

We Will Remember Them

Mr N Smale – *Basingstoke & Overton*

Mr W Taylor – *Sutton Scotney*

Our sincere condolences to family and friends

National News

Parades

As many Branches celebrate or plan their centenary and some work on Remembrance events, we wanted to reiterate the Legion's policy about road closures for parades.

The Legion does NOT own or insure road closures (known as Temporary Traffic Management Orders or TTMOs). That is because the law relating to the safe deployment and removal of a TTMO is complex and should be left to local authorities or the police, who are the experts.

The policy is set by the Board of Trustees and reads as follows:

- Remembrance events should, wherever possible, be organised by a Civic Authority. All aspects of an event that is organised by a Civic Authority should remain the responsibility of that Civic Authority. Temporary Traffic Management Orders ("TTMOs") may only be organised and deployed by the Civic Authority and on no account should RBL staff or volunteers be deployed to manage traffic;
- Where RBL must be the Event organiser (because the Civic Authorities refuse) RBL may take this role but **there can be no street Parade, no road closure and, therefore, no need for a TTMO** unless this aspect of the event is owned by a Civic Authority. Whilst the branch can be involved in determining a Parade route, it should not itself contract with a third party and may not take responsibility for the design, planning and deployment of a TTMO; and

- On the day of the Parade, RBL and its volunteers must not engage in the deployment, management or removal of any TTMO. This includes, for example, placing barriers, directing traffic or driving vehicles that are involved in the TTMO.

This policy is not new but we want to bring it to your attention as the result of a serious road traffic accident at the 2018 Remembrance event, which resulted in a multi-million-pound personal injury claim against the Legion. We must do all we can to ensure such accident does not happen again. Any branch organising a TTMO (or takes to the road without one) is uninsured for that parade. Many Remembrance events now take place without an on-road Parade. As local authorities continue to seek ways to cut costs it is likely the proportion of "static" events will only increase. There may also be a need for branches to merge Parades with other branches. No branch may extend the Legion's Public Liability cover vicariously to a civic authority or other third party. The Branch CAN share the Legion's PL certificate on request. The latest insurance certificates are available on MAP.

Public Policy Team are writing to all local authorities as they did before, to remind them of their civic duty.

Branch News

Petersfield

Petersfield Branch restarted meetings at the Red Lion on Wednesday 11th August, and were presented a teddy bear named "Wilf" by the local vicar, Rev'd Margaret Hay, Wilf will become the official mascot of the Petersfield Branch, and

attend Parades and fundraising with its membership.



“Wilf” with Chairman Clive Lewis

Ringwood

The Project to Refurbish the Ringwood Town War Memorial has taken a number of years to plan and carry out with the work finally being completed in time for Remembrance Sunday 2020 but, like many other events, Covid intervened.

The Re-dedication therefore eventually took place on Sunday 15th August.

The opening of the event began with the Welcome and Introduction by Councillor Tony Ring, Ringwood Town Mayor and Mr. Chris Wilkins, Ringwood Town Clerk. Appreciation was expressed to the Councillors and Officers for support throughout the conception and fulfilment of the Project.

The Ringwood and District Branch of the Royal British Legion was attended by members and we were also delighted to welcome Tim Russell, County Chairman and Avril Mitchell County Committee Member. Andy Cassidy (Aldershot Branch) carried the County Standard. Dave Graham carried our Branch Standard and his wife, Karen, also from the Milford on Sea Branch, carried the Milford on Sea Women’s Section Standard.

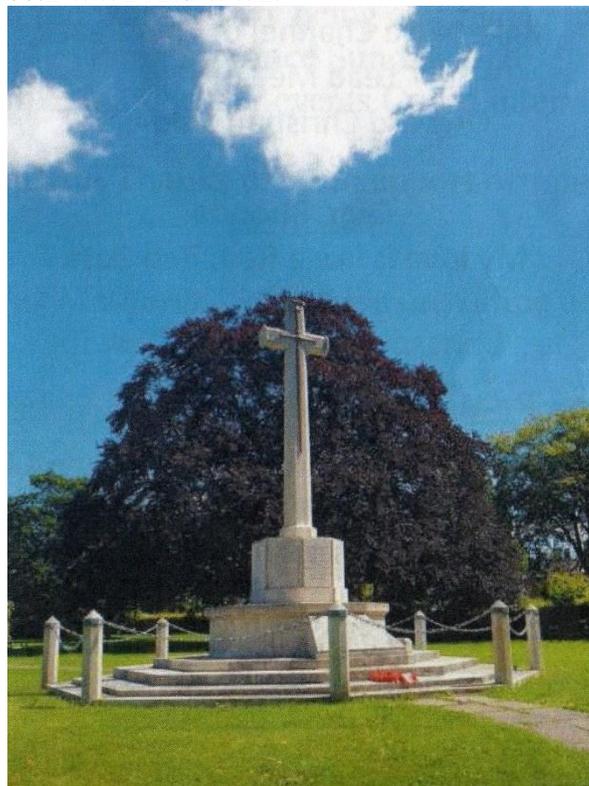
The service, which took place in the War Memorial Gardens, on the corner of Mansfield Road and Christchurch Road, started at 11.30am with live music from the Ringwood and Burley Band. The service of rededication, which was live streamed to the Ringwood TV Facebook page, began at 12noon with introductions from the Town Mayor, Cllr Tony Ring and Town Clerk, Chris Wilkins. The Rev. Terry Roberts, Chaplain to the Ringwood Branch, lead the short service during which all the names recorded on the memorial were read out, by members of the

