



The Newsletter of Hampshire County
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We Will Remember Them

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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

Lobbying Act & Political Contact

As you are aware one of the ways the Legion supports the Armed Forces community is by campaigning and undertaking research to improve government policy on issues that affect our beneficiaries. In order to continue working closely with politicians and officials at all levels of government, and to further the interests of those we support, we must ensure that we are compliant with the relevant lobbying laws and consistent as far as possible in our contact. New rules have recently come into force that affect the way in which the Legion needs to record certain political contact by staff. A new law, the Lobbying (Scotland) Act, makes it a legal requirement that face-to-face contact with certain Scottish political representatives has to be registered on a regular basis. This affects all staff employed by the charity and non-compliance can result in a fine. Similar laws are also being considered for Wales and England and will be influenced by the operation of the new Scottish legislation. As a result, the Executive Board has approved a new political contact policy and guidance (attached) for staff, members and volunteers so that we comply with legal requirements, and to also ensure that where possible our approach to all significant political contact across the UK is consistent and recorded.

A copy of policy is attached to the Newsletter.

If you have any questions please get in touch with a member of the Legion's Public Affairs and Public Policy team either directly or via publicaffairs@britishlegion.org.uk.

Branch Rates

We are writing to you to ask if you wish to charge members of your branch a subscription and joining fee in the next membership renewal. To enable The Royal British Legion to charge the correct fees, could you please let us know how much your branch fees are going to be for the 2018/19 financial year (starting 1st October 2018). This is done by completing the appropriate form, which has been circulated to all branches by HQ and is also available on MAP.

Charging additional fees to members is entirely a branch decision, and you may decide not to charge any extra fees. Alternatively, you may want to collect the cash from your members. In this case please inform us so that we will not charge the members of your branch anything except for the membership fee.

We will only upload the fees once and will not be able to change them during the course of the 2018/19 financial year.

If we do not hear from your branch, no subscription fees will be collected on your behalf. Please reply by 30th June 2018 by emailing cmartin@britishlegion.org.uk or by post to: Christine Martin – Membership Services Administrator

Royal British Legion
Membership Services Department
199 Borough High Street
London
SE1 1AA

Membership Handbook

The updated Membership Handbook Dated May 2018, is now available online for viewing, downloading etc at the RBL website and/or via the MAP.

County News

Hampshire County Welfare Fund

There are still Branches in Hampshire holding onto large sums of money in their GPF funds, that are not using them for the Welfare work that they are vital for. Branches should only be holding enough funds in GPF to cover 6 months' worth of working capital, so please, please, please send any large sums of money you are holding, unless for a major project, to the Area Office for the county welfare Fund. If you have a need to hold onto a large sum of money, for a major project, please make the Area Office or County Chairman aware, as they will be chasing Branches to release excessive funds.

July 17 – September 18

Nationally – 1,761 cases totalling £956,992.31
Hampshire – 79 Cases totalling £51,284

These requests cover the following areas:

Brown & White Goods

Crisis

Debt

Funeral Costs

Housing

Mobility

Training

The need is constant and is ever increasing, so please if your Branch is holding fund that you are not using please send them to the County Welfare Fund where the money can be put to good to assist the Armed Forces, their Families and Veterans. If you have any Questions about the Welfare fund then please contact the Area Office.

Branch News

Southampton

Southampton City Council together with a number of ex-service personnel are organising a huge Armed Forces Day event on Sunday 1st July 2018.

The day will commence with a march from Holy Rood Church to Guildhall Square where there will be a number of military vehicles and display stands bases throughout the day. While not organising the event the Southampton Branch is supporting it

in various ways and will have a recruitment/ sales stand in the square throughout the day.

We are expecting over 500 service personnel to take part in the march but are desperately seeking additional standard bearers to lead the march. We would be extremely grateful if the County Standard Bearers would be able to join us also as many Standard Bearers from local branches.

Further information can be found at

<https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/event/southampton-armed-forces-day-parade/>

Bordon & District

The Woolmer Heritage Society is commemorating the end of the World War One, by holding an exhibition of memorabilia and individual recollections

from the families of Whitehill & Bordon

Residents, on Saturday 30th

June, at the Whitehill Village Hall.

The event starts with the Flag Raising at 11am, with a play and Songs from the Phoenix Players.

The Poppy Appeal will be in attendance.

The Town Council will also be holding a Flag raising Ceremony for Armed Forces Day on Monday 25th June, at the Forest Community Centre, Bordon at 11am, with RBL, REME Association and local dignitaries present.

