



North & East Yorkshire County News

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“SERVICE NOT SELF”

From the County Chairman

Hi everybody,

This County Newsletter is a way for you and your Branches views to be aired, your Branch activities to be advertised and your events displayed.

I'm pleased to report that we are now getting good articles and feed back from Branches, please keep them coming in so that we here in North & East Yorkshire can promote the Royal British Legion. It helps create greater awareness, strengthen the membership, raise the income of the Poppy Appeal and recruit additional supporters. PLEASE..... let us have details of any of your events so we can publicise them and display your achievements.

The Pathway for Growth plan is transitioning the Legion to a new structure, designed to enable delivery of welfare, representation, Remembrance and comradeship at a more local level. We are now entering Phase two of this transition. Chris Cunningham has published the **Area Manager's plan for Yorkshire, in which, the North & East Yorkshire County office in York is proposed to be closed and that Kimberley Thornton, the County Secretary, works out of the new Leeds office or from her home.** Whilst we have to appreciate that the Area Manager is making difficult decisions to adhere to the National programme for this new concept, I feel we, as volunteers need the practical support of our professional staff based within our County boundaries. As your County Chairman, I have expressed my views on this plan and I have requested that a working County office remains within our County, preferably in the York area, so that we keep our Professional support in North & East Yorkshire .

The Area Manager's report is included in this Newsletter, which includes new volunteer roles which may be of interest and I therefore ask you give him your support.

Colin

Colin Northridge MBE
North & East Yorkshire County Chairman



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MEMBERSHIP

NEW NATIONAL CHAIRMAN—WEF MAY 2013

Mr Crisford will be confirmed unopposed in the elected post at the Legion's 2013 Annual Conference in Llandudno on May 19th. His term as National Chairman will last until 2016.

John was born in Jerusalem in 1940 where his father was serving with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps (RAOC). He attended The Duke of York's Royal Military School in Dover, then served for nearly 25 years with the British Army in the UK, Germany and Kuwait.

John served with the Band of The Royal Horse Guards (The Blues) and the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) Staff Band. He later moved to The Royal Army Pay Corps. On leaving the Army in 1981, he attained a BSc (Hons) through The Open University. John worked in local government, private industry and the Royal Mail before retiring in 2005.

John lives in Hunstanton, Norfolk, with his wife Jean. He is a member of the Hunstanton Branch, the Sedgeford and District Branch, and the Legion's National Memorial Arboretum National Branch (www.britishlegion-nmabbranch.org.uk), based at the NMA in Alrewas, Staffordshire



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS—MS4

Please be aware that MS4/2010 or earlier will no longer be accepted at County or CDI after 31st December 2012 due to HMRC changes to the Gift Aid declaration that must be Implemented as of 1st January 2013. To order new copies of the MS4/12 please contact the following, and provide the relevant information:

Nicola Wren. nwren@britishlegion.org.uk

01622 794273 or

Phyl Summers. psummers@britishlegion.org.uk

Branch Name

Branch Number

Name & Address the literature needs to be sent to.

Please do not order large numbers



COUNTY MEMBERSHIP TRAINING

We are aware that we have many new Branch Officials this year, and we would wish to have you all trained to the same standard and consistency. This will hinder bad habits being passed on by previous officials.

The following courses are now available to bid for:

Branch Management Course 26th—27th March 2013 at York County Office

Branch Treasurers Course 20th—21st July 2013 at York County Office

Should you have a new official who would benefit from one of the above courses, then please email the County Training Officer, Mr Fergus Osborne at Fergus.osborne@ntlworld.com or the County Secretary at kthornton@britishlegion.org.uk

Alternatively should you have a Branch Committee who would benefit from an update then we the County would be happy to come and give the branch a 1-1 on current procedures.

County Handbook 2013

The County Directory is now being produced locally by the County Secretary. Updates are made throughout the year on the information that is provided from the branches. Enclosed within this newsletters is the NEW edition for 2013.

The Directory is to be updated every 6 months, with the branches being provided one copy each. Should any branch require further copies then please make contact with the County Secretary. Remember please do not order large numbers.

