



## We Will Remember Them

**Richard Packer** – *Bordon & District* **Mr R G Clark** - *Farnborough*  
**Mr A Albourough** – *Lee on Solent* **Lt Cdr Alan Coleman** – *Milford on sea*  
**Commander Ken Forbes Robertson RN** - *Droxford*

*Our sincere condolences to family and friends*

## National News

### Royal Charter

Various parts of the Royal British Legion Royal Charter have been amended, and copies sent to Branch Secretaries to check. It will be available on the RBL website very soon for all to read. No major changes have been made, but it has been reorganised a little.

## County News

### County Training

A gentle reminder about the training courses we are running at the end of this year and the beginning of next year together with a change in venue for the two courses in January.

We will be holding two Branch Treasurer courses over the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 in the Area Office in Southampton and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in Old Basing RBL Club. We will also be holding two Branch Management courses to be held over the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Area Office in Southampton and 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in Old Basing RBL Club.

Please be aware that these four courses are run by Membership Training using Nation Trainers. A condition imposed on counties is that there are a minimum number of applicants required before they will give permission for the courses to proceed. At present we have insufficient applicants on all four courses so if you intend to take part in these courses I would appreciate it if you would submit your application as soon as possible so we can ensure that the courses become viable. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Should members have any questions or requests for training then please contact me at [Hampshire.cto@rbl.community](mailto:Hampshire.cto@rbl.community).

## Branch News

### Petersfield

Presentation of the Waitrose “Community Matters” cheque for £394 and the Petersfield RBL 2018 Poppy Appeal team featuring RBL Members, Women`s Institute and members of the public.



## Eastleigh, Chandlers Ford & District

These pictures show the branch stall at "Eastleigh Remembers" that raised £606.00 for the Poppy Appeal



## Riders Branch

We at the Hampshire Branch of RBLR are taking on the challenge of riding from Winchester Cathedral on the 10th of November at 10.00am carrying the RBLR Hampshire Wreath. We will ride 1000 miles, passing 5 check points around the country and then returning to the Cathedral in Winchester to join the parade and lay the Wreath at 11.00am on Remembrance Day - 11th November.

We are planning to complete this epic ride within 22 hours of setting off in order to raise awareness and funds for the British Legion and the Poppy Appeal. The riders taking part are two British Army veterans and life-long friends (myself and Andrew Hemstrich from Southampton). Article about the ride will appear in next month's Link.

## Farnborough Branch

To commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1, Jacki Gatfield came up with an idea to commission and install a commemorative window at her local church - North Camp Methodist Church, a church that today is the spiritual home for the Farnborough branch of the RBL as well as being the spiritual home for the many soldiers and

their families who have been stationed in Aldershot Garrison over the years.

*Please see the attachment to the Link for the full story.*

## Totton

The weather was kind to us this week and Totton Poppies were able to plant over 700 red ceramic poppies on the Central Totton Roundabout. These have been made by local people during the year at workshops run by Totton Poppies. Thank you to everyone who made one or helped put them out. Totton Poppies have set up JustGiving page [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/totton-poppies](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/totton-poppies) if you would like to donate to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



We are collecting daily for the Poppy Appeal in ASDA Totton and elsewhere in Ashurst, Marchwood and Totton until Saturday 10th November. During some of the ASDA collection times we will be able to accept Contactless Payments of either £2, £5 or £10.

On Saturday 3rd November the Empire Hall in Totton are holding a big quiz in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. It is open to all, seats by 7.30pm to start at 8pm. It only costs £2 per person with maximum 6 in a team.

On Friday 9th November from 10.30am plans are being made for some of the Totton schools to lay poppy wreaths at the Totton memorial. Although this is not an RBL event we are always delighted to see local schools and youth organisations at Remembrance Events.

The annual Totton Remembrance Parade takes place on Sunday 11th November assembling in Beaumont Road and marching to the Memorial followed by a service of Remembrance. We are expecting a large turnout this year and ask that all marching groups start to assemble in Beaumont Road at 9.30am ready to march off at 10am.

We are always grateful for help with any of the Poppy Appeal events, you do not need to be a Totton and Eling British Legion Branch Member to take part, please contact Susan Compton or Ian Middleton on 023 8087 3143, or email

poppy@compark.co.uk or speak to one of the collectors in ASDA.

