



### We Will Remember Them

Mr M E Reed – *EMMB (President) & Milford-on-Sea*, Mr J Graham – *Fawley*  
Mr T Hope – *The Wallops & District (Chairman & PAO)*  
Mr F Longley – *Lee on Solent*, Mr R Dear – *Copythorne & District*  
Mrs W Hobbs – *Ringwood*, Mrs L Stewart – *Droxford & District*

*Our sincere condolences to family and friends*

### General Election 2019

As you will be aware, a general election will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Parliament will be dissolved on Wednesday 6 November, but campaigning has already started. This is the first time in over 80 years that the Poppy Appeal and Remembrancetide have coincided within a general election campaign.

You will also be aware that it is important that the charity and the cause are not misused for party political purposes during this time. There are both Charity Commission and Electoral Commission rules which charities have to observe during elections. In particular we need to be careful about interaction with parties and parliamentary candidates. Once Parliament is dissolved there are no MPs, and any activity involving candidates or their supporters needs to be reviewed and carefully handled or restricted.

In the Public Affairs and Public Policy team we have produced a briefing note on the implications of the election (attached) and will circulate guidance to help everyone understand how the charity and its representatives should act during the campaign as a whole. If you have any questions - or any issue arises - please let me know and I will liaise with the PAPP team on your behalf.

As usual, the Legion will also be producing a manifesto outlining our key recommendations for the next Parliament, and there will be further information on that after the conclusion of the Poppy Appeal and Remembrance.

I would be grateful if you could draw this information to the attention of your branches, particularly if you think they are likely to encounter situations involving politicians and election campaigners.

*Sandra Fruish MBA MSc*

### National News

#### General Data Protection Regulations

GDPR has been in place for over a year and so it is important that we all remember to make sure that personal data, particularly publicly available data is kept up to date.

We have recently received complaints regarding out of date personal information or personal information that should no longer be on some branch websites. For example, this could be an ex committee officer or someone who has since deceased. This can be classed as a data breach and if we are made aware then it will be passed on to our Data Protection Officer as required by law.

**Please remember that it is the responsibility of each Branch or County to maintain and keep up to date their branch website including if you have set up your own.**

Any data breaches you are made aware of need to be rectified as soon as possible and reported to our Data Protection Officer:

[dataprotection@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:dataprotection@britishlegion.org.uk)

You will find our GDPR supporting documents in the Membership Resources area here:

<https://trbl.sharepoint.com/sites/MembershipResources/SitePages/GDPR-and-Data-Protection.aspx>

where you will also find our Membership Retention Schedule that informs you how long different types of personal data can be held for. If you have any queries regarding Branch websites please send an email to

[Membership.ITSupport@rbl.community](mailto:Membership.ITSupport@rbl.community). I also encourage any of you that use Yammer to join the Webmasters group where you will find a supportive group of other branch webmasters.

*Tom Shepherd*

Membership IT Systems Manager

## Branch Committees - Amendment

A Motion at National Conference for smaller Branches to reduce the number of People required for a Branch Committee has been authorised by the Board of Trustees.

Branches are no longer required to have a post of Vice-Chairman. Branches are still required to fill the following positions:

- Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 3 Committee Members

*This is a change from last months post which was updated by the Board of Trustees, Branches must have a minimum of SIX members on their committee.*

## County News

### Hampshire County Conference

The Hampshire County Conference of Branches takes place at Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020 starting at 1030hrs. Branch Secretaries will soon be receiving the Notice of Conference with application forms for:

- Branch Delegate(s)
- Motions & Charter Motions for Conference
- County Committee (8 Vacancies)
- County Conference Committee (1 year)
- National Conference Committee (3 years)
- Place of Conference 2022

The application forms for County Awards:

- Shaw or Capper Cup
- Howard Memorial Cup
- County President's Shield
- Business Affiliation Shield
- Poppy Organiser's Cup
- Poppy Appeal Cup

*Please read the nomination forms and if you believe a Branch or individual meets the standard then use the forms and nominate, if the Branch/Individual is not nominated they cannot win and receive the recognition they deserve.*

The following will also be awarded but no nominations required.