EXTRA THE BORDON DAILY TRIBUNE **FINAL** EDITION

GREAT WAR ENDS

Armed Forces Day 2018 Commemorates the Centenary of the End of World War I

An exhibition of WWI recollections and memorabilia from relatives of Whitehill & Bordon residents will be presented at Whitehill Village Hall

11.00am onwards
Saturday 30th June

11am: Flag Raising in tribute to those that lost their lives during WWI

2pm: A play & songs by The Phoenix Players

Other activities to be confirmed

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them...

For The Fallen, Laurence Binyon, 1914

Organised by Whitehill & Bordon Town Partnership, in collaboration with Woolmer Heritage Society

Kingsclere

On the 28th April, 8 hardy members of the branch visited For Nelson near Portsmouth. In addition to the fantastic fort, we were privileged in viewing the ceramic poppy display which was an incredible site and well worth a trip (and its free!). plans are now afoot for our next outing sometime in July.



Kingsclere Members visit Fort Nelson

Work continues with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to erect a headstone in the village churchyard to recognise Pte Cramp of the London Regiment, who died of wounds in the village after the end of the war. Kingsclere was a re-habitation site for injured soldiers during the conflict.

The plan to place a small wreath onto the village memorial for every month a Kingsclere man was killed in the conflict is underway and has attracted attention from other branches.

Work also continues with the Parish Council, to firm up the plans for the World War 1 centenary commemorations, with a range of events and activities planned throughout the period, including a musical event, bell ringing, a tea party for Veterans hosted by the village Guiding Association and illumination of the church with poppy lights, amongst others.

Poppy Appeal News

Poppy Trademark

We are asking you all to take note of any instances of fundraising activities using our Poppy Logo or other TRBL branding materials.

Our name, corporate logo and poppy are all legally protected trademarks and should not be used without permission. We have a duty as representatives of The Royal British Legion to make sure they are used correctly to the benefit of the organisation. They are at the core of the Legion's most valuable assets and have both an emotional and commercial value that we must protect in the long-term. We can all support and strengthen the brand by understanding and respecting its value and importance and making sure only those entitled to using it are doing so, in the correct way.

The Royal British Legion will take action against companies or individuals who are deemed to infringing its trademark by commercially benefiting from it.

Any person(s) or organisations wishing to raise funds for The Royal British Legion or The Poppy Appeal are to be encouraged to do so in the correct way - which may in some instances mean applying to us for a commercial partnership agreement. Using our branding to fundraise for any other purpose is an infringement of our rights. Please call the contact centre on 0800 802 8080 regarding licensed use of our property or to report any infringements.

Poppy Appeal Organisers

There is a PAO seminar at the Alton RBL club on 23rd June, 10am-2.30pm. All PAO's and deputies, along with anyone interested becoming a PAO are welcome to come along and meet the CFR's.

Various matters will be discussed that will be of interest to PAO's, please contact Jim or Sarah to let them know of your interest, further details will be sent out closer the time.

Iron Butt

Ritchie Cunningham is taking part in a 1000-mile motorbike ride called "Saddlesore" on 16th June 18, on behalf of the Royal British Legion, which is to be completed in under 24hrs, he is starting in Leeds and going anti-clockwise around Scotland, with a stop in Wick. He is covering all his own expenses, so 100% of money donated goes to the RBL. If you would like to support Ritchie on this epic adventure then please visit his "Just Giving" page and pledge a donation.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rblriders-graemecunningham>

Poppy Wave

The Poppy Wave installation, formally at the Tower of London, and currently on a Tour of the UK, is at the Royal Armouries, Fort Nelson in Fareham until Sunday 24th June 2018. Parking is £3.00 and entry to the Fort is free (Disabled Free Parking)

Located at Portsdown Hill Road, Fareham, PO17 6AN, the 19 acres of ramparts, outer fortifications, secret underground tunnels and ammunition bunkers, this a great day out for all the family.



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.

Training takes place at

Eastleigh – Pavilion in the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, Eastleigh **SO50 9LH**

Lymington – Lymington Drill Hall, Bath Road, Lymington, **SO41 3RU**

Fleet – Old NAAFI Building, Quetta Park, Church Crookham, Fleet, **GU52 8TG**

Training runs from March through to October inclusive, and all Standard Bearers are urged to take training courses as beginners or long serving to enhance their position as the Legion's presence in the community.

Eastleigh:	Lymington:	Fleet:
<i>1400hrs</i>	<i>1930hrs</i>	<i>1900hrs</i>
Jun 10 th	Jun 11 th	Jun 13 th
Jul 8 th	Jul 9 th	Jul 11 th
Aug 12 th	Aug 13 th	Aug 15 th
Sep 2 nd	Sep 10 th	Sep 12 th
Oct 7 th	Oct 8 th	Oct 10 th

The Parade Marshall, Steve Forward can be contacted on 023 8069 3028, or stevemo@stevemo.plus.com or Deputy Parade Marshall, Dave Graham on 01425 623102 or davidkarengraham1@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

Steve and Dave put a lot of effort into training Standard Bearers so please come along and give them your support and ensure you are showing the Legion, and your Branch in the best possible light. Training and Drills have changes over time, so come along and ensure you are kept current.

