



We Will Remember Them

Mr G Hougham – Aldershot
Mr T Dixon – EMMB/Southampton
Mr R Nightingale – Totton & Eling
Mr A Bonnamy, Lt Col P Steer & Mrs J Swinhoe – Hartley Wintney
Mr A Houston - Fawley

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.

County News

Annual Branch Committee Return

The Annual Branch Committee Return; MS1, is to be completed and returned to the Area Office by the end of December, to ensure your Branch is compliant with RBL & Charity regulations. Remember if your MS1 is not returned to the Area office it will affect your ability to send a delegate to the County Conference, and could affect your chances of being given permission to attend GP90.

So please ensure your MS1 is completed on the NEW form that has been sent to you, or download a copy from

<http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership/already-a-member/membership-documents/>, also remember your Standard Bearer is to complete and sign the MS1/B – Standard Bearer Physical Fitness.

Hampshire County Diary

The 2018 edition of the Hampshire Legion Diary is now available for a minimum donation of £2.00. Stock is extremely limited and is on first come, first served basis only.

Contact Chris Bolton on cbolton@britishlegion.org.uk to place your order.

Hampshire County Trophies

If any Branch has any Trophy's or Awards that are presented annually at Conference, please return to the Area Office ASAP.

Branch News

Portsmouth



The Portsmouth Poppy Appeal took part in the Portsmouth FC Remembrance Game on November 18th, as this was the closest home game to Remembrance Sunday. Local cadets made a



collection, while Veterans and Standards attended a minute Silence on the pitch.

The Portsmouth Poppy Appeal Coordinators visit the school of 10-year-old Caitlin Rawlins, and presented her in assembly with a certificate and a bag of goodies for raising £322.76 during her break and lunch times.



Riders Branch

Many Hampshire RBL Members will recognise me, Peter Cox, as the Standard Bearer for the Earl Mountbatten Memorial Branch. However, on Remembrance Sunday, the 12th November 2017, I was given the honour to carry the RBL Riders Branch 'National' Standard at the Royal Naval Memorial on Southsea Common, Portsmouth. The event was organised by the Hampshire County RBL Riders with Ritchie Cunningham leading the team. Bishop Paul Miles-Knight, the RBL 'National' Riders Branch Padre, led the Special Service for the local motorcyclist and scooter rider community, which started at 10.45 hrs. with the Act of Remembrance at 11.00 hrs. About 15 wreaths were laid at the Memorial by the various motorcycle / scooter groups present and most had ex service personnel in their numbers. Prior to the Service about 1,100 motorcycles, scooters and trikes had been ridden to Southsea Common and parked on the road crossing the Common. Their riders and other members of the General Public made a total of about 1,500 people in attendance at the event, which seems to increase each year for this very meaningful Service.



Sutton Scotney & District

The annual dinner of the Sutton Scotney & District Branch was held on 27 October. The event dined out our retiring President Brigadier Clinton Henshaw CBE and dined in the new president - Rear Admiral Iain Henderson CB CBE DL. The surprise of the evening, for it was a well-kept secret, was the presentation of the Legion's Gold Badge to Brigadier Henshaw for his 26 years' service to the Branch as President. The presentation was made to him by Lt Colonel

Paul Harris QGM, the membership Council member for Dorset, Hampshire and the isle of Wight. In his remarks, Colonel Harris said this was the first award of a Gold Badge in Hampshire in 2017.



Brigadier Clinton Henshaw (left) receiving his Gold Badge from Lt Colonel Paul Harris QGM (right)

Totton & Eling

The Totton and Eling Branch had a very successful Poppy Appeal and have raised just over £23,000 with a few more donations to come in. Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal this year.

From Saturday 28th October until Saturday 11th November we were collecting in shops, schools, offices and pubs all around Totton, Eling, Ashurst and Marchwood. Woollen poppies were very popular this year and we are always looking for volunteers who can knit or crochet.

The 2018 Poppy Appeal starts on Saturday 27th October and as this will be 100 years since the end of the First World War we expect to be even busier. We need help to distribute and collect poppy tins, collect donations, count money and to run other fundraising events. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Joint Poppy Appeal Organiser, Susan Compton on 023 8087 3143 or email poppy@compark.co.uk

Bordon & District

The Bordon & District Branch Poppy Appeal would like to welcome their youngest volunteer member to the collection



team, 3-month-old Olivier, with her mum Emma. Olivier spent just over an hour at the Tesco stall and was as good as gold, until it was time to leave then screamed the place down because she wanted to stay.

Cathedral of Colour

The Forrest Community Centre, Bordon, produced a community event to raise money for the Poppy Appeal, by getting members of the public to write messages to loved ones that had died during any armed conflict, or just to remember a family member or a friend that has passed away, on acetate that was then strung together and put on frame work for the light to shine through.

Services of Remembrance were held on the 10th, 11th and 12th with minutes silence at 11am and a great number of the public attended.



Recipe of the Month

Gingerbread

100g Flour
50g Soft Brown Sugar
1 Tsp Ginger
50g Butter
1 Tbsp Milk
2 Tbsp Black Treacle

1. Place flour, sugar & ginger in a bowl in a bowl and mix together well.
2. Put butter, milk & treacle in a saucepan, heat gently until butter has melted, mix well, then leave to cool for 2-3 minutes.
3. Pour butter mixture into dry ingredients, and mix until comes together.
4. Leave mixture to cool completely.
5. Roll out on floured surface until ¼ inch (0.5mm) thick. Cut out shapes as required.
6. Transfer to greased baking sheet leaving room to spread.
7. Bake at 180°C for 10-15 minutes.
8. Leave to cool for 3 minutes and transfer to wire rack to cool completely.
9. Decorate as required.

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

FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

11.11.2018
100 YEARS ON



@sotonremembers
FOR MORE INFO

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



Mayflower
Theatre

Events Diary

2017

Dec

No events received.

2018

January

20th – County Conference – 1030hrs

Jubilee Hall

Bishops Waltham

November

11th – Hampshire Festival of Remembrance

Mayflower Theatre, Southampton

Show starts at 19:00hrs and lasts about 2hrs

Tickets £22.00 – Available now

Box Office: 02380 711811

Mayflower.org.uk

Please if you have any events in the pipeline then contact the Hampshire Link Newsletter so that we can advertise the event for you.

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.hampshirerbl

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It`s your newsletter!!!

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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 relevant adverts will be considered

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(including Welfare requests)

Should be directed to the national call centre

0808 802 8080

County Personnel

Patron *Lt Gen Sir Mark Mans KCB
CBE DL*

President *Col Andrew King*

Chairman *Tim Russell*

Vice-Chairman *Vacant*

Treasurer *Brian C N Soffe*

MSO *Christopher Bolton*

Membership Council Rep *Paul Harris QGM*

Area Manager SW *Jim France*

CFR – Manager SW *Claire Peppiatt*

CFR – North *Jim Parker*

CFR - South *Sarah Ferris*

PAO Coordinator – North *Jacki Gatfield*

PAO Coordinator – South *Pat Prior MBE*