This directory is only as good as the information that is provided. Should you have any ideas for further information to be included, then please do inform us.



IMPORTANT

Legion Financial Year

IMPORTANT

Charter Motion 1. Change of date for branch accounts—MOTION CARRIED

The following Motion presented by the Board of Trustees to amend the membership year to give the Accounts department more time to assemble the Charity Accounts. This was carried at National Conference and therefore will have the following impact :

There are no changes to any Governance arrangements for the Branches, the only change is the Field Financial Year end date and subsequently the date when Branches must return their accounts. The accounts must be signed by the Branch Officers and examined/audited prior to submitting to Head Office by the end of September. This year, there will be a nine month Field Financial Year (1 October 2012 – 30 June 2013). The Branches can hold the AGM as usual within two months of the close of the Corporate Financial Year. They can elect their Officers and Committee members, appoint delegates to Conference, adopt the accounts, present Motions and reports at their AGM as they have always done.



Poppy Branding

It was brought to my attention that a number of Poppy branded products are being sold via the web site www.sportingkicks.co.uk

The Legal team has given some background information to this company. Around August of last year, they received by email photographs of badges bearing images of TRBL's Poppy emblem; these were sent in by Claire Hill, a Trading Standards Officer of London Borough of Redbridge Trading Standards. After an internal investigation, it became clear that the products were not produced by, with the consent of, under the authority of, or on behalf of TRBL, nor were they in conformity with any type approved by the Legion. We were under the impression that the items in question had been seized. **However, we will now contact the local Trading Standard's Officer and find out what has happened to the case and notify them that the company is still selling pin badges with our Poppy emblem.**

We have been asked not to support this company

Social Media

North & East Yorkshire have their own Facebook page and County Website with a fast growing supporter base. We provide up to date information through linked, related friends and events in our area. Why not become a friend of The Royal British Legion in North & East Yorkshire from the following link:

www.britishlegion.org.uk/counties/north-east-yorkshire
www.facebook.com/RBLNEYorks



Email

We current have 97% of branches within the County contactable on email. Could I ask that should your branch have an email address as a point of contact, you provide this to the County Secretary. This method of communication is proving to save the County and Branches valuable funds.

BRANCHES & INFORMATION

NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST

Order of the British Empire – Members of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)

Mrs Gail Campbell – For voluntary service to The Royal British Legion with British Forces in Germany;

Horace MacDonald Cross – For voluntary service to The Royal British Legion in Norfolk; and

John Underhill – For voluntary service to The Royal British Legion.

Diplomatic Service and Overseas List

BEM

Albert Arthur Elson – Branch Secretary, The Royal British Legion, Thailand – For services to the British Community in Thailand.



2394 (East Cleveland) SQUADRON AIR CADETS HONOUR THE LEGION

2394 (East Cleveland) Squadron of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets (Air Training Corps) recently paraded at their Redcar Headquarters to present replacement Union Flags to the Royal British Legion, Redcar Branch. Receiving the Flags on behalf of the Legion were **ClIr Eric Howden, Redcar & Cleveland Council's Champion for the Armed Forces** and Cleveland Area Chairman of the RBL together with Mr David Blissett Redcar RBL's Treasurer and Poppy Organiser.

ClIr Howden, in thanking the cadets for their contribution, said "Redcar is unique in that it flies the Union Flag on the Jacks at the Cenotaph all year round and without the aid of the cadets in funding the replacements, the flags should we have purchased them would have come from The Cenotaph Restoration



Fund .

Our photos show Cadet Warrant Officer Liam Pearson presenting the Flags to ClIr Howden & Mr Blissett and the cadets on parade with the Union Flag unfurled.

THIRSK BRANCH

On their recent tour to the Salzburg area of Austria, Thirsk Royal British Legion Band took time out from their busy schedule to pay their respects at the local Austrian War Memorial at Wagrain – the small town in which they were staying.

The War Memorial was in a pretty location within the village and it was felt by the Band to be an

appropriate gesture to play there. With the permission of the town Mayor, we played “Repton – Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” followed by the playing of Last Post and Reveille and the tune “Deep Harmony” under the watchful eye of our Musical Director Mary Dickinson.

