy appeal merchandise raised £57 for the Poppy Appeal.



On Sunday 10th our Chairman Alison Harbottle and Standard Bearer Ken Comley together with other Branch Members attended the Earl Mountbatten Memorial Branch Annual Memorial Service at Romsey Abbey. A wonderful service was followed by refreshments in the Church Rooms and gave us an opportunity to meet with members of other branches. We would like to thank the Earl Mountbatten Memorial Branch for arranging the service and inviting us.

The Poppy Appeal starts again for the Totton and Eling branch in Asda, Totton on Saturday 28th October and we hope to exceed the £10,000 raised in Asda last year. If anyone would like to assist with the Poppy Appeal in Totton please contact Susan Compton on 023 8087 3143 or email legion@compark.co.uk

Farnborough

The Farnborough Poppy Appeal has arranged a Dance Mix morning for Saturday 18th November 11am – 1pm, at the RBL Hall, Cambridge Road, Farnborough in aid of the Poppy Appeal. Entrance is £6 for a fun filled event with Lesley, Katie & Helen. Contact Lesley for details/tickets H: 01252 615955 or M: 07936 293967.

The Farnborough Concert Band of the RBL will be performing at the Princess Hall, Aldershot on

7th October 2017 at 7.30pm. To commemorate the Battle of Passchendaele 31st July 1917 – 10 November 1917.

Tickets are £13 and available from Princess Hall on 01252 329155.

Bordon

The Bordon Branch took its Poppy Stall to the Friends of Bordon Schools summer fete on the 24th September. The turnout was high, and a number of Poppy Lottery leaflets were handed out, so hopefully a number will sign up for that. We had a number of requests for information about joining the Branch, and where to get assistance from the Legion.

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 2nd Sunday of the month at the Pavilion in the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH, and 2nd 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

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 16th 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 or on 01483 369350

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

County Newsletter

Last month I asked the readership of the Hampshire Link for their comments on the new layout for the Newsletter, from all the Branches and members in Hampshire I received only 7 responses, 6 preferred the new layout, so I will produce the newsletter in the new format.

To say I am a little disappointed in the response for comments, is an understatement. Either Branches are not receiving the Newsletter or they are not distributing it to their Branch membership.

Remember the Hampshire Link is YOUR newsletter, so if you have any articles or comments on it please contact me at HampshireLink@Outlook.com.

Recipe of the Month

White Chocolate Cheese Cake

Serves 8-12

For the Base:

2 Tablespoons Cocoa
75g Unsalted butter (melted)
150g Digestive Biscuits (Crushed)
50g Caster Sugar

For the Filling:

200g White Chocolate
3 Tablespoons warm water
600g Mascarpone Cream Cheese
75g caster Sugar
½ Teaspoon Vanilla Extract
2 Large Eggs

23cm Spring clip tin, greased and based lined.
Heat oven to 150C/300F/Gas 2

Method:

Make base:

Mix Cocoa, Butter, Biscuit crumbs and Sugar until thoroughly combined, tip mixture into the prepared tin and using back of spoon press the mixture down firm. Chill until required.

Filling:

Break up and melt the Chocolate gently in a bowl over water, do not let the bowl with the chocolate in to touch the water, when melted set aside to cool slightly.

Put the cream cheese, sugar, vanilla & eggs in a food processor bowl and combine until smooth, scrape the bowl down from time to time, when fully combined slowly add the chocolate, and further combine until smooth.

Pour the mixture into the cake tin on top of the biscuit base.

Place the cake tin on a baking tray and place in the oven and cook for 40 minutes. **DO NOT OPEN THE OVEN DOOR.** When 40-minute timer has finished switch off the oven, and leave to cool for 1 hour, **Do NOT remove the cheesecake from the oven.**

After the hour is up, remove the cheesecake from the oven and allow to cool completely, it is meant to look very soft.

When cooled place in fridge overnight, it is better when refrigerated.

Store in airtight container, and eat within 4 days.

Corporate Partners



QVC UK supports the RBL by selling Poppy Merchandise, and items specially commissioned from its different retailers. The collection is available at its

website www.qvcuk.com products start from £10.00 with 1/3 of the sale price being donated to the Legion. QVC UK are proud to have raised £1.5 million to date and are aiming to raise a further £250,000 this year.