We will put regular updates about local and national Poppy Appeal events on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/TottonElingLegion>

## Soberton Poppy Wave



The “Stitch and Chatter” Group in Soberton, Hampshire have knitted over 2,000 poppies to create this impressive ‘wave’ at the local war memorial. Although over a mile from St Peter’s Church, visitors are left in no doubt as to its location as the route is lined with poppies. The

memorial commemorates the names of 15 parishioners who died for King and Country during the Great War, four of these from the Twynam family who also lost a son-in-law. There are a further four names from the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. The Silent Soldier is doing his rounds of the various villages that comprise the Droxford & District Branch and will end up at St Peter’s on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

## Old Basing

Attached to the Link this month are 3 poems that have been published by kind permission of Mr George Potten. One Seed has been published by Old Basing published One Seed in 2014 as part of their WW! Centenary event guide, Poppy Fields & Silent Night have been sent within the last few weeks.

*The Hampshire Link would like to thank George for his Poems, and permission to send them out to all the County Members.*

## Yateley & Hawley

Yateley & Hawley Branch are holding a Remembrance Concert on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the Yateley School, with music provided by the 30-Strong Army Medical Services band.

Tickets are £10, Children (U/18) £5.00

For more information contact 07770 628082

## Poppy Appeal News

### E-Bay

It has recently come to our attention that a number of PAOs are selling Poppy merchandise on eBay. This causes a variety of issues for the Legion and ultimately results in the charity raising less money for our beneficiaries.

**Selling on eBay also goes against the guidelines outlined in the PAO handbook.**

In order to maximise our income for our beneficiaries, PAOs are required to remove any listings on eBay and refrain from making future listings on Poppy items.

### Boundary Issues

PAO’s do a fantastic job at a local level bringing the Poppy Appeal to life and in the process raise thousands of pounds for our beneficiaries.

However, PAO’s are allocated districts to collect in.

Products sold on eBay can be purchased by people anywhere in the country, therefore, by selling on eBay PAOs are going against the boundary rules outlined in their handbooks.

### Suggested Donation vs. Fixed Price

Poppy pins and merchandise are available to the public for a suggested donation rather than a fixed price.

PAO’s are currently selling merchandise on eBay for set prices.

**This makes us liable for VAT on these items and could cost the Charity millions of pounds each year.**

Again, this is outlined in the PAO handbook.

### Monitoring infringement and unauthorised sellers

When you search on eBay for “Poppy pin”, “Poppy badge” or “Poppy Brooch” thousands of results are generated.

Many of these are individuals or businesses who are selling these for their own gain and who are profiting by using the Legion’s two-petal poppy without permission.

The Corporate Partnerships team work with eBay to shut down these unauthorised sellers.

This job is made more difficult by the large number of PAOs who are selling merchandise via eBay.

This wastes resources as the team has to check each seller to confirm if they are a PAO.

By stopping PAO's selling through eBay, it will be quicker and easier to monitor and report unauthorised eBay sellers, saving the team time.

### Poppy Shop on eBay

The Legion has its own official eBay store, run by Poppy Shop.

The Legion receives 100% of profits from the items sold through this store.

By reducing the number of unauthorised sellers and PAOs selling on eBay, more customers will be directed to Poppy Shop to purchase through this official channel, therefore increasing the money raised to support our beneficiaries.

Overall, stopping selling on eBay will help maximise income from this channel via official channels and allow PAOs to fulfil their roles as local champions of remembrance whilst adhering to the guidelines outlined in their handbooks.

## 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.

<b>Eastleigh:</b>	<b>Lymington:</b>	<b>Fleet:</b>
<i>1400hrs</i>	<i>1930hrs</i>	<i>1900hrs</i>

The Parade Marshall, Steve Forward can be contacted on 023 8069 3028, or [stevemo@stevemo.plus.com](mailto:stevemo@stevemo.plus.com) or Deputy Parade Marshall, Dave Graham on 01425 623102 or [davidkarengraham1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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.

## Notices

### Immortal Heroes

A concert for Remembrance by Bournemouth male Voice Choir.