With ages ranging from seven to seventy within the Band, all appreciated the gesture and were moved by the simple ceremony.



Community Fundraiser, North & East Yorkshire County Mrs Helen Mason

My name is Helen Mason and I have been working with TRBL as a Community Fundraiser since Feb 2012. I served in the RAF as a medic from 1989 to 2001 and have more recently worked in Medical Sales and Sales for another national charity. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year with TRBL and look forward to working with you all in N & E Yorkshire. If I can be of any help please contact me on 07789 946734 or email hmason@britishlegion.org.uk



Medal and clasp for Arctic convoy and bomber veterans

Veterans who served on Arctic convoys and in Bomber Command during World War II are to be recognised for their bravery and service with a new medal and award.

The Ministry of Defence said it had agreed on a design for the new Arctic Star medal and Bomber Command clasp. The honours could be sent out to veterans and their families as soon as next month. Surviving veterans and widows will be the first to receive the awards. The families of those who served will also be able to apply.



More than 3,000 men died in the freezing waters of the Arctic as they worked to keep supplies flowing through German blockades to Britain's ally, the Soviet Union, in Operation Dervish.

TRBL RIDERS

RBL Riders

I am pleased to inform you that the RBLR has a County Representative for the East Riding. That person is Bruce Irving. Bruce works for the Prison Service and at the moment is working into the post, so Tony Anderson is helping him with electronic mail and such like.

Bruce is keen to forge relationships with the branches and as such, he would like to know of any events where you feel RBLR presence would help. For instance, over the past few years the RBLR has bought motorcycles (to attract attention to the RBL stand) and bodies (to help out) to Scarborough Armed Forces Day, Pickering War Weekend and the Great Yorkshire Show. All with great success.

All Tony asks is that you give them plenty of notice of the events. The reason for this is that our calendar is already filling up! So if you want us to attend your function, or just attend one of your meetings and maybe give a presentation, please in the first instance, contact Tony on ITC-STWHIO@mod.uk



Dates for Diary

- Branch Cheque presentation 30th March - location TBC
- Branch Memorial Run 4th May at The National Memorial Arboretum.
- Skipton AFD 23rd June
- Whitby AFD 29th June - TBC
- Allied Memorial Remembrance Ride 6th July
- Great Yorkshire Show 9th - 11th July (helping the county stand)



Tony Anderson meets Johnson Beharry VC at Wooten Bassett for the last repatriation



The Riders proudly posing under the Dakota at RAF Elvington. They said they were extremely proud to ride in the parade



Thankful Villages Run 2013

This summer Medwyn Parry and Dougie Bancroft will be riding their motorbikes to every single one of the 51 "Thankful Villages" in the United Kingdom. These are villages with no traditional war memorial because all who went off to fight in the Great War were lucky enough to return home. Many had been scarred physically and/or mentally by their horrific ordeal – 14 of these are “Double Thankful”, where they also returned from the Second World War.

The journey will start at Llanfihangel y Creuddyn, near Aberystwyth, at 9:00am on Saturday the 27th of July, and some 2,500 miles and 9 days later it will finish at the same point, at about 6:00pm on Sunday the 4th of August. As far as we know, nobody has visited all 51 in one journey.

The ride will raise funds for the Royal British Legion - the target is £51,000.

Those who live in the Thankful Villages are tremendously proud of their status. Medwyn and Dougie would be very pleased to meet with residents – especially descendants of those who survived the conflict - and of course members of the Royal British Legion.

Any riders who may want to join in for any part of the trip would be most welcome, but would be expected to make a minimum donation of £5.00 per bike per day.

