Membership E-newsletter - September 2022

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RBL Clubs fostering camaraderie

Clubs support the RBL's charitable objectives





RBL Clubs bringing their communities together



Contingent of Royal British Legion Standards at the Queen's funeral

It has been an honour and a privilege to have Queen Elizabeth II as our Patron since 1952. Representing all Members, 72 RBL Standard Bearers from across the UK, as well as Parade Marshals took part in the funeral procession, paying tribute to our late Monarch. Here is what some of these Standard Bearers said ahead of the Queen's funeral.



5 things you might not know about RBL clubs

Clubs exist since the 1920s and back then they were serving as social facilities for members who ran them. Today there are more that 380 clubs, which are independent businesses that are licensed to use the RBL's name and logo. Clubs have been supporting the RBL's charitable aims in many ways and only RBL members can join clubs.

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The Burnham RBL Club held its first Pride event

The Burnham RBL Club brought together their community, other charities and performers to celebrate diversity and inclusivity. They hosted an event with more than 70 attendees, who enjoyed dance and music performances, food and activities for people of all ages. Following this year's success, the Club Committee is planning to make this an annual event.

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Documenting 100 years of local RBL history

The Northumbria County created a film and book to mark 100 years of supporting the local Armed Forces community. The film features Members including veterans sharing their experiences, centenary Branches receiving their pennants and last year's centenary event that took place at the Gateshead quayside and the Gateshead Millennium Bridge.

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Coventry Building Society – End of partnership announcement

This December will mark the end of our Fifteen-year partnership with Coventry Building Society (CBS) who have raised an incredible £20 million. We are truly grateful, as their donations have helped us support nearly 44,000 members of the Armed Forces community through physical, emotional and financial challenges. If you have a Poppy savings account with CBS, you will be contacted before the end of the year by CBS directly.

Find out more



Help us spread the message of Remembrance

Members are champions of Remembrance locally and without you, our Remembrance message wouldn't reach as far and as wide as it does today. To ensure that Remembrance is understood by all, is available to all, and is passed on to future generations, we've created two guides for you to use, to help spread the message of Remembrance in your community.



Take part in Poppy Run 2022 and raise funds for the Armed Forces community

Whether you've taken part before or this will be your first time, we'd love to have you. Poppy Run is a 5k for the entire family (and the dog) where you can walk or run to raise funds and ensure our Armed Forces community get the vital support they need. When you sign up you'll get a free t-shirt, fundraising support and an exclusive RBL medal at the finish line.



Did you know that...

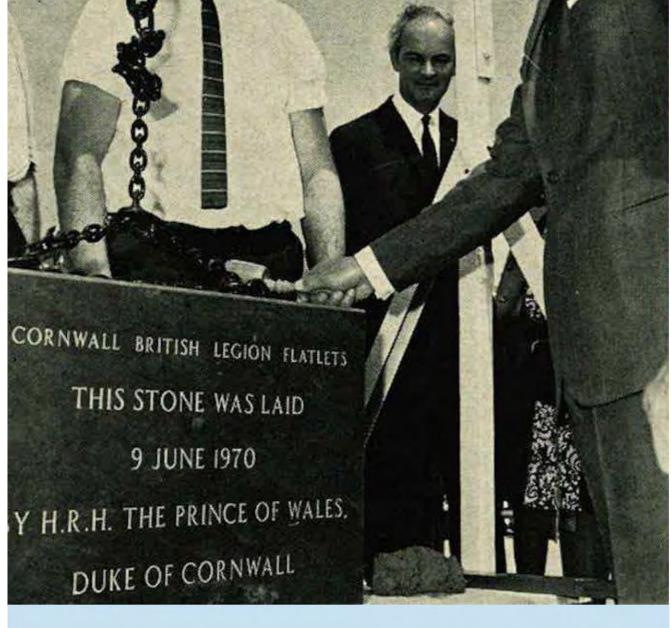


The 2023 Annual Conference will take place in Torquay between 19-21st May. Hosted at the Riviera International Centre, the conference will follow the hybrid format introduced this year, allowing delegates and visitors to attend in person or virtually and be able to vote on motions, ask questions and hear from the National Chair, Director General and other senior RBL staff.



The University of Chester is conducting a research study to explore the impact of serving in the UK Armed Forces on veterans from minority ethnicities, aiming to improve the lives of these veterans and their families. Veterans from minority ethnicities can complete an online questionnaire. If you'd like to participate or would like more information please contact the research team at: <u>veterans@chester.ac.uk</u>

Going back in time



From the Royal British Legion Magazine August 1970

It was a great day for Cornwall and Truro in particular when the then Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, now King Charles III visited the gaily decorated city centre and layed the Foundation Stone of Cornwall's British Legion Flatlets.

This month's poll

Are you a member of an RBL Club?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. I used to be a member of a Club in the past
- 4. I didn't know there are RBL Clubs
- 5. Other

Take the poll

Last month's poll

Did you serve during wartime?

924 Participants		%	Graph
1	Yes	30.81%	1
2	No	47.57%	2
3	I have family members/friends who served during a conflict	56.76%	3
4	I worked as a civilian employee supporting the Armed Forces during a conflict	4.11%	4
5	Other	14.92%	5

Encourage others to join

Our members play a vital role in ensuring that the Royal British Legion can continue to provide support to the Armed Forces community as well as upholding the importance of Remembrance. Share this email with others you think might be interested in Legion membership.



If you have any questions about the e-newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact me. If you have questions about your membership card or want to change your home or email address please contact our Membership Services team <u>MembershipServices@britishlegion.org.uk</u>

Best wishes,

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