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RECOGNISING THE UNSEEN SERVICE OF THE ARMED FORCES

Let's celebrate the unique contributions
of the Armed Forces past and present



YOUR POPPY SUPPORTS THE ARMED FORCES PAST AND PRESENT



**PARALYMPIAN MICHAEL HALL TO LAUNCH
THE MARKET DRAYTON RBL POPPY
APPEAL**

'I think that the Legion is a fantastic charity I'm
so grateful that they have been there for me and



**THE 2428 (HEDGE END) SQUADRON OF
RAF AIR CADETS ON SUPPORTING THE
POPPY APPEAL**

'Supporting the Poppy Appeal is our way to give
something back to those who fought for the

also the local branch is somewhere for me to turn to.' Paralympian and Invictus Games gold medallist Michael Hall said. Mikey suffered an injury while serving and in 2017 he became ill and spent two years at the hospital. His local branch Market Drayton RBL were there to support him and his family. Mikey, who is now recovering, will be launching the Branch Poppy Appeal on 26th October 2019.

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rights we all enjoy, as well as those engaged on operational service today and their families.' Flt Lt Mike Glen RAFAC, Officer Commanding 2428 (Hedge End) Squadron RAF Air Cadets said. 2428 Squadron have been supporting the Poppy Appeal for many years and as Daimon Brown, a member and the local Poppy Appeal Organiser said they play a crucial part in raising funds every year.

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HOW THE Y SERVICES NATIONAL BRANCH FOUND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO SUPPORT THE APPEAL

Being a National Branch, the Y Services (Garats Hay) Branch might not have the opportunity to raise funds for the Poppy Appeal like local Branches but that hasn't stopped them from contributing. Alongside their other fundraising efforts they started using the Easyfundraising scheme two and a half years ago and they've managed to raise approximately £1600 so far with more than 70 members of the Branch participating.

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THE 2019 POPPY APPEAL LAUNCHED WITH OPERATION POPPY

This year the Poppy Appeal is going undercover, with the help of GCHQ in their centenary year, to highlight the unseen contributions of our Armed Forces. Undercover celebrities have accepted a mission to join forces with poppy collectors across the UK and shine a light on their efforts and the invaluable contributions being made by the Armed Forces community. Check out who these celebrities are on our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

[Support the Poppy Appeal >](#)



WHY NINE-YEAR-OLD MAISIE SUPPORTS THE POPPY APPEAL

“The Poppy People have helped all of us as a family and so I want to give something back by raising money.” Nine-year-old Maisie, who is a Poppy Appeal collector, said. Each year thousands of members and volunteers help raise vital funds during the Poppy Appeal. Read Maisie’s story to find out how the Legion helped her family after her father left the Army.

[Read the story >](#)

HOW YOUR DONATION HELPS SUPPORT THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY

We’re dedicated to supporting not only serving and ex-serving personnel but the whole of the Armed Forces community, including their families. From support dealing with the loss of a loved one and short-term breaks when they need it most to help finding jobs and training, we can help in all sorts of ways. We are here to help members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, veterans and their families. And we’re not going anywhere.

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POPPIES - THE TRUTH BEHIND SOME LONG-STANDING MYTHS

After 100 years in circulation as a worldwide symbol of Remembrance, the meaning behind the poppy can understandably get a little lost in translation. We’ve chosen the most common poppy myths and turned them into this family-friendly mythbuster! See what these mythical creatures have to say about these poppy myths, and help us spread the word by sharing this.

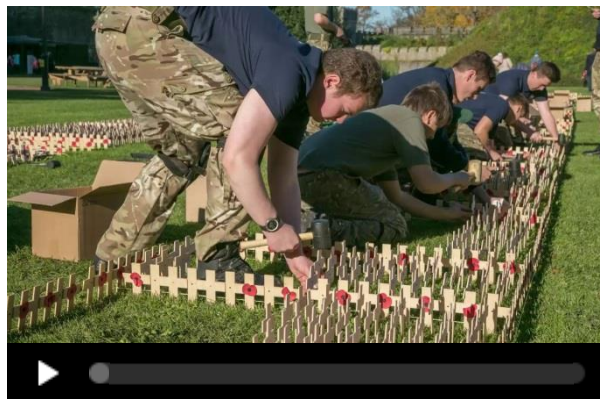
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TEACHING REMEMBRANCE WITH THE LEGION'S FREE LESSON PLANS

Our newly launched Teaching Remembrance hub provides learning resources to encourage students to explore the idea of Remembrance and discover its relevance today. The Royal British Legion partnered with the National Literacy Trust to deliver a set of lesson plans and assemblies spanning Key Stage 2, 3 and 4. All materials are free, and downloadable in English and Welsh.