If you would like to join us in the ride, help out, or want to know more about the project, please get in touch

thankfulvillagesrun@hotmail.co.uk

medparry@btinternet.com or 07773 718044

dougieb@dougieb.info or 07538079137

SCHEDULE FOR YORKSHIRE AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Thursday 1 August

Wysall, Nottinghamshire, Bradbourne, Derbyshire, Maplebeck, Nottinghamshire, Cromwell, Nottinghamshire, Wigsley, Nottinghamshire, Minting, Lincolnshire, High Toynton, Lincolnshire, Bigby, Lincolnshire

Friday 2 August

Flixborough, Lincolnshire, Catwick, Yorkshire, Helperthorpe, Yorkshire, Norton-le-Clay, Yorkshire, Cundall, Yorkshire

Saturday 3 August

Scruton, Yorkshire, Meldon, Northumberland, Hunstanworth, Durham, Ousby, Cumberland, Arkholme, Lancashire

We are also available on facebook : [Thankful villages run 2013](#)

We sincerely hope you can help us raise the profile of these villages and celebrate their good fortune.

If you would like to make a donation to the fund, please click on the PayPal link below. None of the money donated will go to fund the journey, every single penny will go to a very worthy cause.

COUNTY CONFERENCE IS PICTURE



County Standard Bearer. Mr Barry Moody
MBE retaining the County Standard

County President formally opening
Conference



Beverley Branch presenting a cheque to
County President for £53,393.61 for the North
& East County Welfare Fund.

Guisborough Branch—Winning Branch
for Administration





Cadet Allen receiving the North & East Yorkshire County Youth Standard. Cadet Allen will now go forward to the Regional competition on the 16th March 2013

Mr Barry Moody MBE—Winner of North & East Yorkshire County Standard Bearers Competition. Barry will now go forward to the Regional Competition on the 16th March 2013



BRANCH DONATIONS

Branches which attended conference made donations to the following :

Beverley Branch	£53,393.60 to North & East Yorkshire County Welfare Fund
Driffield Branch	£150.00 Alderson House & £100.00 Lister House
Easingwold Branch	£100.00 to Lister House
North Ferriby Branch	£100.00 to Lister House & £100.00 to Alderson House
Pickering & Thornton le Dale	£6,060.00 to be donated to Pheonix house, Catterick Garrison. These funds have currently been ring-fenced into the County Account as these funds can not be donated until the rehabilitation centre is open.
Thirsk Branch	£300.00 to Lister House & £300.00 to Alderson House

Thank you to all for your magnificent donations

WELFARE

WELFARE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE YORK COUNTY OFFICE. STATISTICS FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2012 – 26th FEBRUARY 2013

TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON WELFARE NEEDS: £112,722.64

TOTAL RAISED FROM OTHER SOURCES TO SUPPORT NEEDS: £45,980.51 (41%)

LEGION EXPENDITURE: £66,742.13

WE HAVE COMPLETED 408 APPLICATIONS FOR WELFARE ASSISTANCE OF WHICH DURING THIS PERIOD.

THE MOST POPULAR CATEGORIES OF ASSISTANCE :-

FAMILY BREAKS

HOUSING

BANKRUPTCY FEES

TRAINING FEES

HOUSEHOLD GOODS & MOBILITY EQUIPMENT..

THE LEGION IS AT PRESENT SPENDING 1.7 MILLION POUNDS A WEEK ON WELFARE AND THE NEEDS CONTINUES TO GROW.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT FROM THE WELFARE TEAM AT THE YORK OFFICE

Benefits & Money Advice

good news story. As you're aware, TRBL has been funding a Benefits & Money Advice service through Citizens Advice since 2007. In Yorkshire we have 4 RBL-funded bureaux:

CAB Richmondshire & Hambleton (Richmond) – since Oct 2007

CAB Sheffield Debt Support Unit – since Oct 2007

CAB Scarborough & District – since Dec 2008

CAB Kirklees (Huddersfield) – since Nov 2009

The Area Manager continually monitors both the output and performance of all four bureaux and it is clear that all are adding a tremendous amount of value to my operational welfare effort in the county. To date the service has met the needs of 4176 RBL beneficiaries, with a financial gain (in terms of welfare benefits gained or debts written off) of £9.9million. This averages out at something in the order of £2,370per case. To my mind, this means that the service more than repays the investment the Legion has made and our beneficiaries are considerably better off as a result.

