



We Will Remember Them

Mr W Blowes – *Aldershot*

Our sincere condolences to family and friends

National News

2021 National Census

The next National Census is due to be completed in April 2021, and this year there is a new question specifically aimed at Serving and Retired members of HM Forces. This question is being asked so that assistance and extra funding can be targeted to the areas that have higher numbers of Serving and Retired Forces personnel. More details will be published over the next few months, but everybody is requested to fill out the Census regarding current and past service as accurately as possible.

Branches

Bordon & District

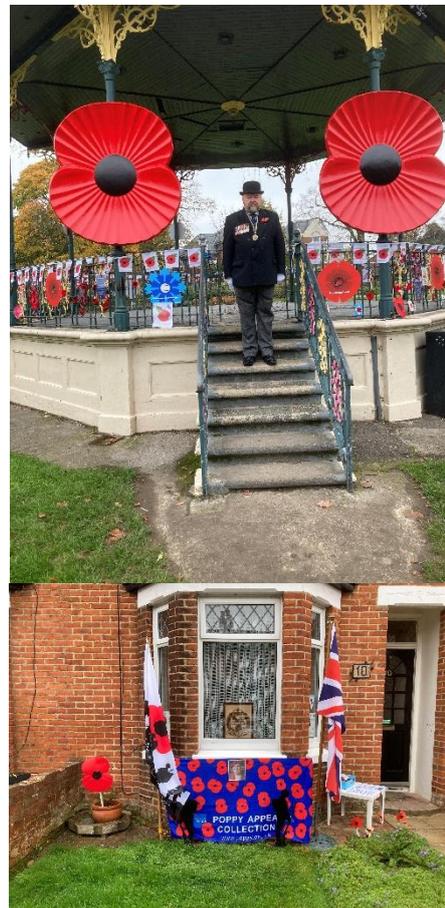
The Bordon & District Branch held a very much reduced Remembrance Sunday Service, and Armistice Day Service of Remembrance this year. The Town Council produced a very short service, and a number of Wreaths were laid at St Matthews Church (8th Nov) and Wreaths and Crosses for the Named from the Book of Remembrance (11th Nov).

The event was not advertised, and it was strongly recommended that people observed the 2-minute Silence on their own door steps, about 60 people who observed social distancing and majority wearing face masks, attending the Armistice Service of the 11th Nov to remember those that gave their lives in the service of their Country.



Petersfield

The annual Service of Remembrance was held at Petersfield War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November, and with the Covid restrictions, the turnout was as expected a lot lower than normal, however those that did attend, followed the guide lines for social distancing and masks.



Eastleigh

Eastleigh managed to hold a small Service of Remembrance, and decorated the Band Stand in the area for Remembrance this year, and a number of others decorated their front Gardens to show their support for the Fallen.



Aldershot

The Branch is sad to announce the passing of Walter “Wally” Blowes, who passed away in his sleep on the 5th November 2020.

Wally was an integral part of the Morrison’s Poppy Appeal Collection team and enjoyed trips to the Arboretum with the Branch and his wife Rosalind. Wally was also a regular at the Scout Hut for the Branch’s monthly coffee mornings.

He will be greatly missed by the Branch, and thoughts are with Rosalind and their family at this very sad times.

Poppy Appeal

2020 Appeal (As at 30/11/20)

Hampshire North - £173,573-32

Hampshire South – £190,288-41

As many of you will have heard, Sarah Ferris, has decided to leave the post of Hampshire (North) Community Fund Raiser as of the 1st of December to take a position with the University of Surrey. If any PAO requires any assistance with the Appeal they should make contact with Claire Smith CFR Hampshire (South)c-

csmith4@britishlegion.org.uk until such time as a replacement for Sarah is found.

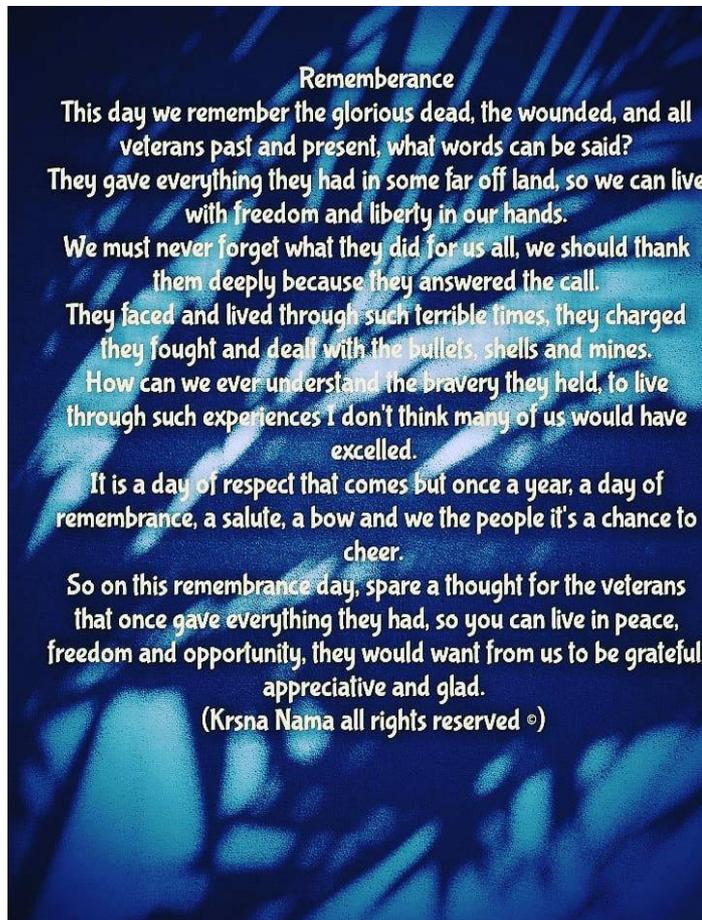
We wish Sarah all the best in her new position and thank her for all the hard work that she has done since her appointment.

Notices

Centennial Birthdays

Please remember to contact the County Chairman, Hampshire.chairman@rbl.community or myself at the Link, hampshirelink@outlook.com if any of your Branch members will be reaching the ripe young age of 100, as the County Patron, Sir Mark Mans KCB CBE DL, would like to send his best wishes on behalf of the County RBL Members.

Remembrance Poem



This poem has been reproduced as an attachment to the Link.

County Websites

RBL Website:

www.BritishLegion.org.uk

County Website:

<http://counties.britishlegion.org.uk/counties/hampshire>

Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/groups/hantscountyrbl/

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Hampshire.web@rbl.community

Poppy Appeal

www.facebook.com.poppy.HampshireRBL

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**Notice is given that Annual Meeting of the
County Conference will be held online on
Saturday 16th January 2021.**

Conference will start at 10.30am and is anticipated to run for 90 minutes.

County Conference is conducted under the
County Byelaws and Standing Orders for
Conference issued to Branches.

Save the Date

Agenda, delegate joining details,
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