



Horncastle & District Royal British Legion Newsletter - January 2024

Branch Number: BR 0162

Branch Officers

President: John Strange

Chairman: Stewart Garner-Jones

Vice Chairman: Richard Baldock

Secretary: Charlotte Beath

Treasurer: Richard Baldock

Membership: Richard Baldock

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Chairman's Report

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Many of you will be aware by now that at the AGM on the 11th September 2023 the Branch Members and Committee appointed new President, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The New Roles are as follows;

Branch President: John Strange

Branch Chairman: Stewart Garner- Jones

Branch Secretary: Charlotte Beath

Branch Treasurer: Richard Baldock

I would like to give thanks to those who have stood down; Vic Scott as President, Julian Millington as Chairman, Carolyn Lyle as Secretary and Fiona Martin as Treasurer. Not only do I want to thank them for their work and service to the Branch, but also for their help and continued support to those taking over.

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Chairman's Report (cont'd)

On the 28th October, once again we had a great County Poppy Appeal launch hosted by the Panton family at Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre, East Kirkby. There was a good turnout of standard bearers from across the county. Our own Poppy Appeal Organiser Julian Millington received the Sheppard Trophy, awarded in recognition to dedicated service to Lincolnshire poppy appeal, presented by the County President Gary Headland and County Chairman John Johnson. The event ended with live taxi runs and poppies released from WW2 Lancaster Bomber NX611 'Just Jane'.

Thanks to Julian Millington and many volunteers we had a successful Poppy Appeal. As usual a 2 minutes silence was held in the market square on Armistice Day.

We had lots of positive feedback about our Remembrance Day parade, Remembrance service at the War Memorial Hospital and our Korean Veterans' service at Hamerton Gardens.

Horncastle Community Choir put on an afternoon concert on 11th November to help fund raise for the Poppy Appeal. The event raised £270 for the Poppy Appeal.

6th June 2024 marks 80 years since the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy that led to the liberation of France and Europe. The Royal British Legion will be marking the 80th anniversary with events in the UK and Normandy. Horncastle & District RBL are forming an Events Committee to discuss ideas on how to commemorate the 80th anniversary and to plan events within the local community. If you are interested in joining the Events Committee, please send an email to HorncastleDistrict.Secretary@RBL.Community if possible.

I have been honoured to take up the challenge as Branch Chairman and together with the other newly appointed Officers, I feel we are already making a great team.

Stewart Garner- Jones, Branch Chairman

D-Day Commemoration

Further to the details above regarding the 80th anniversary of D-Day, a number of proposals have been put forward for 6th June 2024 following the first meeting that was recently held. These include a Parade of 80 Lanterns led by a piper followed by a church service. This could be followed by a barbeque at the Community Centre and at 9.15pm a beacon would be lit to coincide with beacons being lit across the UK. The committee is very grateful to Horncastle Town Council who have donated £800 to help fund the event.

Secretary's Report

I would like to offer my warmest thanks to Julian Millington and Carolyn Lyle for their advice and assistance as I take on the role of Branch Secretary.

Many of you already receive emails from me with details about meetings and events, links to the County newsletters and draft copies of the minutes from the Branch meetings. If you do not receive these emails and would like to, please let me know by sending an email to **horncastledistrict.secretary@rbl.community**

Members are invited to meet up for a morning Coffee & Cake and a catch up on the last Wednesday of each month (not in December). The venue for previous meetings has been The Big Chair Company in Horncastle, where hot drinks, cake and bacon/sausage rolls can be purchased. Family and friends are welcome too. If you require transport, please contact me as I may be able to arrange a lift. The venue may change from time to time, so please contact a Committee member or check the Events page on the website (www.horncastlerbl.co.uk) to confirm the venue.

Charlotte Beath, Secretary

Poppy Appeal Report

I am pleased to report that the Poppy Appeal, to date, has raised £13,337.52. This includes all monies banked from the House to House collectors, the Market Stall, and all the Poppy Boxes in the shops and businesses. It is a similar total to last year at this stage. Still to be added are the monies raised from the card machine, the donation from the Church Service and those who paid for wreaths by BACS. I hope these additions will push the total over £14,000 when those are added.

It has always been a team effort. In addition to Branch Members, we had lots of help from people who volunteer. Most of the House to House collectors are not members and the same goes for a number of volunteers who helped on the stall. My thanks go to everyone who gave time to help this year, and for those who didn't – maybe next year please.

Hopefully, we will continue to raise money by attending more events, now we have the gazebo. Anyone with suggestions as to where we can go, please let me know.

Julian Millington



Remembrance Weekend
Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November 2023



Richard Baldock and Julian Millington under the gazebo



Branch members and Air Cadets parade at 11am on Saturday 11th November in the Market Place.



On this page, standards parading in front of the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

Members of the Air Cadets with the 2 Korean Veterans who attended the service in Hamerton Gardens.

The Korean War Memorial.





Above: Banovallum Brass leading the parade through town on Remembrance Sunday.

Right: Branch Chairman Stewart Garner-Jones with Victoria Atkins MP selling poppies in the Market Place on 3rd November.



The Crossword

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Across

1. 15th-century powerful Italian family (6)
4. Robbed (4,2)
9. Portuguese title (3)
10. Put (a record) on sale again (2-7)
11. Mushroom-like plants (5)
12. Escape the legal process (7)
14. Pleated window drapes (5,6)
17. Lacks decisiveness (7)
18. Soft buttery sweet (5)
20. Sea surrounding the West Indies (9)
22. Brimless hat (3)
23. Major electrical task (6)
24. Confused (6)

Down

- 1.Alter, change (6)
2. Matt _____, Hollywood star (5)
3. Gristly substance (9)
5. Fish associated with the Sargasso Sea (3)
6. Hardest gemstone (7)
7. Implore (5)
8. Cereal-growing region (11)
13. Reinforced (9)
15. Became bigger than (7)
16. Permeated (6)
17. Interior colour scheme (5)
19. Pertaining to a nobleman. (5)
21. Saloon (3)



Diary Dates

Monday 12th Feb - Branch Meeting 7.30, Bull Hotel.
(Committee meeting at 7pm).

Wednesday 28th February - Coffee and Cake 10.30

Monday 11th March - Branch Meeting, 7.30, Bull Hotel.

Wednesday 27th March - Coffee and Cake 10.30

Monday 8th April - Branch Meeting , 7.30, Bull Hotel

Wednesday 24th April - Coffee and Cake 10.30

Coffee and Cake

A reminder that the Branch holds a coffee and cake morning on the last Wednesday of each month. As the location may change from time to time, there are no further details given above but if you are interested in attending, please approach a committee member to find out the exact details. It may be possible to arrange transport.



Crossword Answers

Across.

1. Medici 4. Held up 9. Dom 10. Re-release 11. Fungi 12. Abscond 14. Roman Blinds 17. Dithers 18. Fudge 20. Caribbean 22. Cap 23. Rewire 24. Addled

Down

1. Modify 2. Damon 3. Cartilage 5. Eel 6. Diamond 7. Plead 8. Breadbasket
13. Stiffened 15. Outgrew 16. Seeped 17. Decor 19. Ducal 21. Bar