



**REMEMBRANCE  
2022  
The Branch  
on  
Parade.  
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**RIP**

**It is with great sadness that we  
report the death of  
Branch Member  
Roger Handley,  
May he rest in peace**

## REMEMBRANCE 2022, The Branch on Parade.

Several members of the Branch attended the Remembrance service at St Mary in the Elms Church in Old Woodhouse on Sunday 14 November. There was also a uniformed presence from Chicksands and members of the Loughborough Branch of the Royal Signals Association attended with their Standard. The event was kindly organised by Branch member, Bob White. Dave Lawrence paraded the Branch Standard and pointed out to our reporter that only a 'half dip' of the Standards was employed during the ceremony at the war memorial due to the wet weather. The young regular soldiers on parade were a credit to their unit in their turnout and bearing and enhanced what was a moving and memorable occasion.



## Membership News

**We currently have  
445  
Branch Members**

## Branch Committee vacancies

At the 2021 AGM held in Loughborough on 13 November 2021 Branch Committee members Linda McDermott and Bob Oldfield stood down having completed their three-year term of office (plus an additional voluntary year because of Covid-19). Bob was unable to attend but Linda was thanked by Branch President Eric Sambell for her service to the Branch and was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a small gift. Bob was also thanked in his absence and a certificate of appreciation and gift were sent on to him. So, this leaves vacancies for two members who might want to thrust themselves forward to assist in running the Branch, deciding what we do and how we do it. The only qualifications necessary are enthusiasm and of course you have to be a member. If interested and to find out more, please email Branch Secretary John Swann on: [yserVICES.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:yserVICES.secretary@rbl.community).

## Help us keep in touch with you.

You should by now have received an Email from our Membership Secretary, Pete Derrick, asking you to confirm your Email address (if you haven't received the Email, please check your junk mail/trash box).

Pete carries out this "trawl" once a year so that we do not lose contact with our members. If he does not receive a reply, he will make further enquiries via Facebook Personal Messaging and/or a text message to you via your mobile phone.

Obviously if he does not have your mobile phone number and/or you are not a member of the Y Service associated Facebook Groups then, unfortunately we will lose contact with you and you will not receive our monthly Branch Newsletter.

**A warm welcome  
to new  
Branch  
member  
Charles Cheesman**



## Branch Chairman's Message

November has been a busy month, we finished the Branch Calendar and made a great start in selling almost the whole stock, thank you to everyone who has purchased a copy (or copies). We held the Branch AGM in Loughborough on 13 November with the venue being paid for anonymously by a Branch member (I know who you are and thank you most sincerely). With the relaxing of some restrictions we were able to return to our usual Remembrance Sunday event at St Mary in the Elms Church and thanks go to Bob White for liaising with the parish council and organizing the event. We said goodbye to two loyal Branch committee members at the AGM and would like to fill the vacant positions. Please consider having a go, details on page 2. In the meantime, mask up, stay warm and stay well.

Jim McDermott, Branch Chairman

## Easyfundraising and your Christmas present online buying campaign.

To keep Amazon\* busy and reduce the risk of mixing with other humans, shopping for Christmas presents online is highly recommended. If and when you do shop online this is a reminder that if you do so via easyfundraising every purchase you make will attract a donation from the retailer. So first of all, sign up to the easyfundraising scheme (which costs you nothing except a few minutes of your time) and identify the charity you are supporting **RBL Y Services (Garats Hay) Branch**, please. Then when you have the urge to go shopping online go first to your easyfundraising link. From here you select the retailer you want to use and proceed to make your purchase; easyfundraising does the rest. You pay for your purchases in the usual way – and, as if by magic our Branch Treasurer received a payment of accrued donations every quarter.

To get started go to:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rblyservices/?invite=1DZNV&referral-campaign=s2s>

Then it's the usual sign-up process with a password. Then follow the instructions. Happy Shopping!

\*Other distributors available

Raise donations for RBL Y  
Services (Garats HaY) Branch  
whenever you shop online

Turn your everyday online shopping into FREE  
donations

Over **£35m** raised for good causes through easyfundraising



Support RBL Y Services (Garats HaY)  
Branch

**£2,135.69**    **88**  
Total raised    Supporters

## Friends of the Y Services Memorial (FOYSM)

A warm glow has descended on your Branch Committee as we find that through the generosity of several members we have 'almost' enough contributors making a regular standing order to pay the Y Services Memorial maintenance bill at the end of October each and every year. There is still time to sign up and take out a Standing Order.

We decided on Bank Standing Orders because the arrangement leaves you in complete control of your money and your bank details.

