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## Supporting local communities all over the world

Building on our 100 year history to  
ensure the RBL is fit for the next 100 years



### Creating better futures for the Armed Forces community



#### The history of the Hong Kong and China Branch

The Branch was formed in 1921 and has the highest membership compared to other overseas Branches. Being at the heart of their community, Members are reaching out to ex service people who live in Hong Kong while in June they attended an event during which a local company named one of their recreational



#### Remembering the Indonesian Confrontation 55 years on

The Indonesian Confrontation started in January 1963 and ended in August 1966. One of our members Dave Wakelam was back then one of the soldiers who served in the area and shared what happened during this time in history. From the attempt to overthrow the Sultan of Brunei to the top secret 'Op Claret'

junks POPPY with a percentage of the earnings of POPPY donated to the Branch.

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programme, Dave recalled some of the most important incidents of this confrontation.

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### Tickets for the Festival of Remembrance held on 13 November

Tickets for the evening performance will go on sale on **14 September** at 10am (up to 2 tickets per member) and for the afternoon performance on **21 September** at 10am (up to 4 tickets per member). All tickets can be booked [online](#) (the link will go live on 14 September). If you are having problems purchasing a ticket online, please call 0345 845 1945. Members must be prepared to quote the name of their branch and membership number when booking, as well as provide the information requested by the Metropolitan Police.

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### Did you know that...



This October a service of celebration and thanksgiving will take place at Westminster



This Remembrance Sunday we remember the service and sacrifice of all those who served to

Abbey to mark RBL100. The event is by invitation only and among the few guests will be Members of the Royal Family, the National President, the National Chairman and all those including members, nominated for an award under the Reward and Recognition scheme.

defend our freedom. 10,000 people are expected to take part in the March Past while Members of The Royal Family and representatives from the Armed Forces will lay wreaths. You can watch the service on TV and join us for the two minute silence.



## Veteran owned businesses inbound over at the Poppy Shop

The RBL has a long history of helping veterans back into work and providing grants to set up their business. We want to go one step further by establishing a 'Veterans' Market' within the Poppy Shop, aiming to support veterans grow their businesses, by guiding them through initial business processes and feature exclusive products only available at the Poppy Shop. Keep an eye out for more information and the launch in mid-September.



Helping sick and wounded veterans after WWI and beyond

Over 55,000 men returned from WWI suffering from Tuberculosis (TB). Back then, the British Legion created a hospital and village to



Helping a veteran and his family get back on their feet

Army veteran Jake Shroff was suffering from PTSD when he was referred to Walking with the Wounded for support. Jake was also in

rehabilitate TB sufferers by providing treatment and offering appropriate work and housing. Today the village in Aylesford continues to provide housing and support to 300 members of the community, thanks to our charity partner Royal British Legion Industries.

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need of a trike which helps with his mental health. After getting in touch with the RBL, the charity bought him the trike and Jake now says it has been a lifesaver while he also encourages others to ask for help if they are struggling.

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## Save the date – Wednesday 29 September

Calling everyone across RBL! In July we told you that as part of our Reward and Recognition scheme, we'd be planning a digital event to celebrate some of the amazing contributions that people across the RBL network have made to our organisation.

Please reserve **Wednesday 29th September** in your diaries from 3pm.

We're in the process of finalising the details. Watch this space for more information to follow soon.



Join Pedal to Paris 2022 and raise funds for the Armed Forces community

During this four day ride you'll cycle through the beautiful countryside before arriving at the Arc De Triomphe in a Tour De France style finish. You can enjoy the comradeship of fellow cyclists while our experienced team will take care of everything for you from rolling road closures to accommodation and motorbike outriders on roads in France.



