



Mitcham Branch Newsletter

Spring 2023

Chairman's message

Welcome to another issue of the RBL Mitcham newsletter, we hope you find this a useful resource for updates on services, developments and staff appointments in one document.

This year's Poppy Appeal 2022 started off slow but picked up as days went by towards Remembrance Day, the figure raised by RBL Mitcham was £27,000 and still rising, this was made up of various points collections from around Mitcham, the three main Poppy Appeal collection points were Sava Centre Colliers Wood, Asda Mitcham, Morrisons Mitcham.

These were attended by RBL volunteers who gave up their time for a great and worthy cause.

The Chairman would like to thank all those that assisted with the successful Poppy Appeal, they are, Paul Picano at Morrisons, Mitcham, the first setup since 2019, Phil at ASDA, Mitcham, and the following for giving up their time at SAVA Centre, Merton, they are: Yvonne, Liz, Elaine, Val, Terry, Margaret, Jean, Jackie, Brenda, Sue, Sue. A, June, Patsy, Joleen, Belinda, Tony, Richard, Wendy, Dr.Minto, Tinto, Siobhan McDonagh, Christine, Michael, Maria, Penny & Usaama.



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RBL Mitcham Committee Members

Following the recent AGM held in December 2022, we are pleased to announce the following positions on the Committee.

- Chairman – Allan barley**
- Vice-Chair – Ian Munn**
- Treasurer – Gary Baker**
- Secretary – Paul Picano**
- Membership – Christine Kelly**
- Standard Bearer – David Barley**
- Committee Member – Paul Smith**

Notable Dates for your Diary

- 24th June 2023**
Armed Forces Day
- 11th November 2023**
Armistice Day
- 12th November 2023**
Remembrance Day
- 10th December 2023**
RBL Mitcham Annual AGM



The Chairman also thanked David Day and Paul Smith for their efforts which had not gone unnoticed. David Day and Paul Smith attended all the Mitcham based schools, dropped off Poppy Appeal boxes with collection pots, then collected them all, followed by going round again to deliver "Thank You" letters from RBL Mitcham.

Branch Secretary enters Pedal to Paris, again.



RBL Mitcham Branch Secretary, Paul Picano is pedalling from Eltham Palace in London, all the way to Arc De triomphe, Paris. The event starts on 31st August, with four gruelling days of cycling riding through beautiful countryside, covering 284 miles.

This will be my second time entering such a great cycling event, I cycled the event in 2022, a memory that I will never forget from start to finish.

The Royal British Legion is my chosen charity for the sole reason of its charitable work not just for the UK Armed Forces and their families from the past world wars, but also for the present UK Armed Forces and their families in current conflicts around the world.

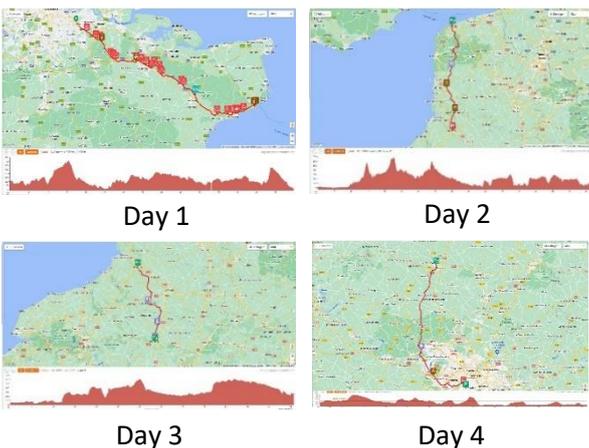
With your support and donation, we can all make a difference in their lives and for their future, so please help Paul raise as much money as he can for a charity that will support ex-UK Armed Forces, past, present, because our veterans deserve better.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast, and totally secure, your donation goes directly to The Royal British Legion.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pedaltoparis2023

Your donation will be very much appreciated,

**Remember, for your tomorrow,
they gave their today.**



Become a Member of The Royal British Legion

Become a member of the Royal British Legion family today and take pride in supporting all generations of the Armed Forces community. Membership starts from only **£18** a year and is open to everyone. Youth membership is free for anyone aged 12-18 years old, a completed paper application is required with consent from a parent or guardian. Please contact your local branch to find out more. **Join us today** and, in return, you can then choose to hear the latest news, events and stories from inside our RBL magazine and e-newsletters.

As a thank you for your support, you'll also get some exclusive member offers including, Priority access to tickets for the Festival of Remembrance, Access to purchase members-only products from the Poppy Shop and a **15%** discount on other products, **5%** discount on Remembrance Travel tours

You'll also receive your annual membership card, which you can use to take advantage of **these offers** as well as giving you access to **conferences and RBL clubs**.

Already a Member, fancy a game of Bingo – then all you got to do is, turn up at the Poppy Club on a Thursday afternoon at 14:00, and have a play, all RBL Mitcham members are welcome. Prizes galore to be won.

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