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NEWS LETTER - AUGUST 2026

It is some time since the Club issued a news letter to the membership; there have however been regular updates on the Clubs Facebook page regarding social events, Open the Box each Sunday at 14.00 and a very popular meat raffle on the last Sunday of the month at 14.30.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1M3boVFrYS/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

For those of you who have attended the Club's Annual General Meetings in recent years you will be aware of the need for the Club to undertake extensive repairs to the fabric of the building following the issue of a Section 146 Noticed served on the Club by Solicitors acting on behalf of The Royal British Legion.

Sometimes work that has been undertaken goes unnoticed but the Club's Annual Accounts will tell you a different story.

The most recent works include:

- You will have noticed over the Christmas and New Year (2025/2026) period that extensive work was carried out to the exterior fabric of the Club, a lot of this was to the roof and chimney – External decorations are scheduled for 2027
- You will also recall that we had to close in August last year whilst extensive electrical work was undertaken.
- The removal of the smoking shelter at the front of the Club.
- The removal of the steps from Church Lane. Although it was not a condition of the Section 146 Notice the Officers and Club Committee considered them to be dangerous, so with the

agreement of the Managing Trustees decided to remove them and reclaim the area to the front garden.

- New curtains and drapes to the front bar.
- Due to start on the 13th of August are the installations with double glazed units to the remaining windows that have not previously been replaced. These are to the right of the fire escape in the front bar, the Club kitchen, the old committee room and the existing gentlemen's cloakrooms – Hopefully by the time you receive this News Letter the work will have been completed.

The next phase of work will include:

- The decoration of both bar's, at the present time it is being proposed that this should be dealt with in two phases. Phase one will be the front bar which will include in conjunction with the Branch, changes to the location of the military plaques, upgrades to the display cabinets, a new notice board, and re-hanging of pictures. Phase two will be the decoration, removal and resiting of the military plaques in the back bar, a new prominent notice board, cleaning and or sanding of the wooden flooring.
- Work has already started (Back bar) to replace the bar counter surfaces, this will continue in the front bar and back bar surfaces.
- New lighting to the front and back bars will also be installed.
- New white lines to the car park.
- External decoration and some additional repairs.

There additional repairs and improvements that will still be required before the Section 146 Notice is removed but your committee are working hard to deal with all the requirements.

CLUB RULES

Some of you will remember that at a Special General Meeting of the club in 2024 it was agreed to update the Club Rules to the RBLC (England/Wales Co-op) Model Rules 2019 v3.

Despite numerous prompts, exchange of emails and telephone calls with the RBL these were not accepted by the Financial Conduct Authority until a couple of months ago.

New Rule books have been printed and are available behind the bar, when collecting your copy we would ask you to show your membership card and supply the Club with your contact details so we can ensure that you receive regular communications regarding social events etc.

Having gone through this for over two years the Club have now received a notification that the RBL will be updating Club Rules in 2027.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Although there have been several events organised since last year's Annual General Meeting, in the main these have been poorly attended, this of course could be down to the lack of publicity, so we would ask all members to let us have an email contact address so we can notify you of events that are taking place as soon as possible, as previously stated these are advertised on Facebook but we appreciate that many of you may not have access.

Recently, two of the main events at the Club were:

The Oxted Pram Race – We have always supported the race. The original years saw the event held on Friday evenings it is now run on a Sunday afternoon.

If you attend be prepared to get wet, it's a fun day for the community to support the Rotary Club and their charities.

We are looking at ways to improve the day for the Legion and any suggestions would be welcomed.

The Club's Open Day – What a great day, the Club was open to the public; we had a tombola, face painting, human fruit machine, scalextric circuit, a barbecue, and a barrow of booze.

Thank to you all who attended one or both events, the tills were ringing and we made money to go towards some of the repairs.

We are looking to hold the event again in 2027 (Bigger and better), more prominent advertising and more new members to sign up to the RBL and the Club.

Future Events:

Every Saturday nights in September has been booked, either for private parties or the ever so popular Murder Mystery Evening (Back by demand) with the Oxted Players who give their time free and donate the profit from the evening to the Club. **This event is sold out.**

We are very grateful to the Oxted Players and thank them for their continued support.

If you were unable to obtain a ticket there will be a raffle on the evening so please look to support your club by buying some raffle tickets (The prizes have been donated, so the more tickets we sell the more work we will look to complete to the premises.

There are other functions booked in the coming months and we hope that we will be able to email you all monthly to keep you updated.

In the Canadian corner there is a games table with a number various cards and games for you to enjoy with your children and families.

The RBL Oxted Branch and the RBL Women's Section also have a number of upcoming functions and these will be notified in future posts.

Bookings to hire the premises:

If you would like to hire the premises for a party or meeting the request should be sent to the Club Secretary – Ian Beagley at E: ianandanne58@btinternet.com

In most cases for parties it will be necessary for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) to be obtained, the cost of these is included in the hire fee.

MEMBERSHIP

Members are reminded that this is a Members Club and there are rules and regulations that we all need to comply with. Please see your rule book and the Club Bye Laws which are displayed on the notice board in the back bar.

All the staff are instructed to ask members to show their membership card before serving them, it is therefore important that you carry this with you when attending, otherwise you may be refused service.

Please respect the bar staff, they are not there to be abused and shouted at.

COMPLAINTS

Sadly there have been some complaints made to the Branch Chairman regarding the behaviour of un-named individuals.

You are all Branch members before you can become a member of the Club.

Although we respect the member's right to make complaints to the Branch, it is extremely difficult for the Club Officers and Committee to deal with these efficiently if we do not have the full details of who is making the complaint and who it is against.

We would therefore ask that in the future that any complaints are address to the Club Secretary who will be able to address the situation as speedily as possible to allow the membership to enjoy their visit to the Club.

RECOMMENDATIONS

All the Officers and Committee Members volunteer their time free of charge with the aim to improve the facilities for you the members.

We are always happy and prepared to discuss any recommendations that you may have, these could be future entertainments, the balance of the Officers and Committee (This would be at the Annual General Meeting), improvements to the premises etc.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this initial News Letter.

The Officers and Committee Members of the Royal British Legion Oxted & District Club Limited

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