Riders Branch Special Report

From Mr Tim Russell – County Chairman

In February Graeme (Ritchie) Cunningham was elected Hampshire County Rep and since then he has been working hard to push Hampshire Riders forward within our own county and neighbouring counties too.

If you are unaware of the work that the Hampshire Riders do, well, this will surprise you, if you have met and worked with the Hampshire Riders you will be aware of what is listed below.

Here is just a small (very) small sample of the events that the Hampshire Riders have attended, supporting local branches, on their own or with Riders from other counties.

BMW Open day at CW Motorcycles in Dorchester to support Dorset Riders for recruitment.

Kuruma Shakai Charity Car and Bike Event at Langstone Technology Park, Hayling Island.

Mary Rose Easter Egg Run.

This is one of many that Hampshire Legion Riders were involved with taking Easter Eggs to children and young adults with learning disabilities at the Mary Rose School in Portsmouth.

Spring Auto Jumble, Churchill Arms, Fordingbridge.

Service of Commemoration at Haslar Naval Cemetery.

The Overlord Show, Denmead, Hampshire

HMS Collingwood Show

Leesland School Fete – Gosport

Middle Wallop AAC Families Day

Ride for Life Beyond Sight Loss

Pompey Pals

Brookwood Military Cemetery Ride-Out and tour

Hampshire Memorial Ride paying respect to the mother of her daughter lost in Iraq.

Hampshire Riders have also pressganged their children to help.

Ritchie's own daughter, is soon to skydive with one of the Red Devils to raise money towards our cause.

The Hampshire Riders are involved in Youth Affiliation with TS Active and hold a Remembrance Service for the two and three wheeled community at the Naval Memorial in Southsea.

For more information please contact:

Graeme (Ritchie) Cunningham on

Graeme.cunningham@baesystems.com

Bob Bartlett on Robert.bartlett@btinternet.com

Or me at Hampshire.chairman@rbl.community

Tim Russell – County Chairman

So, as you can see the Riders Branch will help any Branch out, when they are available, with multiple tasks that can benefit the Branches in Hampshire and other Counties.

If you have an event in the pipeline and would like the Riders to come along and support your event then get in contact and if they can they will be there - Editor

Poppy Shop

The RBL's own Poppy Shop is available for all to order Poppy Merchandise from and have a very large selection of reasonable priced items for purchase, so if interested then go along to the www.poppysshop.org.uk to have a look.

Events Diary

2017

October

7th – Proms Extravaganza – 19:30hrs
The Princess Hall Aldershot
Tickets £13.00
01252 329155

14th – Exmoor 30:30 Challenge
events@britishlegion.org.uk
Entry £50, Sponsorship £250

18th – Royal Marines Band Concert - 1930hrs
www.GLive.co.uk
GLive Guildford
£20.50, £23.50 & £26.50

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

November

11th – Armistice Day
11th – Meet Tommy Atkins – 1930hrs
Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre
01420 472664
www.phoenixarts.co.uk
£12.00 (£11.00 Forces & Veterans)

12th – Remembrance Sunday

14th – Remembrance Concert
United Reform Church, Romsey
Tickets on the door, or at Information Centre

16th – Festival of Remembrance
Princess Hall
Aldershot

18th – Dance Mix – 11:00-13:00hrs
Farnborough RBL all
Tickets £6.00
Lesley: 01252 615955 or 07936 293967

2018

January

20th – County Conference – 1000hrs
Jubilee Hall
Bishops Waltham

County Websites

RBL Website:

www.BritishLegion.org.uk

County Website:

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

Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/groups/hantscountyrbl/

Poppy Appeal

www.facebook.com.poppy.hamsphirerbl

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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 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>
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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>

THE FARNBOROUGH CONCERT BAND OF
THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

PROMS EXTRAVAGANZA

BATTLE OF PASSCHENDAELE | 31 JULY 1917 – 10 NOVEMBER 1917

CHARITY
CONCERT
WITH GUESTS

SATURDAY 7TH
OCTOBER 2017
7.30PM

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