[Find out more >](#)



VISIT ONE OF THE SIX FIELDS OF REMEMBRANCE IN THE UK

Each year, thousands of Legion members and supporters plant Tributes to fallen loved ones, comrades, and all those who served in one of six Fields of Remembrance across the UK. Visit your nearest Field in Gateshead, Belfast, Cardiff, the National Memorial Arboretum, Swindon, or Westminster in November and read the Tributes that have been made to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

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THE POPPY SHOP'S NEW AND CLASSIC PINS AND BROOCHES



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Poppy pins >](#)

Use the discount code **MEMBER15** to get 15% off



THE WESTMINSTER COLLECTION HAVE RAISED OVER £1 MILLION TO DATE

Our very special partner, The Westminster Collection, have raised over £1 Million for the Legion, from the sales of our Poppy coins and commemorative collections. Stephen Allen, The Westminster Collection's Chairman said "We are delighted to have raised such a significant amount for the Legion. The donations raised will go towards helping the Armed Forces community, which we feel incredibly passionate about as a company". Look out for this year's Poppy range, now on sale.

[Find out more >](#)



CREATE YOUR OWN REMEMBRANCE GARDEN AND HELP US RAISE FUNDS

This Remembrance, you can create your own special garden of Remembrance from our range of beautifully designed Poppy pots and bird care range via our partners, [Westland](#) and [Apta](#). The pots and accessories will be available at gardening centres nationwide, so why not pop into your local garden centre and pick up our official gardening products. A donation from each sale will be made to the Legion which will allow us to continue to help those in need within the Armed Forces community.

[View products from our partners >](#)

Did you know that...



The Board of Trustees have decided to appoint Lieutenant Colonel, Joe Falzon OSJ BEM as

Operation Market Garden

(AND THE BATTLE OF ARNHEM)



35,000+
Paratroopers
and Glider troops



4
Nations made
up the Allied Forces



50,000
XXX Corp troops
advanced on land



75 years since the battle of Arnhem, we remember our soldiers who fell, and those

the new National Vice Chairman after the previous National Vice Chairman resigned a few months ago. Joe has been a Trustee for 5 years and Una Cleminson, the National Chairman of The Royal British Legion, really looks forward to working with Joe over the next term.

from Canada, America and Poland who sacrificed everything to stand with us as allies. 85,000+ soldiers embarked on this operation, with almost 11,000 losing their lives and 17,000 being injured as they attempted to liberate three cities in Holland en route to North Germany.



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON 11TH AND 12TH DECEMBER

Guests will enjoy drinks and mince pies in London's historic Guildhall before the concert performed by The Bach Choir and the Legion's Central Band. Our celebrity guest readers will also entertain attendees with seasonal readings in the Great Hall. Tickets cost £45 each or £220 each (on Thursday 12th December only) including a three course dinner with wine in the Livery Hall.

[Find out more >](#)



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

The Arboretum's annual Remembrance Sunday Service will be held on Sunday 10 November 2019 at the base of the Armed Forces Memorial. This event is not ticketed and everyone is encouraged to attend. The grounds will be open to the general public throughout the day from 8am until dusk with the service commencing at approximately 10.40am. Early arrival on site is recommended.

[Find out more >](#)

Going back in time

From The Royal British Legion Magazine April, 1922

Poppy Fund Feeds the Children - Supplies being received at the Victory Club, Crouch Hill, N., where a distribution of soup is made daily. The cost is defrayed from the proceeds of 'Poppy Day'.

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This month's poll



What does wearing a Poppy mean to you?

1. It's my way of remembering family or friends who served or are currently serving
2. I can show my support for the Legion and the Armed Forces community
3. It symbolises hope for a peaceful future
4. Other

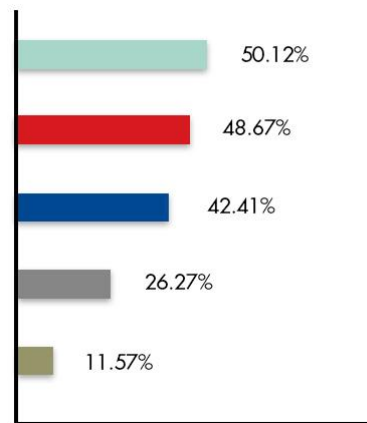
[Take part in the poll >](#)

Last month's poll

If you couldn't be a member of the Legion what would you miss the most?

415 Participants

1. The comradeship and friendship - 50.12%
2. The opportunity to help others as part of Branch Community Support - 48.67%
3. The chance to get involved with the Poppy Appeal or other Branch events/activities - 42.41%
4. The opportunity to attend events such as the Festival of Remembrance - 26.27%
5. Other - 11.57%



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 the e-newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact me. If you have questions about your membership card or want to change your home or email address please contact our Membership Services team MembershipServices@britishlegion.org.uk

Best wishes,

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