Useful websites

Care for Mental Health: www.centreformentalhealth.org.uk

Combat Stress: www.combatstress.org.uk

War Pensions: www.veterans-uk.info/pensions/wdp_new_index.html

Armed Forces Compensation Scheme: www.veterans-uk.info/pensions/afcs_new.html

Universal Credit: www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/welfare-reform/universal-credit

Localising Council Tax Support: www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/localgovernmentfinance/counciltax

Guidance to Local Authorities: www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/pdf/2148567.pdf

Armed Forces Covenant: www.mod.uk/NR/rdonlyres/4E9E2014-5CE6-43F2-AE28-B6C5FA90B68F/0/Armed_Forces_Covenant.pdf

Housing Allocation Guidelines: www.communities.gov.uk/documents/housing/pdf/2171391.pdf



PATHWAY FOR GROWTH

YORKSHIRE AREA MANAGER'S UPDATE

For the past two years the Legion has been working on plans to ensure that we become **“the organisation which is, and is recognised as, the no.1 provider of welfare, comradeship, representation and Remembrance for the Armed Forces community”**. The plans, under the heading of ‘Pathway for Growth’ introduced a new organisational strategy, under the four pillars of Welfare, Comradeship, Representation and Remembrance. This is effectively a programme of change designed to ensure that we deliver our mission more effectively, including reaching more of our beneficiaries in more areas. We’ve looked at how and where the Armed Forces and veteran community needs our help most and also started to consider changes to how we work to ensure we can support them how, when and where they need it.

The Pathway for Growth change programme has been split into 2 phases. Phase 1 saw the establishment of 3 new regions and 16 new areas, and I moved from my previous County Manager post to become the Area Manager for Yorkshire on the 1st August last year. Since then I have been working on my own Area plans to ensure that I and my staff can meet the Legion’s new mission. Firstly, in line with the Legion’s overall strategy, I am working on plans to establish a Yorkshire Area office later this year in Leeds city centre, which will provide a highly visible, high street “walk-in” centre.

Secondly, as part of Phase 2, it is proposed that new welfare roles for staff will be introduced and I have recently started a period of consultation with my welfare staff on these changes, together with the detail of my new Area Plan. I stress that at this stage my plans are still in draft form and much of what they contain is still at the proposal stage, and therefore subject to confirmation. This means that I am prevented from sharing these with Branches for the time being however I am able to say that the new roles of Case Officer and Advice and Information Officer will see some members of the new Area welfare team working alongside volunteers in the new Area Office in Leeds, offering direct information and advice, and drawing on the support of teams of new Regional specialist advisors. It is proposed that other members of my welfare team might operate in a more peripatetic fashion, travelling around the Area to offer wider community support through a series of outreach locations, often in partnership with other organisations with which the Legion already has a strong relationship. As I have said, these are only draft proposals; however I hope to be able to confirm them by early April.

The Legion is also in the process of identifying a range of new volunteering opportunities, enabling Members and other supporters to use their skills and experience to work together with staff to meet the needs of our beneficiaries. I’ve recently written to all of our existing welfare volunteers, who we will still need to do casework and visit beneficiaries in their home or in hospital. And of course we will still rely heavily on all the volunteers who collect for us during the Poppy Appeal. But there will be a range of other ways that people might be able to support our work:

- helping beneficiaries access advice and information
- being on hand to welcome people into the Area office or outreach locations
- helping out with administration
- working in the community to spread the word about the full range of the Legion’s work

The Pathway for Growth programme is one of the biggest changes the Legion has ever made in its history to the way we meet the needs of our beneficiaries. It also provides an opportunity for us to transform ourselves into a forward-thinking, modern charity that continues to be there for the Armed Forces and veteran community – to support them how, when and where they need us most. It is my aim to keep you updated as plans develop and hope to include a more detailed report in the next County newsletter.

