

**SPECIAL POPPY APPEAL
FUND RAISING EDITION**



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RBL Y Services Branch Newsletter
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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
POPPY APPEAL

Poppy Appeal

At the risk of teaching several grannies to suck eggs, a reminder to all members that the RBL Poppy Appeal is a year-round activity. Whilst there is an annual concentration of effort in October and November leading up to Remembrance Day with generous folk making donations and wearing poppies for the appeal, there are any number of ways for everyone to raise amounts large and small throughout the year to help ensure that the RBL has adequate funds to support its many support and caring services. So if you are feeling charitable, perhaps, when selling unwanted items at a car boot sale, or contemplating doing a sponsored sporty 'something', you might want to set aside some of your profits or sponsorship for the Poppy appeal.

You can make a donation at any time to The Branch Bank Account via BACS

Sort Code 40-30-24

Account No: 61824007

(Name of the account if required is: Garats Hay RBL Branch)

Reference Poppy Appeal (Note that this is a business account)

If you do make a donation please kindly let our treasurer Lynda Oldfield know by email:

yservices.treasurer@rbl.community so we can thank you.

Or by cheque made out to: **'Garats Hay RBL Branch'** and post to:

RBL Y Services Branch
c/o 58 Beatty Road
GREAT YARMOUTH
NR30 4BQ



By far the easiest, non-painful and little effort needed way to raise funds, is to sign up to the online easyfundraising scheme and select our Branch as your chosen charity.

Support the RBL Y Services (Garats HaY) Branch Poppy appeal fundraising efforts for FREE when you shop online with over 6,200 retailers via easyfundraising. Sign up here:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cause/rblyservices/>



The Editor (Jim McDermott) has - Posters for Sale

I have an ancient uncle, Malcolm, whose older brother, Jimmy, serving with Royal Norfolk Regiment was killed just as World War Two ended. My uncle Jimmy had been a prisoner of the Japanese and at the end of the war was being flown home in a Dakota when it plunged into the South China Sea and all aboard were lost. My remaining uncle has kindly donated this superb set of seven World War Two reproduction posters with the request that they be used, if possible, to raise funds for the Poppy appeal. The posters are new and unused and would make a great addition to any man, woman or person shed. They measure 20" by 28" and are available for £10 each including post and packing. There is just one copy of each and posters will be dispatched, rolled in a rigid cardboard tube on receipt of payment. First come first served. To order please email jim.mcdermott77@ntlworld.com

stating poster(s) required and address for dispatch

Please pay when your order is confirmed, preferably via Bank Transfer to:

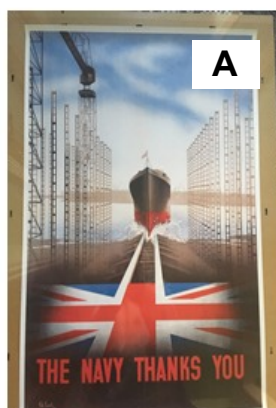
Sort Code: 77-15-14

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



Note that the pics shown here are photos of the originals and are slightly distorted.

Branch News

Branch Chairman's Message.

All quiet on all fronts with little to report - not an unexpected circumstance for this time of the year. This issue is dedicated to fund-raising for the RBL Poppy appeal and a mention also of recruiting. As the Covid Pandemic restrictions ease we hope to get back to our version of normal soon and details of planned events will appear in future issues of this newsletter. Finally, a reminder that contributions to the Branch newsletter are always welcome, see details of how to submit your finely crafted story or news item at the foot of this page.

Regards and best wishes to all
Jim McDermott, Branch Chairman

The National Branches District (NBD) Annual Conference

The National Branches District (NBD) Annual Conference (the equivalent of a Branch County Conference for local Branches) took place via Zoom on Saturday 22 January 2022. This was the first NBD Annual Conference chaired by the new NBD Chairman Jane Cosgrove of the RBL Riders Branch. It was announced that following an online election in late 2021 James Lambert of the RBL Professionals Branch was elected NBD Vice Chairman. There was a good turnout with your Branch Chairman, Secretary and Standard Bearer and one Branch member representing the Branch. Dave Lawrence delivered our Branch report. Jason Coward, A Legion Trustee and Chairman of the Legion Membership Council, gave an excellent presentation on the way forward for the Legion and provided details of the wide range of help and services offered which will be publicised via the usual channels in due course. The NBD Membership Council representative, Dave Street (who is also a Branch member) delivered the Membership Council report.

A warm welcome
to new Branch members
Mark Horne
Loz Hill
Rob Wright

Recruiting

As the dust settles (metaphorically) on a busy 2021, during which a lot of time and effort was expended on the Y Services Memorial at the NMA, in 2022 we plan to concentrate our efforts on recruiting more members to the Branch.

We start 2022 with a Branch membership total of **447** it would be great to see that number increase month by month

Any efforts you can make individually, to encourage new people to join the RBL and in particular our Branch, will be greatly appreciated.

During the year your Branch committee will be organizing some focused recruiting campaigns aimed at those still serving and nearing the end of their service in Y Service-related units, as well as continuing our occasional RBL Branch promotions on social media.

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

Preferred format is unformatted MS Word and any photos, cartoons or pictures should be submitted separately as JPEGs.