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OUR BRANCH STANDARD MAKES A TRIP TO THE CAPITAL

On Sunday 28th August 2022 the National Cyclists Branch, part of the National Branches District (NBD) as is our own "Y" Services Branch, held a ceremony to dedicate their new Branch standard at St James' Church, Piccadilly, London.

Our standard, as well as that of the National Professionals Branch, were paraded as a guard of honour for the dedication.

The Chairman of the Cyclists' branch, Chris Bird, recited The Exhortation and the ceremony was overseen by NBD Chairman Jane Cosgrove. A small number of other Cyclists Branch members were present to support the event.

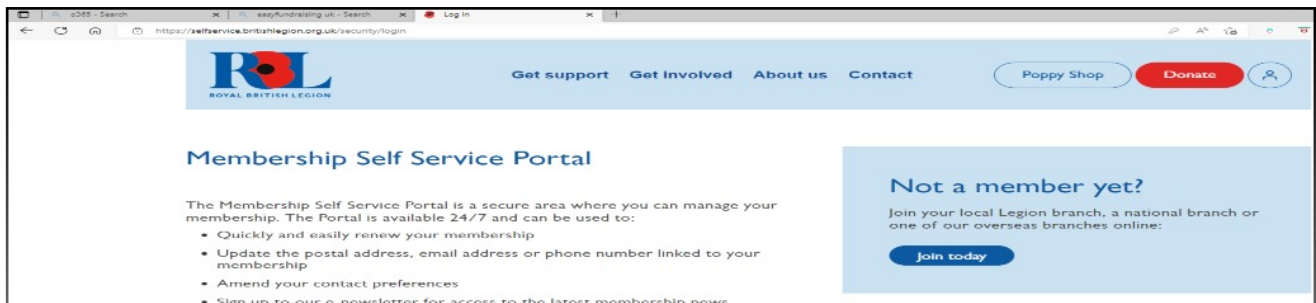


From top, the National Professionals, the Cyclists and the Y Services Branch standards being dipped for the National Anthem

KEEPING YOUR DATA UP TO DATE

In case you didn't know you can edit your own RBL membership details online and make sure everything is correct and up to date by using the Membership Self Service Portal

You will need to open an account first at: <https://selfservice.britishlegion.org.uk> and create a password (but you only have to do this once). You will also need, a valid email address, your date of birth and your RBL membership number. To make finding your membership number really easy, if you cannot locate your membership card, your membership number will be included in the distribution email letter for the August 22 issue.



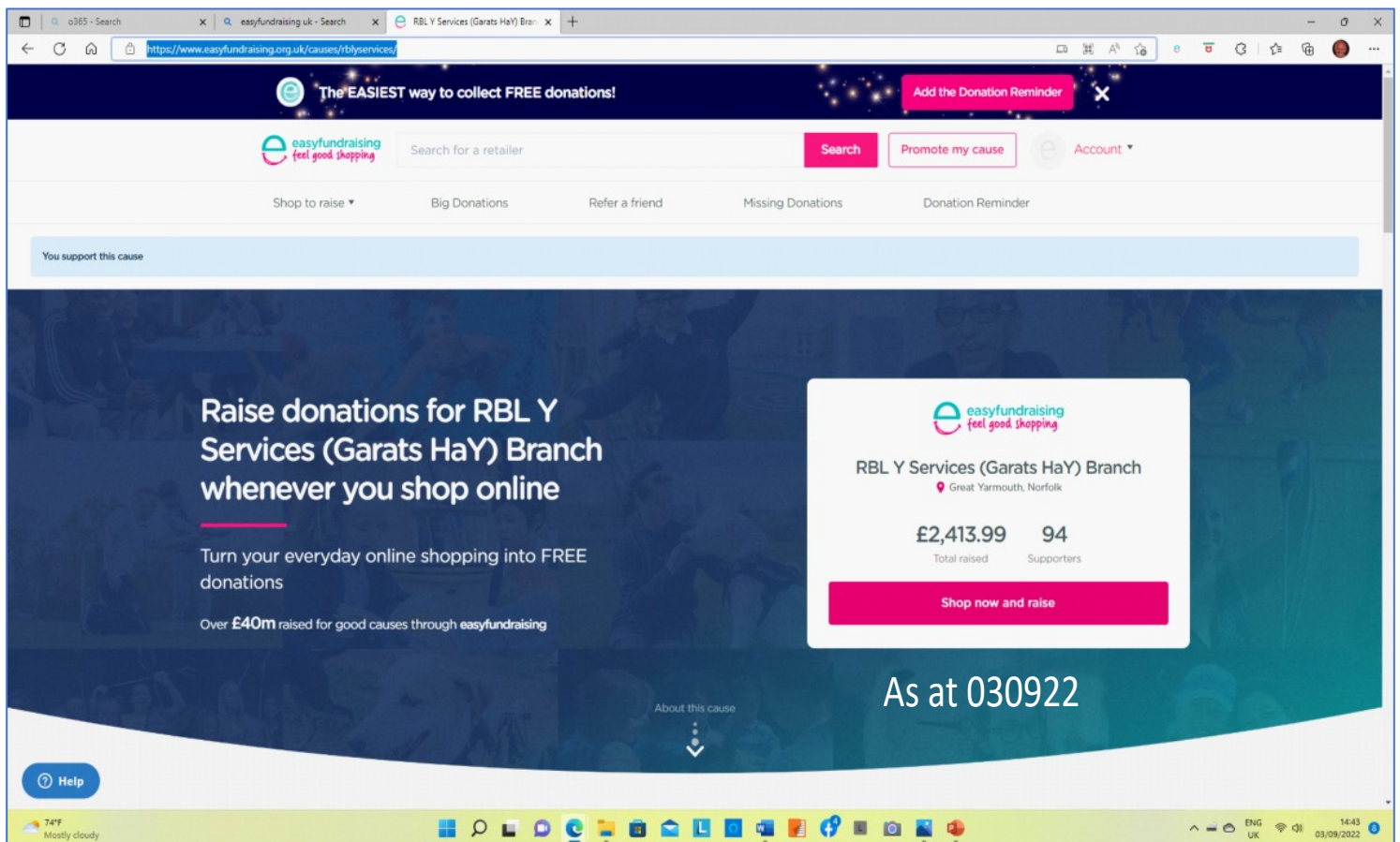
FRIENDS OF THE Y SERVICES MEMORIAL (FOYSM) AT THE NMA

