

Editor's Notes

Hello friends and colleagues.
Welcome to the 3rd edition of
the County Newsletter.

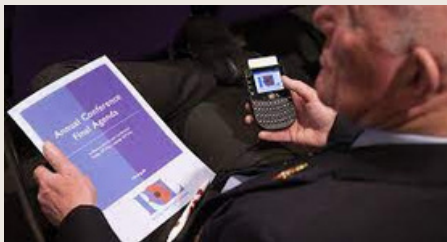
Please don't forget this is
publication for all branches so
please send in copies of your
social calendar and
details/photos of any event
which you would like to share
with other branches - in Word
format please with pictures
attached.

All submissions please by email
to:

[Northamptonshire.minutingsec
retary@rbl.community](mailto:Northamptonshire.minutingsecretary@rbl.community)

TRBL Annual Conference

To attend Annual
Conference, you
must register in advance.
All applications must be
submitted by 5pm on
Friday 7th April 2023.



Full details are on the
[Legion website](#)



2022 Poppy Appeal

Latest figures from
Giles Coleman

Northants YTD:

£473,616.27 +4.06%

SE/SE Midlands YTD:

£3,007,131.34 +0.75%

National YTD:

£35,462,073.9 -1.54%

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COUNTY CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

by Ian Byrnes

"I am continuing with the my series of visits as County Chair to branches across the County and would welcome invitations to attend branch meetings, I recently was with the new Nether Heyford Branch for their first meeting following formal approval as an TRBL Branch, and I am looking forward to attending TRBL Brixworth Branch inaugural meeting on 20th March.

Training is an important issue exercising me at present wearing my other "hat" as County Training Officer; we all agree to be trained when we sign the MS1 on an annual basis, but because of the pandemic most of our training qualifications from Branch Management Training (BMT) courses have lapsed. A number of courses have already been arranged but if you can provide a room for 8-10 people plus the 2 trainers in your locality, Steve Thatcher and I will be delighted to come to your part of the county to run the BMT course for you. Alternatively come and join one of the courses we are now regularly holding at the County Office or at other venues".

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL THE LATEST INFORMATION

[HTTPS://COUNTIES.BRITISHLEGION.ORG.UK/COUNTIES/NORTHAMPTONSHIRE/](https://counties.britishlegion.org.uk/counties/northamptonshire/)

County Committee Meeting

The next County Committee meeting will take place on 16th March 2023 at the County Office, Northampton.

The agenda will include reports from the County Chairman, Treasurer, CCSC, Parade Marshal, MEO and County Fundraiser. Each meeting also carries out a review of the progress made on the County Plan 2023-2026.

The Committee will also receive details of the proposed War Memorial Competition for 2023.

A copy of the minutes will be issued to all branches after the meeting.



Remembrance Diary

We have put together a list of significant dates when branches may wish to organise commemorations or events. A copy is available on the County webpage at: <https://counties.britishlegion.org.uk/counties/northamptonshire>



Standard Bearers Training

14th March
11th April

Training takes place at the Army Reserve Forces Centre Drill Hall, Clare Street, Northampton from 19.00 to 20.30hrs

Branch Training

Branch courses are already underway with our first session of Office 365 & MAP training being delivered on 24th February. The next courses are planned for:

- Saturday 11th March - Office 365 & MAP
- Saturday 18th March - Branch Management
- Saturday 25th March - Office 365 & MAP
- Saturday 1st April - Branch Management

