



Royal British Legion

Dereham & District Branch

1922 -2023

Branch Meetings are held on 1st Wednesday of the month in Toftwood Social Club, The Old School, Shipdham Road, Toftwood, NR19 1AH, doors open at 7.00pm and the meeting commences at 7.30pm. All are welcome – bring along a friend

THE CURRENT BRANCH COMMITTEE

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Our aim is to be a vibrant branch supporting our membership in social and welfare matters

<http://branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/dereham-and-district>

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be held on 1st November in Toftwood Social Club, The Old School, Shipdham Road, Toftwood.

The tenures for Committee positions are normally for 3 years, however in 2022 it was agreed that the tenures should be staggered to avoid them all terminating at the same time. They are included in the Branch byelaws as follows:

President (Appointed) Nov 2022 – Nov 2024
Chairman (Elected) Nov 2022 – Nov 2025
Treasurer (Appointed) Nov 2022 – Nov 2026
Secretary (Elected) Nov 2022 – Nov 2024

ELECTION

As Maggie Hill was co-opted as secretary during the year confirmation by election is required at this Annual General Meeting.

Election of vice chairman & committee members will also take place at this AGM.

Nominations should be submitted to the Secretary by 26th October 2023 either by email (see opposite) or post (2 The Grove, Dereham NR19 1BH). Self-nominations are accepted

AGENDA ITEMS

If you have any agenda items and/or proposals to be discussed at the Annual General Meeting please let Maggie have details by 26th October 23

EVENTS IN 2023

1st November – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

28th October – Dereham & District Poppy Appeal Launch, Market Place, Dereham

12th November – Remembrance Day

6th December – Branch Meeting

Speaker David Reeves "Protecting our Royals" followed by Christmas Buffet

EVENTS IN 2024

Sunday 21st January – Annual Lunch at Café Verdi, Mattishall. See return enclosed with this Newsletter

6th March – Branch Meeting

Quiz Night - £4 per team of four. Enter on the night Prize for winning team

3rd April – Branch Meeting

Speaker Neil Storey (To be confirmed)

20th April – Tombola at the Craft Fair at the Windmill, Dereham. Prizes are welcome, please donate to Maggie O'Callaghan

Sunday 6th July – Bat and Trap and Boules (Petanque) competition at the Windmill. Dereham....teams of 4 invited, no entry fee Contact Peter Whitwell

4th September – Branch Meeting

Games Night – prize for the highest individual score Enter on the night

If you would like to help with any fundraising event, or if you have any ideas, please contact one of the committee

THE 28TH OCTOBER WILL SEE THE LAUNCH OF THE TWO WEEK DEREHAM & DISTRICT POPPY APPEAL - on that Saturday there will be a stall in the Market Place along with street collectors. The fundraising will continue throughout the two weeks with tables in Tescos and Morrisons and further street collections.

Last year we raised in excess of £29,000 if you are able to help this year, either manning the table at one of the supermarkets or a street collection **PLEASE CONTACT PETER WHITWELL 01953 850499** your help will be much appreciated. Thank you to those who have already volunteered

THESE CAN BE DIFFICULT TIMES..If you need help of any kind, or you know of a member, or a dependant, who could benefit from assistance, the Branch is here to help. It may be that we can assist directly, or support in accessing help.

Whatever help you need, whether contact to combat loneliness, help with mobility or anything else that is making life difficult for you, your first point of contact is **John Harris, Branch Community Support Representative.**

THE BAT & TRAP WINNING TEAM PROUDLY DISPLAY THE WINNERS' TROPHY



Ali (captain) with her team, Martin, Carol and Peter after winning the RBL Dereham & District Bat & Trap competition at The Windmill, Dereham on 12th June. Several members gathered to support the teams and to enjoy a picnic lunch

Teams of four are invited for the 2024 match on Sunday 6th July 2024

A DOUBLE CELEBRATION AT THE JULY MEETING

In recognition of many years of service to the Royal British Legion, both as an effective County Chairman and an active member of the Dereham and District Branch over many years, Hugh King, Chairman was presented with his Gold Badge by County President, Jacko Page

The celebrations continued with members joining Eric Swann and Olive Rawlings to mark their 100th birthdays with a special cake and prosecco. Jacko presented Olive with a basket of flowers and Eric with a bottle of Whisky



No longer with us

It is with sadness that we announce the death of
Doris Beck

Dereham and District Branch
Annual Lunch
at the
Café Verdi, Mattishall, Dereham, NR20 3JY,
on
Sunday 21st January 2024 at 12.00.for 12.30pm

Please indicate your choice from the menu detailed in the table below. Return this form with a cheque for the full amount by **1st December 2023** to Lynn Whitwell, Rushworth, Low Street, Hardingham NR9 4EL. Cheques to be made payable to The Kohima Social Club

1 Course: £15.95 2 Courses: £20.95 3 Courses: £25.95. Coffee/Tea £3.
A discount of £10 for members only is available

NAME				
Are you a Member or Non Member (M or NM)				
Starters:	Tick as req'd			
Creamy kale and potato soup with multi seeded bread (V)				
Chicken Liver Pate, caramelised onion chutney, melba toasts				
Smoked haddock and cheddar Fish Cakes crayfish salsa, aioli				
Main course:				
Roast Pork, turkey, beef or vegan butternut squash lentil wellington Sunday roast with all the trimmings, <i>please state your meat choice</i>				
Salmon fillet with Parmesan crust, fondant potato, creamed leek, pea & tarragon sauce.				
Moroccan Vegetable & chick pea Tagine				
Dessert				
Chocolate brioche Bread & Butter pudding with vanilla icecream				
Warm winter spiced plum frangipane tart (Bakewell)				
Selection of icecream or sorbet				
Coffee or Tea				
Cost:				
<i>3 courses: £25.95 2 courses: 20.95 1 course: £15.95</i>				
Less £10 subsidy for members:				
Total Cost per person:				
A cheque for £ _____ is enclosed made payable to The Kohima Social Club				

Please indicate if you have any dietary needs

The Royal British Legion promotes the welfare and interests of current and former members of the British Armed Forces