We are pleased to report that we have accrued sufficient funds to settle this year's bill from the NMA to maintain the Y Services Memorial and Garden at the NMA. Many thanks to everyone who has taken out a monthly or annual Standing Order to help us achieve the required amount. As previously reported we have sought additional financial support from both the WRAC Assoc and RAF Assoc and await their responses.



EASY FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Our easiest of easy ways to raise funds for the Branch Poppy appeal continues to draw in regular micro contributions. See screen shot below of how much we have accrued since joining the scheme – all at NO COST. Go to this web page to get involved: [RBL Y Services \(Garats HaY\) Branch Fundraising | Easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rblyservices/)



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Branch Members,

The thinnest of thin Newsletters this month as is usual during the summer/holiday season. This also explains the delay in getting the August issue finished and distributed - most of the vast editorial team were away in Spain. A small but pleasing increase in membership this month and we have had one volunteer to fill an upcoming position on the Branch Committee - more on this as we approach the 2022 AGM. There are still, however spaces for two more Branch committee members. If you feel you can contribute to how the Branch is run, perhaps bring in some new ideas, please do contact Branch Secretary John Swann by email on: yserVICES.secretary@rbl.community

Regards to all,

Jim McDermott

Branch Chairman

A VIRTUAL SIGINT MUSEUM - IDEA

It has been noted recently that visitors to the Royal Signals Museum have expressed disappointment that there is no mention of Sigint or the Spec Op trade and related trades. Is there an opportunity here for our very own Branch website to curate a 'virtual sigint museum?' All content being handled of course with due regard to Sec and Persec. This might include photos, short narratives about life at the sharp end, stories about fitting in a mid-shift after a night out and how the country was defended up to the end of the Cold War. This is very much at the idea stage but any thoughts and suggestions please on the concept to: yserVICES.secretary@rbl.community

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Three new members in August brings out total to : 443

A warm welcome to new Branch members:

Alan Morton
Alex Munford
Edward (Ted) Spiller

REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND 2022

The Branch focus for Remembrance Weekend social activities 2022 will be the Quorn Grange Hotel and it would be great to see some of our 'local to Quorn' members pop in and join us for a drink in the hotel. More detail on this and information about the annual Remembrance service at St Mary in the Elms church Old Woodhouse in a future issue of this newsletter.





LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed,
Can you help please. I thought I was quite good at English and as a keen follower of sport I have been watching the European Athletic Championships with interest. I wonder though if some of the athletes, especially runners are sufficiently prepared for their events. For example, I heard in the 1500 metres men's that one of the runners was "Setting out his stall" surely that shouldn't be allowed? Another was "Pulling others along" that can't be right, and finally in the ladies 200 metres hurdles, the leading runner, a young lady from Holland, was "Asking questions of the other hurdlers." Would she not be better concentrating on hurdling rather than running a quiz? Or am I being picky?

Brenda of Bromford
Name and address supplied

Dear Ed,
I was clearing out my attic the other day and came across a round black disc with a hole in the middle, is this a record?

Lennie of Lincoln.
Name and address supplied.

Dear Lennie,
Thank you for your enquiry. No, it is just an old joke and the second time you have submitted it to this newsletter.
Regards
Ed

Dear Brenda,
Relax, it's called hyperbole: *hyper·bole* [hɪlɪ'pə:bəli] **NOUN** - exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally:
"he vowed revenge with oaths and hyperboles" · [more]
Synonyms: exaggeration · overstatement · magnification · amplification · embroidery · embellishment · overplaying · excess · overkill

I hope that is clear as crystal, comprehended and grasped?
Regards
Ed

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**, please, as JPEGs.