- Stockdale Membership Cup
- Folley Membership Cup
- Buckingham Shield
- Wells Rose Bowl
- PAO's Cup

Please note that due to the age and fragility of the cups, they will now be kept in storage, and all winners and runners' ups will receive certificates. This Notice and requisite forms can be accessed by Branch officials on MAP (Office 365) on the Hampshire page in County Shared Documents/County Conference/Forms A-I

Note:

*Mr TR Russell, Mr R Bartlett, Mrs PM Prior BEN QVRM, Mr B Mansi, Mr MJ Davis & Mr A Knight are serving members of the Hampshire County Committee who may NOT be nominated for Conference 2020.*

## Training

I have arranged a series of one day Branch Management courses. These will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December in Old Basing and 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December at the Area Office in Southampton. I will also hold one course on 19<sup>th</sup> January at Aldershot RBL at the request of that branch. I have been informed by the branch that they are willing to open this course to other branches in the area. This course is suitable for all current and prospective branch committee members. This will be a full day starting at 09:00 and ending late afternoon. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. There will be a limited number of places on these courses so I would encourage those who wish to attend to submit an application as soon as possible. Depending on take up of this course we will be running more in the New Year.

Further to the above I will also be arranging a series of one day Branch Treasurer Courses in the first quarter of 2020. This course is suitable for both current and prospective Branch Treasurers and can also be considered as a refresher for those who received their training some time ago.

For those Branch Treasurers who would like to do the two day course, I will be arranging two, one in the north of the county and one in the south, sometime in the first half of 2020. I am aware that Berkshire will be running a two day Branch Treasurers course early in 2020 and I am very willing to put forward candidates from Hampshire who would take this course. To my knowledge it will be held just south of Reading so it is very convenient especially for those in the north of the county.

*Mike Davis*

County Training Officer

## Branch News

### Petersfield

Petersfield Poppy Appeal is under way with photo shoot and Waitrose Community Counts cheque presentation on 12th October at the Red Lion. Street collections commence on November 2nd till November 9th. Shop collections from October 26th till November 9th. There is a need for Street Collectors - anybody who can spare a couple of hours a day please contact David Lloyd on 01730 260030 or david.lloyd84@ntlworld.com for details.

Remembrance Sunday Church Parade in the Square and War Memorial is November 10th with Armistice Day November 11th, with a ceremony by the War Memorial at 11.00.



## 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.

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.

### Eastleigh

Sunday

14:00

### Lymington

Monday

19:30

### Fleet

Wednesday

19:00

*Dates to be confirmed for 2020 soon*

## Competition

The Hampshire County Standard Bearers competition took place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019, in the presence of the County President, Col Andy King.

Judges: Deborah Lofts & Bernard Copelin

Parade Marshals: Steve Forward & David Graham

Adjudicators: Brian Soffe Martin Wiltshire

The results as follows: (max 150 points)

1<sup>st</sup> – Peter Pullin – Fawley – 109 Points

2<sup>nd</sup> – Andy Cassidy – Aldershot – 96.5 Points

3<sup>rd</sup> – Dudley Howard – Farnborough – 96 Points

The judges were very strict, but the competition was very good and well contested.

However, it was disappointing that only 3 Standard Bearers took part in the Competition from all the Branches that are in the County.

It cost the County a lot of money to stage the competition, due to hall hire, so please if you're a Standard Bearer do take part as it brings prestige to your Branch, and can lead to representing the County at the District competitions.

## Poppy Appeal

### 2019 Poppy Appeal

Poppy Appeal Organisers are reminded of their legal obligations to ensure that returns are back to the Poppy Village by the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019, for all the donations that have currently been banked.

You must ensure the returns are completed on time even if you have outstanding donations still to be banked, these outstanding donations should then be included in your supplementary return, which should be at the Poppy Village by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

The RBL will be fined each PAO who fails to send in their December return by the Charity commission, and last year this was over £30k.