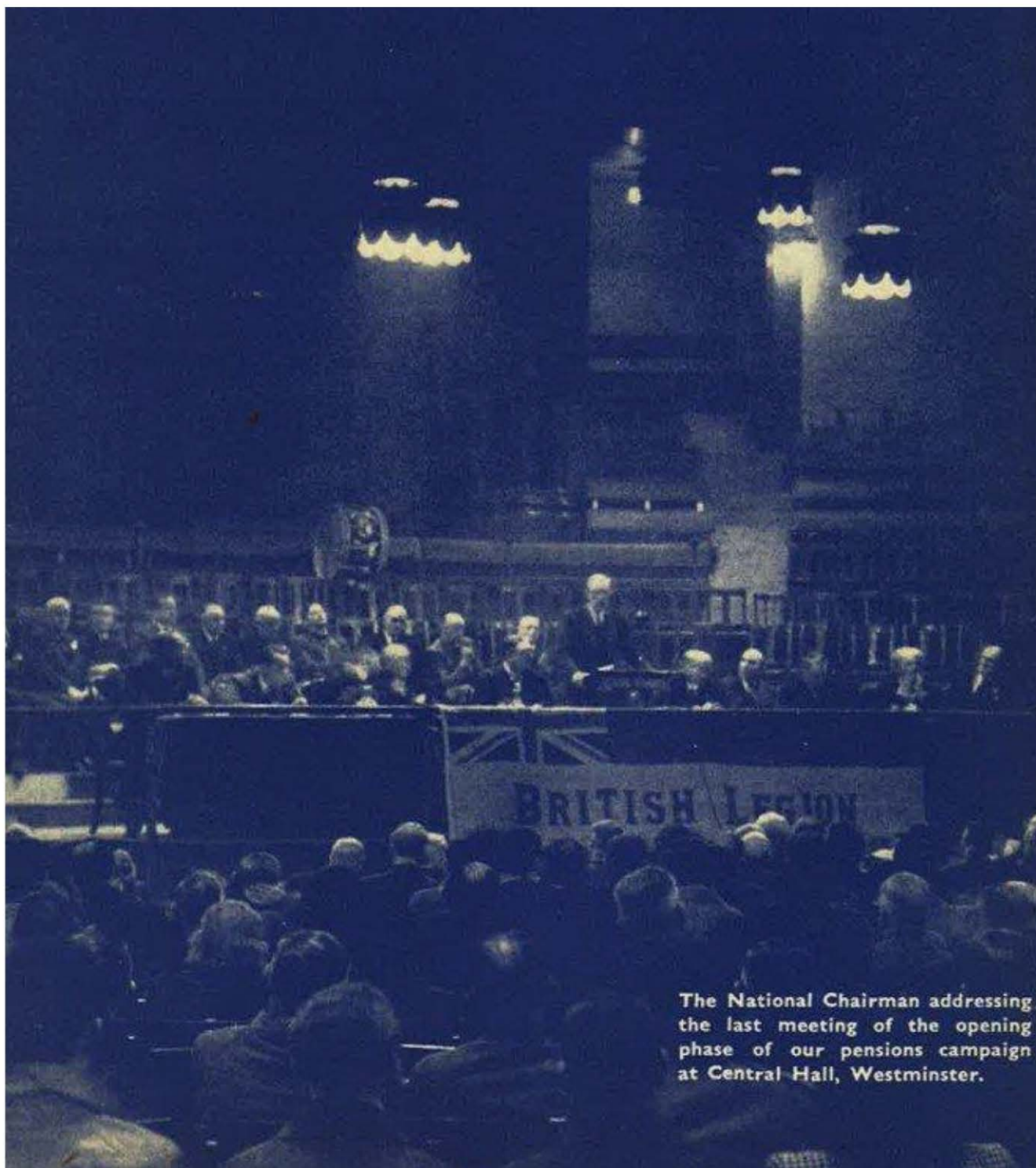
Take part in Poppy Run between 1 October and 30 November

Our popular Poppy Run events are back this year and you can either join us at an event near you or sign up to the My Poppy Run virtual challenge. Participants of all ages and abilities, as well as the family dog are welcome to run, walk or jog and raise vital funds to help us provide life-changing support to the Armed Forces community.

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## Going back in time



The National Chairman addressing the last meeting of the opening phase of our pensions campaign at Central Hall, Westminster.

### From the Royal British Legion Magazine May 1952

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## This month's poll

With the British troops leaving Afghanistan this month, we'd like to know how many of our members have served in Afghanistan or if you have a relative or friend who has served in Afghanistan?

1. Yes I have served in Afghanistan
2. Yes I have a relative who has served in Afghanistan
3. Yes I have a friend who has served in Afghanistan
5. No I don't know of anyone who served in Afghanistan
5. Other

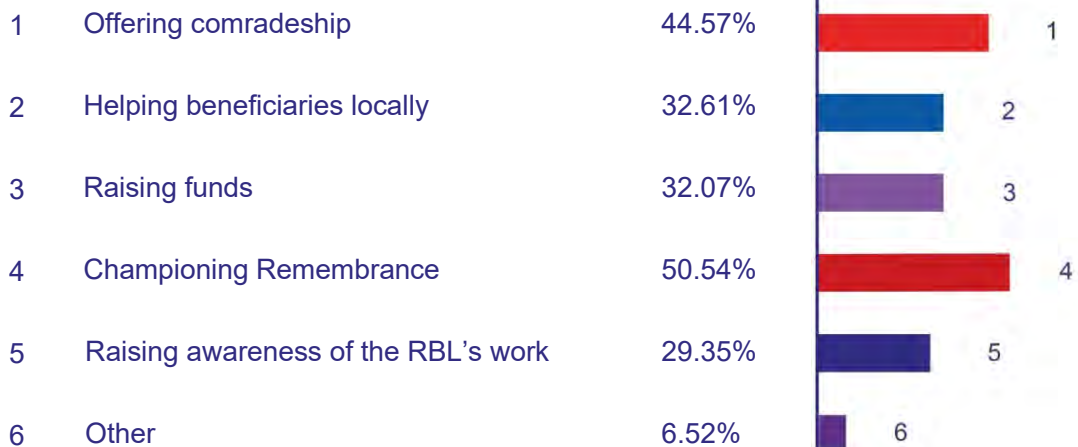
[Take part in the poll](#)

## Last month's poll

Members have been supporting all aspects of the RBL's work since 1921. What would you consider as the most important impact that Members have made over the years?

**184 Participants**

**%**



## Encourage others to join

Our members play a vital role in ensuring that the Royal British Legion can continue to provide support to the Armed Forces community as well as upholding the importance of Remembrance. Share this email with others you think might be interested in Legion membership.

[Join now](#)

If you have any questions about the e-newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact me. If you have questions about your membership card or want to change your home or email address please contact our Membership Services team [MembershipServices@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:MembershipServices@britishlegion.org.uk)

Best wishes,

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