



Remembrance - not just in November

A reminder that the Branch Summer Gathering 2022 (SG22) is planned for 22/23 July 2022. A small ceremony of Remembrance will take place at the Y Services Memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum at 1100 hrs on 23 July 2022. All welcome, no need to book. (More info on page 2)

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**It is with great sadness
that we report the death
of Branch Member**

Eddie Bellerby

May he rest in peace.

SUMMER GATHERING (SG22)

There remain two en-suite double rooms in a cottage at the Shoulder of Mutton in Hamstall Ridware near the National Memorial Arboretum which will be the venue for our summer gathering over the weekend 22/23 July. We also still have space for four more members at a dinner in that same pub on the Saturday night. If you wish to join us, please contact the pub direct on 01889 504488 and quote RBL weekend. Please also email: dennis.weir1@ntlworld.com if you do so.

SG22 at a glance

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Fun
& Committee
meeting

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Remembrance at the
NMA

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More Fun

REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND

The social venue for our gathering at Remembrance Weekend 11/12 November 22 will be the Quorn Grange Hotel. 01509 412167. The original plan was to have a private dinner on the Saturday night in a separate room in the hotel, but we have been informed that this might not be possible. All those of us who are booked into the hotel for the weekend will of course be able to eat there but we may have to be seated in smaller groups. The thing we need to know by the end of August is who is coming and who would like to dine with the group on the Saturday evening. Once we know that, we will see how best we can all be seated. Please also email: dennis.weir1@ntlworld.com if you are coming and whether you would prefer to eat early (1830) or a little later (2000)



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

Flying the Union Jack in your garden, organising a street party? However you are celebrating the monarch's Platinum Jubilee why not share your pics with members in the next issue of this newsletter. Details on how to submit copy on page 3

Branch Chairman's Message.

The month of May has been very quiet. During the month we received the sad news that Nuala Carr, wife and carer of Branch member Chris Carr had died suddenly. A Branch condolence card was sent on behalf of the Branch to Chris and his family.

Recruitment-wise we attracted three new members to the Branch in May and efforts continue to attract those still serving (and, indeed anybody else)!

We still have two vacant positions on your Branch Committee. If you are interested in helping to run the Branch please contact Branch Secretary John Swann by email:
yservices.secretary@rbl.community

Regards

Jim McDermott, Branch Chairman

A warm welcome to new Branch members

Sqn Ldr R. Kelly (Rick)
Mrs V. Challinor (Verona)
Mrs S. Derrick (Sue)
and
a belated welcome to
Miss R. Amy BEM (Rosemary)
(joined in March 2022)

**Membership
currently stands at
437**

Snippets

The Branch
Newsletter for April
2022 was opened
298 times

Next month: Update
and feedback on
National Conference

**Summer Gathering
is on 22/23 July 2022**



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.

Standards on Parade

Our very own Branch Standard bearer, Dave Lawrence heeded a call for help from The Intelligence Corps and went along to assemble their brand new Corps Standard. Using his vast experience of matters ceremonial Dave completed the task and now finds himself appointed the Intelligence Corps Standard Bearer.

Dave continues, of course, as the bearer for our own Legion Branch Standard and during May attended a regular training session in Warwick for Legion Standard Bearers



Defence Committee

An Opportunity to Ask Questions of the men at the ministry.*

The Defence Committee says:
On Wed 8 June we'll be holding a session on the work of the Office for Veterans Affairs (OVA) hearing from the Minister and Jessie Owen, Director, OVA.

We want to hear from veterans and the families of veterans ahead of the session on what questions to ask:

<https://forms.office.com/r/agK02qsUr1>

So if you have a burning question you would like asked please click on the link and fill in the form.

*(or should that be people at the ministry)?

Recruiting New Members



We are always keen to attract more people to join the Legion and in particular to choose our Branch. We have posters and promotional material in locations at Digby and Chicksands but experience shows that a personal approach is often the best way to get someone to sign up. So if you feel you can persuade a colleague, friend or relative to join the Branch, please appoint yourself as our local recruiting sergeant for your area. To make the task easier we have produced a double-sided 'business card' containing all the essential information. If you would like a pack of 10 cards (secured with a free elastic band) please email a request with your current postal address to:

ysecurities.chairman@rbl.community



This looks like a repeat but the figures are updated

Here is our oft repeated message about a really easy way to contribute funds to the Poppy Appeal. We are registered as RBL Y Services (Garats HaY) Branch with #easyfundraising, which means over 6,000 shops and sites will now donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them.

See how much we have raised since we started raising funds via easyfundraising



RBL Y Services (Garats HaY) Branch

Donations

Donations Total

£2243.05

Last 30 Days

£26.94

Supporters

Supporters Total

92

(As at 310522)

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

Use this link to get started:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rblyservices/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=gs-f1

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