## How to become a Friend of The Y Services Memorial at the NMA (FOYSM)

Please take out a Bank Standing Order made payable to the [Garats Hay RBL Branch](#).  
[This is the full and correct title of the account]

Sort Code 40-30-24

Account No: 61824007

Amount: £3.00 monthly (or more if you wish)

Reference FOYSM [Please note that this is a Business Account]

Or by post:

FOYSM c/o

58 Beatty Road

GREAT YARMOUTH

NR30 4BQ

When you have set up your Standing Order perhaps you would kindly let our treasurer Lynda Oldfield know by email:

[yservices.treasurer@rbl.community](mailto:yservices.treasurer@rbl.community)



## SUMMER GATHERING 22-23 JULY 2022

The 2022 Summer gathering is planned for the weekend 22-23 July and will be based on a day at the National Memorial Arboretum. Accommodation and social activities will be in and around the village of Hamstall Ridware in Staffordshire.



Accommodation in the Shoulder of Mutton pub is fairly limited and has largely already been booked by those attending the committee meeting. However, one cottage, which has two double rooms each with its own bathroom, is still available.

Other accommodation is available in the surrounding area. Obviously, 22-23 July 2022 is still a long way off, but please do put it in your diaries. It would be wonderful to see you all at the NMA. If you want to be involved in the other social activities, please book now. Anyone trying to book the last remaining cottage in the Shoulder of Mutton should quote 'Y Services'

The draft programme is as follows

### Friday 22nd of July

- 1600 Committee meeting in the Shoulder of Mutton pub
- 1800 Social gathering in the pub and garden to include outdoor skittles and possibly a BBQ meal.



### Saturday 23rd of July

- 1030 Gathering at the Y Services memorial Garden at the NMA
- 1230 Informal lunch in the NMA cafeteria
- 1330 An opportunity to explore the remainder of the NMA
- 1900 Dinner in the Shoulder of Mutton pub (numbers may have to be limited, as the pub has only two small dining rooms).



### Branch Poppy Appeal 2021

As members will know, as a National Branch we do not have connections with local towns or villages although we know that many members do support their own local RBL Branch and volunteer to stand at tables in supermarkets etc. around Remembrance-tide. Instead, we make efforts to raise funds year-round and in various ways. This is the gist of the Branch Appeal report present at the 2021 Branch AGM by Branch Poppy Appeal Coordinator Dennis Weir.

The Poppy Appeal income as at the July committee meeting stood at £632.28 Since then, we have had the following income:

Source	Amount
Opening Balance July	£632.28
Branch President's BBQ	£233.00
Easyfundraising Q2	£68.24
Sale of Badges	£10.00
10KM Runs	£244.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,188.19</b>

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed at the AGM that we round the £1,188.19 up to £2000.00 from non-charitable funds.

This is a great effort from a relatively small Branch and many thanks to everyone who contributed in whatever way during the year.

### Editorial Note

The December issue will be distributed early on or about 20 December 2021. Any contributions to the editor please by 18 December 2021, preferred format for submissions below.

Contributions to the monthly Branch Newsletter are always welcome on any topics members think will be of general interest. We aim to provide uplifting stories and attempt not to duplicate messages already sent from RBL HQ. Copy should be sent by email. to the editor Jim McDermott at [jim.mcdermott77@ntlworld.com](mailto:jim.mcdermott77@ntlworld.com) Preferred format is unformatted MS Word and any photos, cartoons or pictures should be submitted separately as JPEGs.



## Branch Calendars

There are still a few 2022 Branch Calendars available for sale. We hope to net £100 for the Poppy appeal

Following a successful launch of the very first RBL Y Services Branch Calendar 2022 there are just **10 copies** remaining. No surprise to learn that after the front cover the calendar has 12 pages each with a Y Services related pic and there is space to write in important occasions.

Pics of lots of places you'll recognize



Calendars are just £5.00 each plus £1.50 p&p.  
All proceeds to the Poppy Appeal. Don't delay buy today. See below for how to place your order

To place a firm order please email Jim McDermott, using:  
[jim.mcdermott77@ntlworld.com](mailto:jim.mcdermott77@ntlworld.com)  
stating number required and address for dispatch  
Payment in advance please preferably via Bank Transfer to:  
Sort Code: 77-15-14  
Account Number: 55527060  
Ref: [Your Surname]

Then email Jim McDermott again to say you have paid  
To pay any other way, please request details in your email when ordering.  
All proceeds will go via the Branch to the Poppy Appeal  
Your calendar will be in the post as soon as I see you have paid

**ENDS**