

We Will Remember Them

To all that we have lost this month

Our sincere condolences to family and friends

National News

Branch Meetings

With the Covid Restrictions easing, Branches may now restart meetings provided they carry out the following:

- **Risk Assessment** – number of people, ventilation, cleaning & hand sanitation.
- **Consideration** – towards those that may not feel comfortable with face-to-face meetings.
- **Guidance** – be guided by the most cautious in the Branch, if one wants masks & social distancing – everyone wears a mask and social distances.

The MSO, under local restrictions, can now conduct face-to-face meetings so long as they feel comfortable doing so.

Branch Community Support can resume, but again please be respectful of the people you are visiting, and as guidance masks should be worn unless the client is happy for it to be removed.

Outside meetings are still better than inside, so wherever possible please arrange meetings outside making the most of the current “summer” weather.

Let`s enjoy getting back together and catching up in a careful & safe manner, look after each other and stay on top of any changes to the local regulations

Remember – be guided by the most cautious person in the Branch and if one wants masks everyone should respect that and all should put on masks.

Branch News

Petersfield

Petersfield Branch Chairman, Secretary, Standard Bearer and Members turned out at Petersfield train station to welcome Mike Homer and his epic journey to visit 100+ Branches within 100hrs – over the course of 6 days.

Mike is doing his challenge to raise funds for the Poppy Appeal and Petersfield were there to meet and greet Mike, and sign his certificate of attendance and take photos.



On 19th July 2021 Petersfield Branch celebrated its own Centennial and a few members of the Branch plus the Standard commemorated this date by parading at the War Memorial, the official blessing/dedication will take place on 11th November this year.



Ringwood

On Sunday 15th August 2021 the Ringwood War Memorial is being re dedicated after a major refurbishment, band music starts at 11.30 service 12 midday should last approx 30 mins with band music for 30 mins afterwards, all visitors and standard bearers welcome, for more information contact Brian Mansi 01202 572183

Old Basing

With something like normality returning just in time, we were able to host the Old Basing RBL's seventh Armed Forces Golf Day and 44 enthusiastic golfers turned up to play at Sherfield Oaks on June 28th.

Heavy overnight rain and dreary forecast didn't inspire but fears of a slog were dispelled and the day turned out to be warm and windless, thus

some very good scores were recorded on a Waterloo course in very good nick.

As well as prizes for the individual winners and Nearest-the-Pin shots, players amalgamated into a four-man format with the best two scores on each hole contributing toward the team's total. The winning team members were Scott Devlin, Scott Lawner, Kevin Vane and Jim Stirrup. who amassed 93 points.

In second place on countback, scoring 90, were Mark Winyard, Gavin Jackson, Chris Collyer and Tony Norfolk. Also scoring 90 were David Harrison, Kevin White, Jim Coventry and Peter Applegate taking the third spot.

The individual winner this year with an impressive Stableford score of 45 was Kevin White from the Army G.C, playing off 17. Second spot with 39 points was secured by last year's winner, Chris Godfrey playing off a handicap of 22. Third place, on countback, was Scott Devlin with a commendable 38 off a handicap of 11, and in fourth was Scott Lawner also with 38 points, playing off 10.

The Secret Pairs, effectively a draw of all players and their scores, was won by Marc Ginger and Tony Norfolk with the highest total of 74 points. All of the par three holes were individually entered by the players for cash prizes so Nearest the Pin honours went to Gavin Jackson who nailed the 2nd, Noel Donovan won the 5th (again, as he did last year!) Ryan Houston the 7th, , Dave Jones the 12th and Pete Woods the 15th. Several of the winners donated their winnings back to the Poppy Appeal fund which was much appreciated.

There were a number of prizes brought along by the players towards the raffle as well as four very generous donations from local businesses, ie, Olivers Fish and Chips, The Basing Takeaway, The Co-op, and Tesco at Chineham.

The proceeds of all of this plus the competition entry fees realized a record total of £600 profit for the Poppy Appeal, which was presented to a delighted Tim Russell, the PAO for Old Basing RBL.

Huge thanks to everyone for the players generosity and the donating businesses plus a big mention to Steve Western for totting up scorecards and assessing finishing positions.

Rick Bourne

Hampshire RBL Golf Secretary

Notices

RBL100 Champagne

This year we are delighted to be working in partnership with Eminent Wines to create a limited-edition range of centenary champagne, which has now launched on the Eminent Wines website: eminentwines.com/rbl. Eminent Wines is donating 10% of the sale price from every bottle to the RBL.

You may already have seen the collection, which is made up of three bespoke cuvées, each with a name significant to the RBL: *Reveille* (Brut), *Champs des Fleurs* (Rose), and *Centurion* (Blanc de Blanc). The bottles are decorated with elegant poppy illustrations. Eminent Wines is pleased to offer a 5% discount on purchases made from its website for any events, including RBL100 events, you might have planned for the coming months. Simply enter the promotional code **RBL005** at checkout.

Resettlement Fair

The RBL have been contacting from British Forces Resettlement Services (BFRS) to advise about their next Employment and careers Fair for the Armed Forces Community (AFC). The event will be held on the 23rd September 2021 at Tidworth Leisure Centre, Nadder road, Tidworth, SP9 7QN.

After a successful Covid secure face-to-face event held on the 8th July at Leicester Racecourse, we are confident that our next event to be held at Tidworth Leisure Centre will also be a great success. We plan to have over 60 separate stands with a mix of Employers, Course providers and general advice for Service leavers, Veterans and their families.

These events can be a great opportunity for service leavers to meet possible future employers. It can also be a reality check for some, with a realistic view of job opportunities and salary expectations. For this reason, it can also be a great retention tool. Having recently been through the resettlement process myself I understand better than most that attending one of these events can be daunting. The event starts at 0930hrs and is generally quite busy in the first few hours. It can be quite intense and for some an overwhelming and challenging experience. If you have anyone that would find this busy environment difficult, I

suggest arriving after 1100hrs when it will be much quieter.

Thank you for your time today, I look forward to your response and very much hope you and your personnel can attend. It would be greatly appreciated if you could disseminate the information and publish the dates of this event on your unit orders. I have attached a BFRS promotional a poster for the event. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. (Details on the poster attached)

Michael Homer – Update

After 1,856 miles, early mornings and late nights, Michael completed his challenge

“I could not have done it without you all, the Branches, Railways everybody.”

The first thing to bring smiles to the railway ticket Inspectors was the ticket which SWT gave to me. All of them said I have not seen a ticket like that before! and some said please can I take a photo of it, please. Disabled assistance worked, I am going to put together a video so I can put it on Facebook. The JustGiving page stands at £3,246. The icing on the cake was!! GWR has some new trains one is dedicated to service personnel that have got the VC and it is called the Poppy train I was waiting at Reading to go to Oxford. AND see the photo a bit of a shock!!



Michael will be posting a video of his challenge to Facebook in the near future and his JustGiving page currently stands at £3,246 which will be going to the RBL Poppy Appeal.



hampshire
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7.11.2021 7pm

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Thursday 23rd
September 2021
09.30hrs to 13.30hrs

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for the
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Community

Tidworth Leisure Centre,
Tidworth, Wiltshire
SP9 7QN

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