



Mitcham Branch Newsletter

Autumn 2023

Chairman's message



Welcome to another issue of our RBL Mitcham Newsletter, we hope you'll find this a useful resource for updates on services, club developments and committee member appointments in one document.

In this issue, I am please to inform our members that we have been dragged into the 21st Century by our Branch Secretary, and your RBL branch has a website where you can find up to date news, events and other information regarding RBL Mitcham.

Your RBL Branch has a Website

RBL Mitcham have finally arrived to the 21st Century by launching their website,

Going forward, this will be the format for communication with our members, as it was a preferred way from one of the results of our recent feedback survey.

The website will be updated on a regular basis with news, events and of course the newsletter.

There will also be a section where members can donate, view the Poppy Shop for gifts, get involved with the RBL events.

So why not have a look by using the following link into your browser:

www.britishlegion.org.uk

On the front page you will see a search/magnifier, click on the icon, you will then see, "Start Typing", type in Mitcham RBL,



click on Mitcham RBL, another page will open, there you will see a box on the left hand side that shows "Mitcham RBL", click on "Go to Branch"



You will then see a screen like this:



From here you can navigate through the options available, so enjoy your browsing.

Centenary Celebrations

RBL Mitcham will be celebrating 100 years in Mitcham next year, 2024.

Your committee are now working hard to make this celebration happen, we would also like the members involved, to put forward any ideas, suggestions or even volunteer. Updates will appear on our website,

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Fancy a drink at the Poppy Club

As of 1st July 2023, you DONT need to be a Poppy Club Member to enjoy a drink at RBL Mitcham.

How it works:

Go to the Poppy Club and show your RBL Membership card at the door,

Sign in at the bar counter,

When ordering a drink, show your RBL Membership card at the bar to the bar staff,

Order your drink,

They will have a function setup on the till system for RBL Members.

Being an RBL Member, you will pay a slightly higher price to compensate for a Poppy Club Membership, but if you want the cheaper drink, then you'll have to join as a member of the Poppy Club.

Pedal to Paris Update

Training is going well, Fundraising is going well, all that remains is being at the start line on 31st August for 6:00am start to Calais.

Many thanks to all the members of RBL Mitcham that have donated, those that wish to donate, still can at:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pedaltoparis2023

All donations will go direct to RBL
Thank you.

Fancy a game of Bingo

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Your RBL Mitcham Branch has a weekly Bingo event every week for RBL Members and Poppy Club Members, just turn up at the Poppy Club on a Thursday lunchtime ready for eyes down at 2:00pm and have a play, lots of cash prizes to be won, there's even a rolling cash amount to be one, as well as raffle prizes

So come down, get yourself a drink, join in the fun, make new friends, its always a great atmosphere.

Survey feedback results

RBL Mitcham Branch launched a Feedback Survey Questionnaire, where all members of the branch were invited to have their say on how they feel, what can be improved or what you would like to see at your RBL Club.

This was a 26 question survey, and completely anonymous,

The results are back, and its fair to say that only 25% of feedback form sent were returned, a poor return overall.

Improvements will continue at RBL Mitcham, these will be announced on our website, so keep looking for updates, they're going to happen.

RBL Mitcham Committee Members

Chairman – Allan Barley

Vice-Chair – Ian Munn

Treasurer – Gary Baker

Secretary – Paul Picano

Membership – Christine Kelly

Standard Bearer – David Barley

Committee Member – Paul Smith

Committee Member—Joan Henry

You too could join,
Applications welcome.

A great day at the Mitcham Carnival

On Sunday 25th June, the Mitcham Carnival came back to town.

The carnival started at 10:30am through to 17:00pm, the day was a hot one, cold drinks on the go all day long.

There were stalls from all charities, businesses, even a funfair, and of course your RBL Mitcham was there too.



The Mitcham Carnival was a great success, it was great to be back after the Pandemic break.



A big thank you to all the people of Merton that came and said hello and showed their support for The Royal British Legion, it was great to catch up and have a chat.

The Tombola was very busy, lots of prizes being won, at times it was hard to keep the prizes stocked up.

There were some freebies to hand out as well as the "Pick-a-Box" game, this proved very popular at the Pedal to Paris Quiz Night, and brought for the people of Mitcham to win some big prizes.

So with that, we'll see you in **2024**.
Bigger & Better

Branch Fundraiser

Back by popular demand **DB5s**

RBL Mitcham will be holding a fundraising night on 7th October 2023, everyone is welcome, so come down to the Poppy Club, join in and have a dance or two



Armed Forces Day

A ceremony organised by Merton Council for Armed Forces Day with RBL Mitcham in attendance.



The celebrations started on 19th June to mark the start of Armed Forces Week which ended on 24th June celebrating Armed Forces Day.

Dates for your Diary

7th October 2023

Fundraiser Night

11th November 2023

Armistice Day

12th November 2023

Remembrance Day

10th December 2023

RBL Mitcham Annual AGM