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Introducing our plastic-free poppy

Reducing single use plastic at RBL



Promoting sustainability in the Armed Forces community



Introducing our plastic-free poppy. In our commitment to reducing single-use plastic, we're pleased to share that our poppy will now be made entirely from paper. Reducing carbon emissions in production by 40% compared to the previous design, our new poppy is made from a blend of renewable fibres from responsible sources — 50% recycled waste from the production of coffee cups and 50% responsibly sourced wood fibre. The new poppy will be available for the 2023 Poppy Appeal.

Find out more about the New Plastic-Free Poppy



Coronation of King Charles the Third

With the Coronation taking place on 6th May, we encourage all members to engage with their local communities as much as possible. RBL membership exists so our armed forces family have friends and allies standing by them in every community. This bank holiday is the perfect opportunity for putting that camaraderie into action by linking up with your branch or club who may well be putting on an event. We would love to hear what you get up to in your local area so send in any pictures or examples of the RBL doing what it does best – supporting those who need us.

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RBL Guard of Honour

The Royal British Legion will provide a Guard of Honour of 100 Standard Bearers to line the procession route in Parliament Square on the day of the Coronation. The charity's participation is in line with its support at previous significant Royal events. The Standard Bearers will represent the RBL and seven other associated Armed Forces charities; The Royal Naval Association, Royal Marines Association, Army Benevolent Fund, SSAFA, Royal Air Forces Association, Royal Commonwealth and Ex Services League and the Merchant Navy Association.

[Find out more](#)



National Professionals Branch
Coronation Banquet



Chapel Down supports RBL with a
Coronation Edition sparkling wine

The National Professionals Branch of the Royal British Legion wish to extend an invitation to their annual banquet, taking place on Friday 26 May 2023 at The Freemasons Hall, United Grand Lodge of England in London. You can expect a fantastic evening. You will be greeted on arrival with drinks, before an amazing six-course game menu. Tickets are £120pp. Please join us on this special occasion to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. We hope to see you there!

Buy your tickets

We are delighted that leading English wine producer, Chapel Down, has chosen to support RBL by donating all profits from the sale of its '[Chapel Down Coronation Edition 2016](#)'. The limited-edition sparkling wine has been created to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. Tasting notes describe it as having complex aromas of ripe apple, fresh red berries, and toasted brioche. Chapel Down will also be running a range of wider fundraising initiatives in May to support the Royal British Legion.

Buy your limited edition wine



Your chance to hear all about the latest developments at RBL

Join us on Tuesday 25 April at 7-8pm, for our Spring Membership Townhall.

Our Executive Directors will be giving updates on, among other items:

The Legion's governance

The King's Coronation

Changes to the Membership team

Beneficiary focus

The new poppy

The event will finish with a live Q&A session which anyone can join in on.

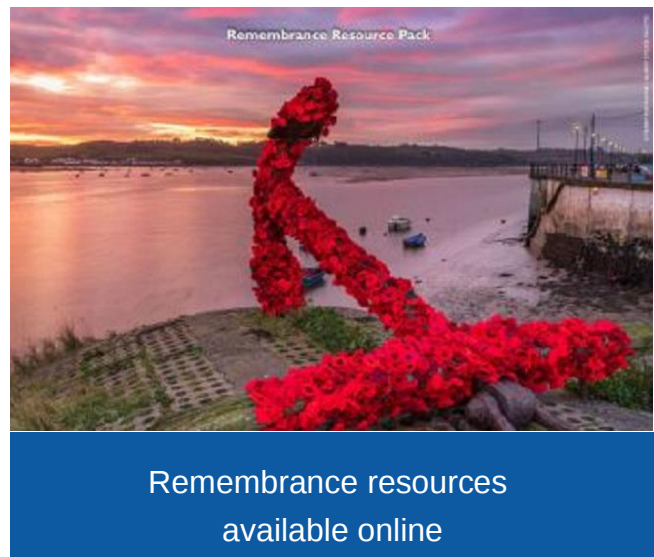
We're hosting this on teams. **Please use this link to gain access on the day.** From previous experience, we recommend you download Teams before trying to log on

Townhall link



On Tuesday 16 May, we're marking 60 years since the last serviceman, Second Lieutenant Richard Vaughan, completed his National Service. We'll be bringing veterans and their families together to make sure the unique contribution of this generation is remembered. Our event at the [National Memorial Arboretum](#) will be an afternoon of stories, music and a Service of Remembrance. [Share your story](#) and spread the word to find as many National Service veterans as possible.

[Register now](#)

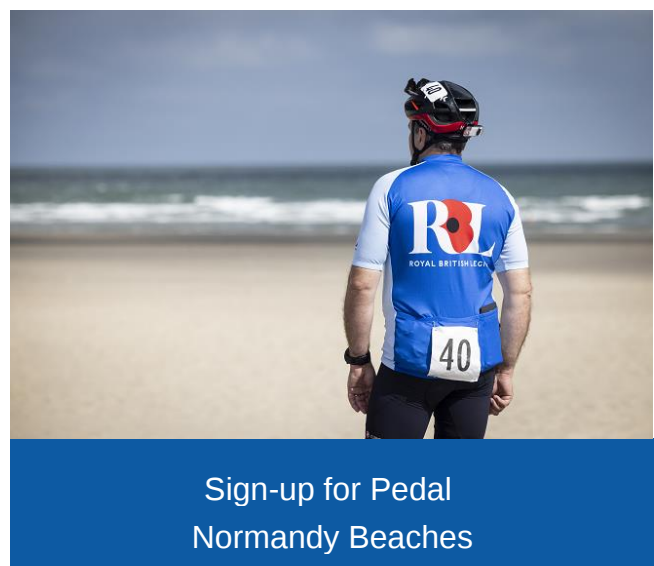


Just a reminder that there are two Remembrance resources available online. They are called [Connecting with Remembrance](#) and [Making Remembrance Happen](#), and have been published to guide our Members in creating Remembrance activities for communities. View online or download as a pdf. Our guides are designed to help our Members spread the message of Remembrance and engage with people across their communities.

