



Season's Greetings

As we come to the end of another busy year, we would like to wish all our Branch members, volunteers and supporters, along with their families, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Many of the 24 Branch members and guests who attended our Christmas meal at the Greyhound have said how much they enjoyed the evening and we look forward to seeing them again soon.

A quick reminder to everyone that the January Branch Meeting has been cancelled due to it falling straight after New Year's Day.

Our next Branch Meeting will take place on Thursday, 6 February 2025.



VE-Day 1945 - 2025

2025 will see communities across the country remember the 80th Anniversary of the end of World War II. To mark this important event the RBL are producing a special commemorative VE Day 80 Years pin.

We do not know at this stage how many pins we will be allocated but stay tuned for updates. It is likely that a VJ Day 80 Years pin will also be produced but in recent years VJ Day pins have only been available from the Poppy Shop and not from Poppy Appeal Organisers.



Branch Meetings

We meet at

**Swadlincote
Constitutional Club**

**7 Midland Road, Swadlincote
DE11 0AG**

**at 7.30pm on the first
Thursday of each month**

Poppy Appeal 2024 Update

I would like to start off by saying a huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered for this year's Appeal already. From distributing tins and poppy boxes to over 200 locations, collecting in the supermarkets or assisting with the counting and admin, your help is very much appreciated.

It has been great to see more younger members of the community getting involved with the Appeal, something I have been highlighting by awarding certificates. More awards will also be coming at our annual Poppy Awards Evening in March for those who have reached milestones or won a Centenary Award.

We have also seen an increase in volunteers coming forward from local businesses which is very welcome and bolsters the amazing support we receive from our community groups.

As we move into 2025, fundraising will continue throughout the area so please support us in our efforts. If you would like to help by volunteering then please get in touch.



APPEAL HIGHLIGHTS

Sainsbury's	Top Business	Milly's Scruffs	£1,030.
£14,508.01	Top Pub	The Admiral Rodney	£200.37
Morrisons	Top School	Netherseal Primary	£241.50
£11,091.19			£4.39 per pupil

CURRENT APPEAL TOTAL £43,021.01



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