**Kingsclere Royal British Legion – May 2019**

Progress continues in our village branch with a number of successes to report since our last article for The Link.

We held our second Kingsclere RBL Bunch Club on the Saturday the 02nd March 2019 in The Crown pub in the village. The event was a success with an increase in numbers from the Bunch Club held in February. The next Brunch Club is scheduled for 11am on the first Saturday in May here in Kingsclere and all are welcome; all we need are numbers the day before to warn off The Crown’s chef. Further details can be obtained from either our Facebook page (**Kingsclere Royal British Legion**) or from the Branch Chairman at **Kingsclere.Chairman@RBL.Community**

Recruitment is up! We have had 9 new members joining our branch since January, which for a branch with only 40 members in December last year is a great achievement and is testament to the hard work the whole branch is putting into our publicity and media campaigns.

Work continues to plan out the other events we have scheduled for the year, including our Easter Fete which will be held on Saturday the 27th April 2019 here in the village starting at noon.

Members of our committee were made very welcome when we visited the Old Basing Branch in early March. With our branches being only 7 miles apart, we are keen to improve our liaison and coordination with Old Basing to enable us to swap ideas, share events and provide each other support where we can.

You may have noted on previous editions of The Link and on our Facebook site a number of “one page histories” of Kingsclere Men with a military connection. Our Branch Secretary has worked tirelessly to put his creations into a full colour booklet of some 60 pages which contains all the histories and much more besides. These have been made at no cost to the branch and will be for sale very soon.

Mark Holden

Chairman

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