Council, Guides, Scouts, RBL, Church and Rotary.

Rev. Terry Roberts had also been very much involved in the preparation for this event.

The Ringwood and Burley Band attended and played a selection of music before the Service, accompanied the hymns and continued to play a selection of music afterwards.

The refurbished Memorial is a fitting tribute in memory of those from Ringwood who gave their lives in both WW1 And WW2.



Notices

RAF Seletar & Tengah Association’s

The purpose of the Association is to bring together former comrades who served in Singapore and by organising an annual reunion and regional gatherings foster new friendships.

Membership is open to all RAF and civilian personnel and their relatives who served at any station on the island of Singapore. Also included are past and present personnel of the Singapore Armed Forces who serve/served at Seletar and Tengah bases and Members of the Seletar Flying Club.

RAF SELETAR

RAF Seletar operated between 1928 and 1971. Initially with flying boats and then the addition of Vickers Vildebeest. Seletar was occupied by Japanese forces from 1942 to 1945. During the Malayan Emergency Seletar was heavily involved until 1960 and again during Confrontation with Indonesia. The RAF withdrew in 1971;



RAF TENGAH

RAF Tengah was commissioned in 1939. In 1942 it was occupied by the Japanese Army Air Force but was re-occupied by the RAF in 1945. Tengah was involved strategically during the Malayan Emergency and Confrontation with fighter and bomber aircraft. In 1971 it was renamed Tengah Air Base and handed over to Singapore Air Defence Command. From 1971 to 1976 it was part of ANZUK which comprised of AUSTRALIAN, NEW ZEALAND and UNITED KINGDOM forces.



Lee Victory Festival

On Saturday 25th September there will be a parade in Lee on the Solent. This was meant to have been held in June for VE Day. They have

asked for standards to parade if possible. I cannot attend as I have family commitments so there will be no local RBL branch standard present. If anyone would like to attend, I have the details in the photos. There will be a spitfire flypast amongst other things.

<https://www.leevictoryfestival.co.uk/>

Save the Date- County Conference

Notice is given that the Annual Meeting of the County Conference will be held online on Saturday 15th January 2022.

Conference will start at 10:30hrs, and is anticipated to run for 90 minutes.

Agenda, delegate joining details, cup forms and other information to follow

Request for Assistance

<https://www.facebook.com/323983284822858/posts/945579885996525/>

good afternoon, my name is Stefan Meekers from the Netherlands and I do research after soldiers from the second world war.

(The 89 old men on the photo adopted his Grave in 1945 And still bring flowers today)

I am investigating a paracutist who was killed in action during Operation Market Garden in September 1944.

I found out that he was born in Portsmouth on January 16, 1922.

his name is Thomas Bedford. (service number 1432862) son of Edgar and Ada May Bedford, of Fratton.

Thomas had a younger brother John who was born on January 22, 1924. Thomas had 3 sisters, Monica, Rosalind and Julia. (they are all deceased now)

Thomas was with 11th Battalion 4th Parachute Brigade, 1st Airborne Division.

Thomas is buried in a military cemetery in the Netherlands (Oosterbeek)

In this way I hope to track down any family members and find a photo of him so that we can give this grave a face as well.



hampshire
Festival of Remembrance
7.11.2021 7pm

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We meet weekly on Thursday at
Ringwood Library

10:00-12:00: for tea, coffee, chat, 'uckers' and
activities - plus support and information when
needed

14:00-16:00: for scale modelling, provided free
to those qualifying, by the charity Models for



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County Council

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