This money could have been put towards supporting the Appeal's aims, and is very easily remedied by PAO's ensuring they complete and send in their returns.

## Attachments

General Election 2019 – Guidance Notes



**"TO GET MY LIFE BACK"**  
**"TO BE PART OF A TEAM AGAIN"**

Just some of the reasons veterans apply for

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION VETERANS' COURSE

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The Royal British Legion Battle Back Centre has developed a new  
 5 day fully funded residential course for Veterans.

10 – 14 February 2020  
 11 – 15 May 2020  
 6 – 10 July 2020  
 21 – 25 September 2020  
 16 – 20 November 2020  
 25 - 29 January 2021  
 22 – 26 March 2021

To apply for a course call **0195 281 5681**  
 or email [battlebackcentreveteranscourse@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:battlebackcentreveteranscourse@britishlegion.org.uk)



THE ROYAL BRITISH  
**LEGION**



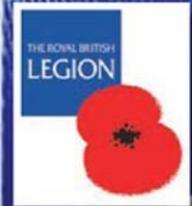
BATTLE BACK CENTRE  
 LILLESHELL

**Veterans need to have served in the UK Armed Forces.**  
 To gain benefit from the course, veterans must be independently mobile and self-medicating.  
 The Battle Back Centre is a recovery facility and is unable to provide clinical or nursing support.  
 Registered charity number: 219279





**MICHELMERSH SILVER BAND**  
 supporting the  
**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL**  
 presents



# VICTORY!



A gala concert packed full of music for all tastes with a special flag-waving celebration of the upcoming 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

**Romsey Abbey**

**Saturday 23rd November 2019 : 7.30pm**

**Reserved Tickets: £15 & £12 Unreserved: £10**

**BOX OFFICE: ROMSEY TOURIST INFORMATION - 01794 512987**

**[www.romseyabbey.org.uk/visit/concerts/](http://www.romseyabbey.org.uk/visit/concerts/)**

Michelmersh Silver Band Registered Charity No: 1107458

## Events Diary

### 2019

#### November

- 9<sup>th</sup>** – Festival of Remembrance  
Royal Albert Hall  
**10<sup>th</sup>** – Remembrance Sunday  
**11<sup>th</sup>** – Armistice Day  
**16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>** – Independent Examiners Course

#### November

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** – Branch Management Course  
Old Basing RBL Club  
**7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>** – Branch Management Course  
Area Office Southampton  
**23<sup>rd</sup>** – Michelmersh Silver Band – 7.30pm  
Romsey Abbey  
Tel: 01794 512987



### 2020

#### January

- 18<sup>th</sup>** – County Conference of Branches– 10.30am  
Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham  
**19<sup>th</sup>** – Branch Management Course  
Aldershot RBL Club

*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](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/)

Facebook - Email

[Hampshire.web@rbl.community](mailto:Hampshire.web@rbl.community)

Poppy Appeal

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

## Contact us

**It's your newsletter!!!**

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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>Ges Brown</i>
MSO	<i>Christopher Bolton</i>
Membership Council Rep	<i>Gerry Nunn</i>
Area Manager SW	<i>Craig Spence</i>
Training Officer	<i>Mike Davis</i>
Recruitment Officer	<i>Pat Prior BEM, QVRM</i>
Branch Support – North	<i>Jacki Gatfield</i>
Branch Support - South	<i>Andy Knight</i>
Youth Officer	<i>Vacant</i>
Committee Members	<i>Brian Mansi &amp; Brian Soffe</i>
CFR – Manager SW	<i>Claire Peppiatt</i>
CFR – Hampshire North	<i>Jim Parker</i>
CFR – Hampshire South	<i>Sarah Ferris</i>
PAO Coordinator – North	<i>Jacki Gatfield</i>
PAO Coordinator – South	<i>Pat Prior BEM QVRM</i>
Communications Support	<i>Avril Mitchell</i>
Hampshire Link	<i>Darron Back</i>