



We Will Remember Them

Mrs Joan Fanshawe* – Petersfield
John Benson, Commander James Pardoe OBE & Robert Fosterjohn - Petersfield

Our sincere condolences to family and friends

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National News

Jim Prince Fund

Branches should know that the deadline for applications for the Jim Prince Fund is the **29th March** and not the 15th February. Here is some information regarding the Jim Prince Fund:

What is the Jim Prince Fund?

The Jim Prince Fund was established to assist in sending a delegate from a Small Branch to Annual Conference who otherwise could not afford it.

Who is eligible to apply?

The criteria for branches wishing to apply for assistance are:

- Branches must have less than 100 members
- Branches must have general funds amounting to less than £1500
- Branches must have submitted MS1 and Branch Accounts for the previous financial year on time

How do branches apply?

Branches have to formally apply for the Jim Prince Fund by contacting the Annual Conference Co-ordinator. The application should be made by a formal letter or email, submitted along with the delegate registration for the branch, confirming that the branch meets the criteria. All applications for assistance should be received by the end of March.

This and other useful information can also be found on the Annual Conference information page on MAP:

<https://trbl.sharepoint.com/sites/MembershipResources/SitePages/Annual-Conference-Information.aspx>

National President

At its meeting held on 21st February, the Board of Trustees was pleased to ratify the recommendation of the Governance Committee that Lieutenant General James Bashall CB CBE be appointed as the next National President of The Royal British Legion. Lieutenant General Bashall will take up his appointment upon the completion of Annual Conference 2019, that is to say, Sunday 19th May.

Please welcome Lieutenant General Bashall, and his wife, Sarah-Lucie, to The Royal British Legion.

County News

County Training

Here with an update of training planned for Hampshire in 2019. The County Management course which should have been held 23-24 February has had to be postponed due to insufficient delegates. This is an extension of the Branch Management course aimed at existing County Committee members and those who are considering taking up duties on the County Committee in the near future. As soon as I have received information about when the course can be re-scheduled I will let you know.

It is still my intention to try to train a few members to help with training in the county, thus easing the reliance on National Trainers as there are only two for more than 50 counties and districts including those out with the UK. With this in mind I can inform you that there is a County Training Officer course 22-24 March and a County Recruitment Officers Course On 1-2 June, both courses in London. Attendance of these courses is a requirement in order to provide

training in RBL. Anyone interested in attending these courses should contact me.

The next course to be held in Hampshire will be the Independent Examiners course which is critical as we only have one qualified in the county. The course will be 11-12 May. Please be informed that it is a requirement that delegates have previously attended a RBL Branch Treasurer course. The IE course ends in a written exam which delegates shall pass in order to perform duties as an IE. Again, if you are interested in attending this course then please contact me.

It is very satisfying to note that there is a growing interest in holding MAP's and Office 365 workshops for branch officer and committee members in individual branches. If your branch is interested in this then please contact me at Hampshire.cto@rbl.community.

Regards,
Mike Davis
Hampshire CTO.

Branch News

Totton

Since the beginning of October 2018 Volunteers taking part in the Totton Area Poppy Appeal have been extremely busy and so far, have raised over £28,300. Thank you to everyone who helped raise this wonderful amount. We were also lucky to have a magnificent display of ceramic poppies on the central Totton roundabout which were made by local adults and children in workshops run by Tidal Arts and crafts. Tidal have made a donation to the Poppy Appeal as well as giving us some of their demonstration poppies which are available for a suggested donation of £15 to the Poppy Appeal.

2019 will be a busy year as we will continue to hold monthly drop-ins on the last Thursday of the month from 10am to midday at Totton and Eling Community Centre. Everyone is welcome and there are free refreshments. We will also continue fundraising at Car Boot Sales in the Totton Memorial Car park on the first Sunday of each month and hope to attend some summer fetes. Our main Poppy Appeal collection period is from Saturday 26th October until Saturday 9th November when we collect in ASDA Totton and

elsewhere daily. We are a small and friendly team and always welcome new Volunteers. If you can spare an hour or so to help at any of our events please get in touch.

Please ring Susan on 023 8087 3143 or email poppy@compark.co.uk if you have any questions about the Totton Area Poppy Appeal. We will put details of our events on www.poppytotton.co.uk or Facebook TottonAreaRBLPoppyAppeal.

Kingsclere

Since our last article for The Hampshire Link last September, we have been busy as a branch with a number of key events and activities completed ranging from the production of our first ever Kingsclere RBL calendar to various outings and of course culminating in the very special period of Remembrance in November.



The Remembrance event in the village had the largest attendance in living memory, with support coming from all across the community and village organisation including a superb number of youngsters marching with us on the parade. The village was dressed with a number of Silent Soldiers, including one up our church tower and poppies were illuminated against the church wall.



In December we undertook an idea to send Christmas parcels to servicemen and women who would be serving overseas on operational duty over the festive period. With the help of many villagers, the Scouts and Brownies, the branch put together and post to various location 128



parcels; a feat which we are very proud of and we hope to increase on this number in 2019. The parcels were created and self-funded by branch members and donations from the community.

In late November we laid and dedicated a stone in the RBL Memorial Garden to remember and honour Lt Cdr Darren Chapman, Royal Navy; a village man who was sadly killed in action in Iraq. Attendance was made by family members as well as serving personnel from Darren's old unit.



We have started 2019 off with a bang, winning two awards at the County Conference in January; our first ever won as a branch and it is superb to have some recognition of all the hard work our branch has put into raising our profile over the last year.



