



Stamford Branch of the
Royal British Legion

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Events

Once again it is a shortened version due to Covid -19. My apologies.

More V.E. Day Celebrations

Thank you, Roy and Marian, for sending me this little snippet from your V.E. Day Celebrations.

Roy wrote:

On VE Day some of the residents of Churchill Road and Emanuel Road, at 11am, led by myself and Graham Watson on his trumpet remembered Them. Roy read the dedication to the fallen, Graham played the last post and we had two minutes silence, then Reveille, followed by the KOEMA. We all had about half an hour of Vera Lynn singing war songs.

As you can see, we decorated the fence in flags and a Poppy Wreath. The Union Flag and Stars and Stripes were on the flag pole, but with little wind they stayed still.

Marian set out some chairs for the elderly and about twenty-five to thirty people attended.



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Hi everyone,

I hope that you are still coping at this very strange time. Life for a great many seems to have been put on hold, but there is always a light at the end of the tunnel. I imagine that some of you will have stories from your younger days, which can match or exceed those that are being told today. How you had to manage in the war years, through rationing in the 1950's and more. Being apart from loved ones had to be accepted back then and everyone just got on with it. My hat is tipped to you all!

Please contact me if you have any stories you would like to share.



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dbrawnsley@gmail.com. Enjoy your read and thank you every one that supports the Stamford RBL.

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Coming soon to YOUR News Letter

Mrs. Megan Dartnell is allowing me to interview her for the next News Letter and I can't wait. I am honoured to chat with Megan and her Tortoise! Watch this space! Remember that if you have something to say, a story to tell, a memory to share, then please let me know.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM HEAD OFFICE RBL

On **Saturday 15th August** the nation will commemorate VJ Day. All RBL members have been given permission to parade at their local War Memorials at 11am, ensuring **social distance rules** are in place.

Stamford RBL are invited to meet at 10.45am in front of Stamford War Memorial on Broad Street. At 10.58 the Last Post will be played, followed by two minutes silence and then the Town Cryer undertaking the 'Cry For Peace Around The World'.

Please contact myself or the Branch Chairman, if you have any questions.

For guidance you can go to the following:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirous>

<https://www.royalbritishlegion.org.uk>

A new initiative to get 'Community Cohesion' through the Arts in Stamford.

Sam Rodden of 'Art Pop Up' is working with local residents of all ages, through the new and interesting project, 'SPARK'. Art Pop Up have invited individuals from partner organisations and their communities to work with one of our Associate Artists this summer: either the well-known street artist Korp (drawing based workshops), or the nature inspired artist Kathryn Parsons (starting with porcelain workshops and then evolving potentially to other mediums).



To recap: Art Pop Up are looking for a small number of people (two groups of about 9-12 each) to work with one of our Associate Artists this summer - either a well-known street artist or a nature inspired artist (see images & web links below), you can pick who you work with. It's FREE to participate and all materials are supplied as we're funded by Arts Council England. We'll make some art and chat about what's missing in Stamford in terms of opportunities to be creative.

Myself and Mr. Alan Patrick have signed up to take part. If you are interested please let me know.



Editors choice taken from the Royal British Legion Website



The Royal British Legion has been supporting Service men and women, ex-serving personnel and their families since 1921. And we're not going anywhere.

The British Legion was formed on 15 May 1921, bringing together four national organisations of ex-Servicemen that had established themselves after the First World War:

- The National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers
- The British National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers
- The Comrades of The Great War
- The Officers' Association

The amalgamation of these diverse bodies can be attributed largely to two men: Field Marshal Earl Haig and Tom Lister of The Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers. Lord Haig served as the President of The Royal British Legion until his death.

Stamford Branch will Celebrate the 100 years of the RBL, V.E Day and V.J. Day on Stamford Recreational Ground on 15th May 2021. Further information to follow. Of course, it depends on Lockdown Rules!

Your RBL Committee Members

- ✚ President-Col John Harvey
- ✚ Chairman - Mr Ray Beresford
- ✚ Deputy Chairman - Mr Bill Turner
- ✚ Secretary & Membership - Mrs Pat Thompson
- ✚ Treasurer - Mrs Pauline Rimmington
- ✚ Poppy Appeal Organiser - Mr Jim Jackson
- ✚ Community Support - Mr Brian Marsden
- ✚ Social and Events - Mr Darren Rawsley
- ✚ Remembrance & War Memorial - Mr David Young
- ✚ Youth and Schools – Mr Paddy Moore