Poppy Day Race

The National Event of Poppy Race Day is to be held at Newmarket Races, (July course) on Saturday August 11th 2018.

STANDARD BEARERS – we would very much like as many standard bearers to attend as possible. The parade is quite long through to the course and down the course and back through the stands for Inspection. The Leiston RBL band will lead the parade. Arrival by 12noon. You will get free admission (for Bearers only), tea and coffee

supplied and then free to enjoy races after about 2.30pm.

Please book in with myself via any means as below

ADMISSION TICKETS - If you wish to attend the race day as a spectator, the prices are: Premier - £18 (reduced from £27) and Grandstand & Paddock £12 (reduced from £18) with a £3 donation to RBL on every ticket sold. Please quote Code RBL18 to get the discounted price. The number to ring is **01638 675500, option 4**. You can also book online with the same code <http://newmarket.thejockeyclub.co.uk/event-s-tickets/whats-on/summer-saturday-august-2>

First race is 1.55, last race at 5.20

All proceeds to Poppy Appeal

Notices

The Angel & The Fallen

This is a concert commemorating the centenary of the First World War, presented by Alistair Stewart, and featuring The Band of The Scots Guards, with Laura Wright, English Youth ballet, St John Singers, the Cathedral Junior & Youth Choirs.

It takes place at Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday 7th July from 19:30hrs, tickets from £15 for more information telephone the box office on 01725 512799 or <https://www.cathedralconcerts.co.uk/> Branch Standard representation is requested, with Standard Bearers receiving a free entry to the concert, with partner. The concert is being performed in aid of the RBL Poppy Appeal.

Happy Birthday

This year is the 97th Anniversary of the formation of the Royal British Legion. It was an amalgamation of 4 formation of 4 national charities that were formed after the end of World war One.

The Legion was founded to support the Veterans and their Families returning from WW1 to ensure they had the help needed to get back to work and access any medical requirements.

If any Branches have any plans to commemorate the Centenary of the Royal British legion in 2021 can they please let the County committee aware so that they can ensure that the National team is made aware to ensure there is no conflict of interest, or overlap with the national, County or other Branches.

FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

11.11.2018
100 YEARS ON



@sotonremembers
FOR MORE INFO

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



Mayflower
Theatre

Events Diary

2018

June

9th – City of Southampton Orchestra – 19:30hrs
The Anvil, Basingstoke
Tickets: £27, £23, £15

www.anvilarts.org.uk

9th – War Requiem – 19:30hrs

Winchester Cathedral

Tickets £20, £28, £35, Under 18`s & Students £8

www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk

14th – Golf Pairs – 09:30hrs

The Army Club, Aldershot

23rd – PAO Seminar – 10am-2.30pm

Alton RBL Club

Anstey Road, Alton, GU34 2RL

23rd – War Requiem – 19:30hrs

Tewkesbury Abbey

Tickets £20, £28, £35, Under 18`s & Students £8

www.burfordsingers.org.uk

30th – Armed Forces Day – 11am

Whitehill Village Hall

Petersfield Road, Bordon

GU35 9BW

July

1st – Armed Forces Day – 11am

West Marlands Road, Southampton

afdsouthampton@gmail.com

7th – The Angel & The Fallen Concert – 19:30hrs

Salisbury Cathedral

Box Office: 01725 215799

7th – RNAS Yeovilton International Air Day

See last month's Link for Poster

August

11th – National Event of Poppy race Day

Newmarket Races

01638 675500 Option 4.

October

21st -Great South Run

Portsmouth

Details TBC

25th – County Poppy Launch

Farnborough, North Hampshire

Details TBC

26th – Uniformed Collection

Westquay, Southampton

Details TBC

27th – ...

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

ALL LEGION INQUIRIES

(including Welfare requests)

Should be directed to the national call centre

0808 802 8080

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President	<i>Col Andrew King</i>
Chairman	<i>Tim Russell</i>
Vice-Chairman	<i>Bob Bartlett</i>
Treasurer	<i>Brian C N Soffe</i>
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Training Officer	<i>Mike Davis</i>
Branch Support – North	<i>Jacki Gatfield</i>
Branch Support - South	<i>Andy Knight</i>
Youth Officer	<i>Vacant</i>
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PAO Coordinator – South	<i>Pat Prior MBE</i>
Communications Support	<i>Avril Mitchell</i>
Hampshire Link	<i>Darron Back</i>