In an attempt to bring the community together more, we have established a Brunch Club which we intend to run on the first Saturday of each month at 11am in The Crown here in Kingsclere. The first Brunch Club was held in January with 18 attendees taking part, many who have shown interest to join the RBL. The next brunch is scheduled for the 02nd or March and all are welcome however numbers of attendees are required the day before. Further details can be obtained from either our Facebook page (**Kingsclere Royal British Legion**) or from the Branch Chairman at **Kingsclere.Chairman@RBL.Community** Planning is well underway to deliver a number of events over the year, including various branch

“Saturday Club” outings, an Easter Fete and WW2 themed village “Bake Off”.

Our Branch Secretary, Dudley Wall continues to produce stunning one-page histories of Kingsclere soldiers who fought during World War 1, one-page battle overviews and one-page medal briefings for the branch and wider community; some of which can be found on our Kingsclere Branch Facebook site “Kingsclere Royal British Legion”.

Petersfield

Apologies to the Branch for incorrectly stating **Mrs Joan Fanshawe** was from Hambledon in the “We Will Remember” section, this has been rectified.

The Petersfield Secretary is attempting to find out more details about 2 names on the Petersfield War Memorial

Oscar Raphael Kelly – died 12/05/17 in France, commemorated at Oostaverne Wood Cemetery.

George William Denny – West Harting of 6 HAA Artillery, POW in Singapore.

If you have any details about either of these two soldiers please get in contact with the Petersfield Secretary, or through the Link, and I will pass the details along.

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>Sunday</i> <i>14:00</i>	<i>Monday</i> <i>19:30</i>	<i>Wednesday</i> <i>19:00</i>
<i>10th March</i>	<i>11th March</i>	<i>14th March</i>
<i>14th April</i>	<i>15th April</i>	<i>17th April</i>
<i>12th May</i>	<i>13th May</i>	<i>15th May</i>
<i>9th June</i>	<i>10th June</i>	<i>12th June</i>
<i>21st July</i>	<i>15th July</i>	<i>17th July</i>
<i>N/A</i>	<i>12th Aug</i>	<i>14th Aug</i>
<i>8th Sept</i>	<i>9th Sept</i>	<i>11th Sept</i>
<i>20th Oct</i>	<i>14th Oct</i>	<i>16th Oct</i>

Each session is an hour long

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.

Poppy Appeal News

National: £44,114,461-55

Hampshire North: £793,143-46

Hampshire South: £903,420-85

As at 10/02/2019

Based on a population in Hampshire of approximately 1,837,800 people this equates to 92pence per person donated in Hampshire

Neighbouring County Totals:

Isle of Wight- £128,048.58p

Dorset- £700,433.42p

(Data supplied by County Chairman)

PAO Seminar

This years PAO Seminar will take place on Friday 28th June, at the Southwick & Widley D-Day Memorial Hall, Priory Road, Southwick, Fareham, PO17 6ED

Please arrive no earlier than 10am, for a 10:30 start, and hoping to finish around 2.30pm, refreshments and lunch will be provided, if you have specific dietary requirements then please let CFR (N) know.

Please could PAO`s & deputies please contact CFR (N) by 3rd June if you would like to attend:
Email: eparker@britishlegion.org.uk

Notices

Newmarket Race Day

Newmarket Suffolk RBL Raceday Saturday 10 August

Ticket prices: £19.60 for Premier (reduced from £28). £13.30 for Grandstand and

Paddock (reduced from £19) £3 donation to the Legion for every ticket sold.

Number to call - 01638 675500 option 4

Code to quote: RBL19 for Members prices

On sale from Monday 18th February 2019 via Newmarket Races only

<https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/newmarket/even-ts-tickets/royal-british-legion-day/>

Parade of Standards with Leiston RBL Band.

Please contact Sandra Bromley MSO Suffolk to book in – details as below. Free admission for standard bearers only. By end of July please

D-Day 75 Year Anniversary

On the 5th June 1944, General Eisenhower drove from his Headquarters at Southwick near Fareham, Hampshire to Greenham Common Airfield, Newbury, Berkshire to speak to US airborne troops prior to Operation Overlord.

On the 22 June 2019 during the 75th Anniversary Year of D-Day there are plans to drive the route taken by Eisenhower to commemorate this historic occasion. – Further details to follow or contact the Riders Branch Secretary.

Marion Loveland WRNS (TBC)

Will be attending the start at Southwick Park. Served in the WRNS from 1939 to 1945, first in the RMs at Eastney, then HMS Vernon, to Greenwich for commission, then as Assistant Secretary to the Commodore at HMS Collingwood where she was on D Day when she learnt that her fiancée Lt. Alec Aldis, Signal Officer of RM 41 Commando, had been killed on Sword beach, no known grave but the sea.

Attached to the link is an overview of the event on the 22nd June, which is being organised by the Riders Branch.

Further details of the D-Day commemorations that will be held on Southsea Common have not yet be released by Portsmouth City Council, however a number of other RBL events are listed on the Legion`s Website

Events Diary

2019

June

6th – D-Day 75

Details to be confirmed

22nd – Military Vehicle Commemorative Convoy
Southwick Park – Lasham Air field – Greenham
Common

See attached “D-Day Vehicle Parade”

28th – PAO Seminar – 1030hrs

Southwick & Widley D-Day Memorial Hall
PO17 6ED

Email: eparker@britishlegion.org.uk

August

10th – Newmarket Race Day

Tickets £19-60, £13-30 with £3.00 donation TRBL
Newmarket Racetrack, Suffolk

Tel: 01638 675500 option 4

Quote: RBL19 for members prices

<https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/newmarket/events-tickets/royal-british-legion-day/>

October

26th – Poppy Appeal launch

November

10th – Remembrance Sunday

11th – Armistice Day

Please if you have any events in the pipeline then contact the Hampshire Link Newsletter and 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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By the 28th of the month

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>Robert Bartlett</i>
Treasurer	<i>Brian C N Soffe</i>
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