



RBL Y SERVICES (Garats Hay) Newsletter No:4/2016

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Remembrance. As you will know one of the main purposes of The Royal British Legion is Remembrance. At 7.30am on 1 July 1916 whistles blew along the Western Front as a signal to troops to go 'over the top'; this was the start of one of the bloodiest battles of the Great War, the Battle of the Somme. To mark and remember this event three short blasts will be blown on whistles at 7.30am on 1 July 2016 at local War Memorials. If you can you might like to go along to your local War Memorial and listen and remember, or even blow a whistle yourself. Continuing the theme of Remembrance our Branch Standard Bearer Peter Gilbert and deputy Standard Bearer Dave Lawrence have between them paraded the branch standard at The Battle of Jutland Centenary Commemoration at the National Memorial Arboretum and again at the National Memorial Arboretum on Armed Forces Day.

Fundraising. Fundraising is of course also vital to the work of the Legion in caring for and supporting those in need and our branch easyfundraising initiative has raised a few pennies short of £100 for the Poppy Appeal in just four months. Well done all those 50 members who have registered with the easyfundraising.org.uk scheme and thank you for making your online purchases via the easyfundraising portal.

Raising funds in this way is totally painless and cost free and means that the branch is actively making contributions to the work of The Royal British Legion all the time and not just when remembrance poppies are on sale.

Comradeship. Despite being a far flung National Branch we aim to also foster comradeship and to this end here is a reminder of our planned Summer Gathering 2016

This year's Branch Summer Gathering will take place at the Imperial War Museum, Duxford, Cambridgeshire on Saturday 23rd July. Obviously a bit of a trek if you live outside the UK but all are welcome.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

1100 Branch committee meeting in the Air Space room

1230 Recommended arrival time for Branch members

1300 Lunch for all attendees in the Mess Restaurant

1400 Museum visit

1800 Museum closes

DETAILS

COMMITTEE MEETING

This meeting will take place in the Air Space of the museum at 1100. Committee members are asked to gather at the main entrance by 1030.

Non-committee members are most welcome to attend as observers.

ARRIVAL AND ENTRY

Since there is a reduced entry price for groups of 10 or more, Branch members are invited to gather at the main entrance at 1230 and then enter the museum as a group. Note – this is merely a recommendation as the savings are not significant.

Entry prices are as follows:

Adult £15.90 Group rate £13.20

Senior £12.70 Group rate £11.55

LUNCH

Members are invited to gather in the Mess Restaurant at 1300 for lunch. This will be completely informal and on a pay-as-you go basis

MUSEUM VISIT

The museum is very large with a good variety of displays. It is anticipated that at least 3.5 hours will be required to do it justice. There will be no organised tour and members will be invited to make their own way around the site immediately after lunch.

Keeping in touch. A reminder that you can keep up to date with branch news and activities via the branch website: www.garatshay.org.uk You can also contribute to less formal chat on our Facebook page: Y Services RBL Garats Hay