All Saint's Church, Greenbanks Close, Milford-on-sea, SO41 0SQ on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. Tickets: Free entry with a retiring collection in aid of the Royal British Legion – See attached Poster for more details.

### The Harmonium Singers – Christmas Concert

Details of our Christmas concert on 15 December this year featuring Bruce Parker MBE are attached to the Link. Proceeds from this concert will go to The Countess of Brecknock Hospice.

Thank you for all your previous support. Record sales of tickets enabled us to give £1400 to the Andover Crisis Centre in December 2017 and after our July 2018 concert £1400 to Combat Stress. We do hope you will continue to publicise our concerts so that we can continue to support local causes.

### The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines

The band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines will be in concert at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018, starting at 7.30pm.

A charity concert in aid of Seafarers UK.  
Box office: 01483 44 00 00, [www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk](http://www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk)

### Hollybrook Memorial

This is a National Memorial commemorating 1,852 members of the land and air forces who have no grave but the sea or whose final resting place is unknown from WW1. The Memorial was unveiled in December 1930 by the War Graves Commission and is situated inside the entrance to Hollybrook Cemetery, Southampton.

Unfortunately, it is not well known, yet it is as important as its famous counterparts like the Menin Gate at Ypres and Thiepval on the Somme. There is a 3D virtual tour and a short video at

<https://forgottenwrecks.maritimearchaeologytrust.org/overview/topics/hollybrook-war-memorial>

# Silence November 1918

Silence now, not a gun or scream to hear  
Just rats scurrying around our feet.  
They say the carnage is at an end but not for us  
Our war has just begun, another war to defeat.

This war has left our minds and bodies broken,  
we return to our loved ones, four years gone by.  
Limbs gone, lungs burnt, blind, we could walk, clap, see,  
now we just sit looking or hearing others walking by

We all now fight to live again.  
We lay our heads down and remember  
Our brothers and friends that are left back there,  
their family and loved ones will never see them again.

Markers show where they fell, a cross or stone  
A field somewhere a corner of a land we fought to save  
our brothers in arms never to return again  
still side by side, joined as one and never alone.

Just boys, men and women who did their duty  
across the sea where we fought to defend,  
we were those men that stood side by side,  
and for us, we know our war will never end.

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In memory of all the soldiers, airmen, sailors, nurses, Doctors both here  
and across the world that came to our aid in all conflicts. Who believed in  
right.

All 3 of George`s poems are attached to the Newsletter for ease of printing. The Editor would like  
to thank George for his permission to publish the Poems.

## Events Diary

**2018**

### November

**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Quiz Night  
Empire Hall, Totton

**9<sup>th</sup>** – Immortal Heroes – 7.00pm  
All Saint`s Church, Milford-on-Sea, SO41 0SQ  
Free entry, with collection for the Poppy Appeal

**10<sup>th</sup>** – Too Much to Bear  
Willis Museum, Basingstoke  
Tickets £5.00 pp

11:00 | 12:00 | 14:00 | 15:00  
[www.eventbrite.com/too-much-to-bear-tickets-49374600760](http://www.eventbrite.com/too-much-to-bear-tickets-49374600760)

**11<sup>th</sup>** – Hampshire Festival of Remembrance  
Mayflower Theatre, Southampton  
Show starts at 19:00hrs and lasts about 2hrs  
Tickets £22.00 – Available now (Selling fast)  
Box Office: 02380 711811  
Mayflower.org.uk

### December

**1<sup>st</sup>** – Band of Her Majesty`s Royal Marines  
Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. Guildford  
Box Office: 01483 440 000  
[www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk](http://www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk)

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Treasurers Course  
Area Office Southampton  
[Hampshire.cto@rbl.community](mailto:Hampshire.cto@rbl.community)

**15<sup>th</sup>** – The Harmonium Singers – 7.30pm  
St Mary`s Church, Andover  
Tickets £10 (At the door) or £8 in advance

### January

**19<sup>th</sup>** – County Conference  
Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham  
Starting at 10:30, please arrive by 10am.

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

## 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/hantscountyrbl/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/hantscountyrbl/)

Poppy Appeal

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

## Contact us

**It`s your newsletter!!!**

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By the 28th of the month

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(including Welfare requests)

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