



## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION -DEREHAM BRANCH – WOMEN’S SECTION

**1926 – 2008**

The Women’s Section of the Dereham Branch was formed on  
21<sup>st</sup> February 1926

Despite having a history of a strong membership the Branch was unable to form a committee at the Annual General Meeting in October 2000.

On 4<sup>th</sup> October 2000 Norfolk County Office was appointed “caretaker”.

In January 2001 an Extraordinary Meeting was called by the County Secretary to discuss the future of the Branch. The Branch decided that they wished to continue and Officers were elected. *(Extracted from the AGM Minute book 1993-2001 held at Norfolk Records Office)*

However, at a Branch Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2008 the decision was taken to close the Branch and on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2008 the Branch Closed *(Extracted from the Branch Minute book April 1999-2008 held at Norfolk Records Office)*

A Contributions Record shows details of membership numbers and subscriptions

Year	Membership No.	Subscriptions
Pre 1997/1998 No details found		
1997/1998	62	£2.80
1998/1999	55	£2.90
1999/2000	59	£3.00
2000/2001	54	£3.10
2001/2002	51	£3.20
2002/2003	45	£3.30
2003/2004	44	£4.00
2004/2005	42	£4.15
2005/2006	37	£4.30
2006/2007	33	£4.40
2007/2008	27	£4.50
2008/2009	26	Last entry

*(Held at Norfolk Records Office)*



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Certificates were awarded on the anniversaries of formation marking 25 years, 40 years, 50 years, 60 years, 65 years, 75 years and 80 years.

In January 1996 a letter was received from HM Queen Elizabeth II congratulating the Branch on 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The following certificates were also awarded.

1987/88	Certificate of Merit Winners Davy Cup	Highest marks Needlework & Handiworks
1989/90 from County	Certificate of Merit Runner up Davy Cup	Needlework & Handiworks
1989/90 from County	Sheringham Cletheroe Memorial Cup	Best Branch Programme
1991/92 From County	Sheringham Cletheroe Memorial Cup	Best Branch Programme
Undated from National	Certificate for raising £7.40 from “Miles of Silver” part of benevolent work	
2003 from County	Certificate of Merit Winners Davy Cup	Needlework & Handiworks
2003 from County	Lance Memorial Cup Winners	Best Branch effort in the Needlework & Handiworks Competition
2003 From County	Sheringham Cletheroe Memorial Cup	Best Branch Programme
Undated from National	Certificate recognising special effort raising £16.77 from “Miles of Silver” part of benevolent work	