



## We Will Remember Them

Mr H Nicholson – *Sutton Scotney*  
Mrs R Cousens – *Aldershot*

*Our sincere condolences to family and friends*

## National News

### National Campaign

The following link will take members to the RBL Web Page that is dealing with a very important National Campaign to stop Commonwealth UK Armed Forces & their immediate families, please visit the link and have a look at the full details, a copy a letter sent to Mr Kevin Foster at the Home Office, who is responsible for the present Immigration policy.

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/campaigns-policy-and-research/campaigns/commonwealth-personnel-visa-fees>

### VJ Day Commemorations

We now turn to looking forward to commemorating VJ Day. As we see the start of lifting of restrictions of lockdown, we are likely to see a physical event and act of Remembrance; however, this comes with significant caveats and it is unlikely to be a mass participant event. We will know more as we get closer, and we will keep you informed.

More importantly any local activity is still likely to need to be conducted under certain conditions so any participation locally should observe social distancing requirements as directed by the Government and err on the side of caution in terms of volumes of attendees. Again, we will continue to keep you updated and provide guidance as circumstances change.

## County News

### Membership Support Officer

A number of Branches have question why they are receiving emails from Paul Bunce, MSO for Wiltshire & Hampshire County, our own MSO

has been placed on furlough by the RBL, to reduce costs, and help with social distancing at the Area Office.

Chris will be returning to his usual position in the near future when the Government and RBL feel it is safe to.

This is happening to a number of MSO around the Country and not just to Hampshire, so please if you have any question, then direct them to Paul for the time being.

## Branch News

### Aldershot

I write to inform the Members of the Aldershot Branch of the details for the funeral of Rose Cousens.

The service will take place at the Aldershot Crematorium on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 1215.

The service is currently restricted to immediate family only due to Covid restrictions.

We are currently unable to parade the Standard or attend in person at the funeral so, as a mark of respect, please could we all observe our own moments of silence and reflection during the service.

Rose was a lovely lady whose passion for the Royal British Legion was there for all to see. Many years ago, when we had the North Lane Club, her Christmas children's parties signalled the start of Christmas for many families. There was always a full attendance of children enjoying themselves. She also worked hard to ensure the survival of the Branch in Aldershot when there were only five active members. She was always good company and a friend to all who came through the door. She will be greatly missed by all the Branch members.



### Petersfield

The Armed Forces Flag was raised at Petersfield Festival Hall at 09.00 on 27th June, including the playing of the Last Post and Reveille. In attendance were Petersfield Mayoress Lesley Farrow, Cllr James Deane, Standard Bearer Daz Hare, RBL Vice- Chairman Mark Hayward and members Lt Col Guy Obbard MBE, Chris Paige, David and Christopher Lloyd. Chris Pellett made a video recording and several members of the Public were also there.



### Bordon & District

The Bordon & Whitehill town council held a reduced Armed Forces Day Flag Raising this year to take into account of the current restrictions. Only 6 people were officially invited, and no publicity prior to the event made. The Bordon & District Branch Secretary raised the Flag on behalf of the Armed Forces and Veterans, and the Town Mayor gave a small speech. The event was recorded and published on social media afterwards, for all to see.

### Lt Col Tom Adlam VC

Bordon & Whitehill are honoured to have in our district, the Grave of Lt Col Tom Adlam VC, who served in both World Wars, and lived to serve the community as the local Headmaster. His son was asked to read out the words of his father at the Centenary of the Somme on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

His son Clive received so many requests to talk about his father from all over the world that he sat down and wrote a book, not just about the action that won the VC, but his life story and legacy. The book "My Dad, Colonel Tom VC" is available from Clive by emailing [clivea31@btinternet.com](mailto:clivea31@btinternet.com) (no price available at publishing)

### Romsey Branch

A small private D-Day commemoration service was held by Robert McCann and fellow veterans outside his house. On display was the British Nuclear Test Veterans Association (Essex) Standards. A 2 minutes silence was observed, as well as social distancing.





## Standard Bearers

### Training

All Standard Bearers are reminded that it is current RBL policy that **NO** Standard is present at funerals.

### Covid 19

There is currently no change to RBL policy for the commencement of Branch Meetings.

Once the Government has made changes to the current guidelines, then as appropriate the Royal British Legion will contact Branches via Yammer, Social media, and County Chairmen, so please, until such changes are made, do not hold Branch meetings.

### Notices

#### Attachments

Attached to this months Hampshire Link, is an Article about the Women`s Section, and how they held there VE Day commemorations.

There are a couple of new quizzes, for you to pass out to your members from Chris White of the Lee on the Solent Branch, as before the solutions will be published next month.

#### Articles

Once again can I please ask Branches, individuals to please submit articles for the Link, it can be about and event, a person of interest, or event request for assistance from other Branches.

The Hampshire Link is here for the benefit of the Hampshire Members, and a copy is sent to the Legion Magazine each month, so there is a chance your article could also appear there.

The editor understands that during this difficult time, that nothing is happening within Branches, but this might be the opportunity to praise a member for their hard work helping others out.

So Please, if you have any news or other articles then please contact the link via the contact details opposite.

## 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/)

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