



NEWSLETTER – 01/2013  
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION  
RIPON BRANCH



**Aim:** The aim of this Newsletter is to bring Royal British Legion (RBL) Ripon Branch members up to date with numerous changes. 2012 proved to be a very turbulent year for the Branch resulting in changes to the committee. The committee will meet at Lister House every First Monday of alternative months to discuss and propose Branch activities. The Chairman and the Committee invites all RBL, Ripon Branch members to join us at our meetings. Anyone wishing to come to meeting but has transport problems, please ring the Secretary on 01765 607349 to make arrangements.

President  
Chairman  
Vice-Chairman  
Honorary Secretary  
Treasurer  
Membership Secretary  
Poppy Appeal Organiser  
Welfare Representative

**Mr John Andrew Cowie**  
**Mr Jeet Bahadur Sahi**  
**Mr Barry J. Parsons**  
**Mrs Toni E. Vauvert**  
**Mr David Young**  
**Mr Norman Ladds**  
**Mr Albert Weidemann**  
**Mrs Leonora Ableson**

*List of dates*

15 June 2013 - Coffee Morning  
29 June 2013 - Armed Forces Day  
6 July 2013 - Lister House Garden Party  
10 November 2013 - Remembrance Sunday  
December 2013 - RBL Xmas Party



**Branch News**

The Branch stands firm at present. Most of the new Branch officers have acquired training, courses and briefings. Apart from the regular meetings, the Branch successfully organised social gathering, took part in the 21 Engr Regt Welcoming Parade. The Branch was represented at the Election and Installation of The Right Worshipful The Mayor, Ripon City. The Chairman and members of the Branch Committee will be organising fund raising events and social get together in the future. If you have any ideas get in touch with the Secretary and let her know or pass it on to a Committee Member to put forward the idea at the next meeting or better bring along your idea to the meeting where you and your ideas will be welcome.

Poppy Appeal Organiser, Mr Albert Weidemann, reports that to date £14,000 (approx) has been raised from the Ripon Branch. He, together with the Chairman and the Committee would like to say a big thank you to all those who answered his poster and volunteered to help, either deliver and collect the Poppy boxes or counting money from the boxes. Even in this financial climate County have seen a 31% increase overall. This year the Branch faces a greater challenge to raise the bar, however with the assistance of all volunteers and generous public Branch feels very confident.

**Keeping in Touch**

It is mandatory for Branch to maintain a Membership Register containing RBL Membership number, name and postal address for various reasons. Postal correspondence is expensive and is a major drain on precious Branch fund. The Branch do not levy an administration charges on membership fee, the whole of your annual subscription go to RBL Headquarter in London. It is vital that we maintain a link with all our members hence we request for your phone number or internet address. The Branch strictly follow the Data Protection Act and the information will only be used by Branch officers and only when necessary. Your submission of the attached proforma to the Branch Secretary is much appreciated and will provide an alternative means of contact. Thank you.



**Recruiting**

Mis-conception or representation of the RBL is killing off membership of the Legion. Great deeds of the RBL doesn't end with Great Wars but its' support to the current wounded or frail, young or old, serving soldiers or retiree is greater than ever. It supports groups of people or an individual however the Legion is able to provide all these support because of you and I who are volunteers, who thrive to live for others. The good work of the Legion needs to spread and you can help. Perhaps your family and friends know of your belief in the Legion's good work and may be willing to join, if you talk to them about it. They may be proud to carry on your tradition and willing to support in the way you do. **Your Legion Needs Them.**

**We Will Remember Them - Mr John Alfred Lloyd**

John was born in London on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 1943. His family moved to Jersey when he was six years old and the island became his home thereafter. John enlisted in the Royal Green Jackets in 1964, rose to the rank of Colour Sergeant and completed 23 years service. He joined the Ripon Branch of the RBL in January 2005 and married shortly afterwards. He and Mrs Lloyd then made their home in Bradford but he retained his Ripon Branch Membership until his sad demise on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February this Year. Our good wishes go out to Mrs Lloyd and her family.

**Miscellaneous**

Should you find yourself in need of medical or welfare help, please initially get in touch with the Secretary (01765 607349) who will direct you to the person or persons who will be able to help you. At the last meeting it was decided to produce a quarterly newsletter. If you have anything you wish to be included on it then email the Secretary ([tonivauvert@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonivauvert@yahoo.co.uk)). Do the same if you have anything you would like to be brought up at the next Branch meeting.

Thank you for your continuing support and we look forward to seeing you at one of our social event.

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