Please book your places by going to our [Training Page](#) on the County website

Meeting Dates - March & April

01 Mar - Northampton Branch Meeting
04 Mar - Corby Branch Meeting
06 Mar - Byfield Branch Meeting
06 Mar - Finedon Branch Meeting
06 Mar - Oundle Branch Meeting
06 Mar - Roade Branch Meeting
07 Mar - Brackley Branch Meeting
07 Mar - Kettering Branch Meeting
13 Mar - Rushden Branch Meeting
13 Mar - Thrapston Branch Meeting
13 Mar - Brixworth Branch Meeting
13 Mar - Mears Ashby Branch Meeting
14 Mar - Towcester Branch Meeting
14 Mar - Wellingborough Branch Meeting
15 Mar - Raunds Branch meeting
16 Mar - County Committee Meeting
16 Mar - Desborough Branch Meeting
21 Mar - Greens Norton Branch Meeting
30 Mar - Daventry Branch Meeting
01 Apr - Corby Branch Meeting
03 Apr - Rushden Branch Meeting
03 Apr - Byfield Branch Meeting
03 Apr - Finedon Branch Meeting
03 Apr - Oundle Branch Meeting
03 Apr - Roade Branch Meeting
04 Apr - Brackley branch Meeting
04 Apr - Kettering Branch Meeting
05 Apr - Northampton Branch Meeting
11 Apr - Towcester Branch Meeting
11 Apr - Wellingborough Branch Meeting
12 Apr - Raunds Branch Meeting
13 Apr - Desborough Branch Meeting
17 Apr - Thrapston Branch Meeting
18 Apr - Greens Norton Branch Meeting
24 Apr - Finedon Branch Meeting
27 Apr - Daventry Branch Meeting

NOTE - all dates are taken from branch TRBL websites where available - is yours up-to-date?

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County Committee

President	Col John Royle MBE DL
Chairman/Training Officer	Ian Byrnes
Vice Chairman/ Recruitment Officer	Phil Blanchard
Armed Forces Covenant Officer	Bill Rose
Treasurer/ Youth Officer	Tyler Jeffs
CCSC/Parade Marshal	Nick Fall
Publicity Officer	Phil York
Club Liaison Officer	Robbie Paice
Minutes Secretary	Steve Thatcher
Committee Members:	Irene Blanchard Pat Cutting Mike Nichol

County Standard Bearers

County Standard Bearer	Chris Barlow
Deputy Standard Bearer	Adam Brooks

Other County Officials

Community Fundraiser	Giles Coleman
Membership	Tom Coen
Engagement Officer	

County Office

The County Office is located at the Army Reserve Forces Centre, Clare Street, Northampton NN1 3JQ and is open every Tuesday from 10.00 to 14.00 hrs.

Telephone: 01604 630966

(Answerphone available out of office hours)

Branch Centenaries 2023

12 Apr - Desborough
20 Jun - Burton Latimer



County War Memorial Competition

The County War Memorial Competition is back for 2023 and letters will be sent out to all branches once cleared by the County Committee.



Youth Affiliations

Our new County Youth Officer, Tyler Jeffs, is keen to promote and encourage branches to affiliate with their local youth groups. Unfortunately there is no central record of such affiliations at the moment. Tyler has therefore asked that all branches who work with local youth groups contact him with the details so he can build up a picture of this activity.

Please email

Northamptonshire.CYO@rbl.community

BRANCH NEWS



Desborough Branch

1923 Centenary 2023

Coffee Morning

Heritage Centre
Station Road, Desborough

Saturday 8th April

10am - 12 Noon

Tea, coffee and hot cross buns!
Raffle, cakes and various stalls to
browse

Fire Safety Advice and Royal British
Legion information.

Shoulder To Shoulder With All Who Serve.

Registered Charity Number: 219279



Desborough Branch

1923 Centenary 2023

Church Service

St. Giles Church, Desborough

Saturday 15th April

3 - 4pm

Followed by
refreshments in the
Community Centre.

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ARMED FORCES DAY
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

RUSHDEN
TOWN COUNCIL
LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

ARMED FORCES DAY

RUSHDEN

Saturday 24th June 2023

**Parade, Stalls, Displays,
Entertainment**

Times and Places to Follow

**If you would like to Parade or display
at the event please register your interest**

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In association with
Rushden Town Council,
Rushden Royal Naval Association,
Rushden Historical Transport Society