[Remembrance resources](#)



Whether you're new to cycling or a sportive enthusiast, join us for Poppy Ride Shropshire. With over 25 years' experience our dedicated Events Team will ensure you have the best experience on this fully supported event. Plus,



Join us for a brand-new cycle to mark the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings. Over three days we'll cycle through Normandy and tour the five D-Day beaches, as well as visiting other key historical areas. Our dedicated

Poppy Rides offer a unique opportunity to ride alongside veterans, hear their stories and see first-hand where your fundraising goes. Support RBL and join the team today for: [Poppy Ride Shropshire – 21 May 2023](#)

Cycle with us

historian will bring history to life as we cycle, and our dedicated Events Team will take care of everything so you can focus on the ride ahead. [Secure your place today to join us in Summer 2024.](#)

Secure your place

Did you know that...



We are pleased to announce that following an election in the Manchester and Lancaster region, **Bob Howard** has been re-elected as the Membership Council Representative for this area. We also have two new Membership Council Representatives, **Marc Reynolds** who was co-opted in February to cover the Northern region, and **Adrian Wright** who will start in May covering the Southwest Midlands region. The Membership Council provides the Board of Trustees with a dedicated focus on Membership, and in particular the needs of members and the support they give to the Legion's work. We thank Bob, Marc, and Adrian for their support, and all our other Membership Council Representatives.



Introducing our Annual Conference 2023
Keynote speaker: Professor Gavin Oxburgh, a registered Forensic Psychologist and Professor of Police Science. A 22-year military veteran, he served as a senior detective in the RAF Military Police and is a member of The Royal British Legion. He is currently Assistant Director of the Northern Hub for Veteran Military Families Research at Northumbria University, where he leads on projects concerning criminal justice matters and veterans. He will be speaking on The Hub's work around veterans' welfare, current and past research, veteran specific wings in HMPPS, and looking ahead to future projects. Professor Oxburgh will be speaking on Sunday 21 May at 12.00PM.

Going back in time



From the Royal British Legion Magazine April 1960

This is a gull's eye view of Margate, venue of the 1960 Annual Conference held at the white Winter Gardens on the cliffside.

This month's poll

What are you most looking forward to at the Annual Conference in Torquay?

1. Updates from the National Chair and the Director General
2. Voting on motions that shape the RBL
3. Discussing what matters to me at the membership forum
4. Socializing with other members

5. The Parade
6. The Standard Bearer's competition

[Take the poll](#)

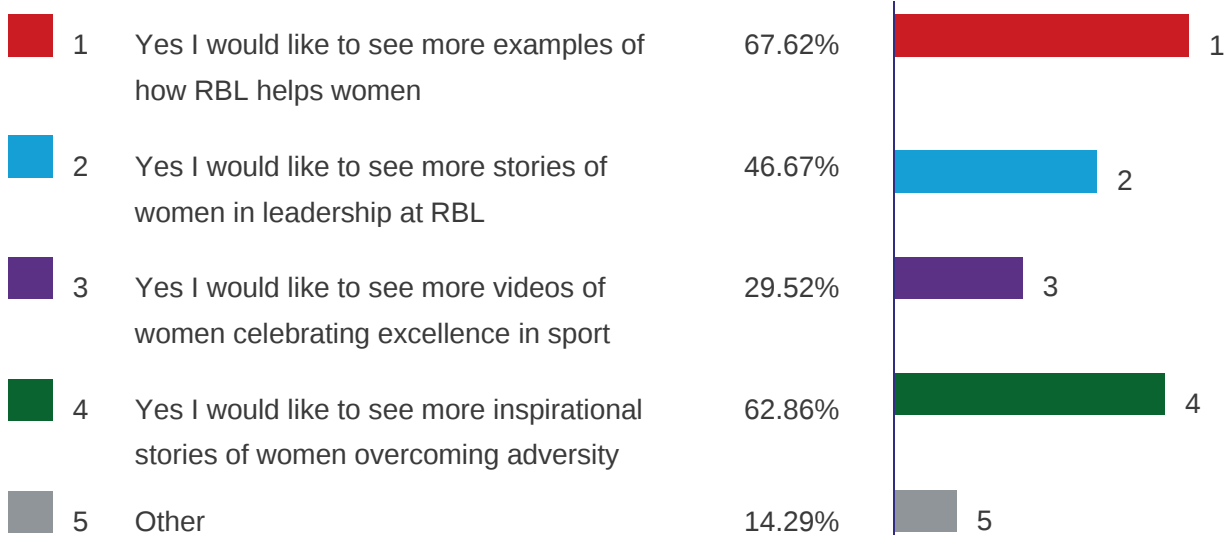
Last month's poll

We would like to celebrate the service and sacrifice of women in the Armed Forces community in the e-Newsletter, tell us what you be interested to see?

106 Participants

%

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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.

[Join now](#)

If you have any questions about your membership or want to update your contact details, please email our Membership Services team MembershipServices@britishlegion.org.uk

Best wishes,
Pete Wylie

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