Chris Cunningham
Area Manager - Yorkshire

NORTH & EAST YORKSHIRE COUNTY

Who's Who

President	Maj Gen Michael Charlton-Weedy CBE DL	
County Chairman	Colin Northridge MBE	07787114355
County Vice-Chairman	Vacant	
County Treasurer	Mark Hogan MSM	07977555619
Area Manager	Chris Cunningham BEM	0113 2180143
County Secretary	Kimberley Thornton	01904 550577
Community Fundraiser	Helen Mason	07789 946734
County Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator	Ernie Oldfield (East) Paul Darley (North)	01964 623138 01423 867793
County Chaplain	The Rev. David Porter OStJ BA	01904 769823
County Managers Assistant	Janet White	01904 550750
County Welfare Officers:	Beverley Davies Louise Beilby	01904 550572 01904 550573
County Standard Bearer	Mr Barry Moody MBE	01262 676622
County Parade Marshal (Deputy)	Miss Marie Taylor Mr Gordon Lane	01904 425751 01482 899953
County Recruiting Officer (temp)	Mr Harold Milner	01482 634191
County Youth Officer	Mr John Courtley	01904 709854
County Training Officer	Mr Fergus Osborne	01287 281786

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Poppy Shop

The Festival of Remembrance 2012 DVD is now available for sale on the Poppy Shop . Price is £10.75

If our supporters, members and volunteers do not want to order online they can call the following number 0300 1239 110 and order over the phone.

Branded Easter cards (packs of 8) will be available very soon on the Poppy shop so will send details onto you later.



Knitted Poppies

A freelance textile artist with a passion for knitting and working with the local community has raised over £1000 for the Legion by knitting poppies.

Laura Bragg set up a 'Just Giving' website and raised £1255 selling her knitted poppies during the 2012 Poppy Appeal. She is planning to knit again for this year's Appeal and is seeking fellow knitters to help her produce more poppies.

Laura works for Zinc, a disabled-led arts organisation, and provides creative workshops for a variety of people. **Laura said: "I wanted to help support the Poppy Appeal as I believe it is something that a large amount of people can relate to. As I am a passionate knitter I knew that I could create some knitted poppies, but couldn't do it all by myself. This is why I did a call-out for volunteer knitters. Even though this was my first year of doing the campaign I managed to get help from over 10 knitters, and a Women's**

Institute group from Rothwell got in touch and created poppies in their regular meetings. This group alone made 48 poppies for the Appeal.

I am looking to make my 'Knitted Poppy Appeal' even bigger this year and would welcome any help **from volunteer knitters for this year's Poppy Appeal."** To get in touch with Laura email her at laura.bragg16@gmail.com



Poppy Golf

A total of 12,500 adults and 1,400 junior players took part in Poppy Golf 2012, with tournaments taking place throughout the summer in clubs up and down the country.

The Junior competition was won by a team from Formby, Merseyside, who beat Rochester & Cobham from Kent to take the championship following a knock-out tournament.

Formby team coach, Mike Bailey said: "Our boys really enjoyed the competition, particularly the opportunity to play teams from around the country which broadened their golf experience. We are grateful to the Legion for hosting the tournament, and we're proud to have supported such a worthwhile cause. This is an event that deserves to grow and succeed."

A total of 156 junior teams took part in 2012, making it the largest European tournament of its kind for young players. Over 200 junior teams are expected to take part in 2013, building on last year's success.

Registrations for the 2013 adult and junior competition are now open until 16th March.

For further information, including registration details and competition rules visit:

www.britishlegion.org.uk/support-us/poppy-golf/junior-golf-challenge





THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

North & East Yorkshire

EVENTS DIARY

2013



This Events Diary is up-dated regularly and any items of interest to the Ex-Service Community are welcome. It is circulated to all Branches within the County and to other Service Associations on request to the County Secretary. Entries are welcome and should be addressed to the County Events Committee, at the County Office, preferably in writing, or by e-mail to: rod@bev27.karoo.co.uk

MARCH

- 16 1100: Regional Standard Bearers Competition.
English Martyrs Church, Dalton Terrace, York, YO24 4DA.
- 26/27 **Branch Management Course: County Office York. YO32 9GZ.**
Contact Kimberley Thornton on 01904 550577.

APRIL

- 13 **1000 County Finance & GP Committee. County Office York. YO32 9GZ.**
1100 County Executive meeting County Office York YO32 9GZ.
- 14 0700 – 1200: Willerby, Kirk Ella & Anlaby Branch Car Boot Sale to be held in the car park at Homebase, Willerby Shopping Park, Willerby. For further information contact the Branch Secretary, Liz Spivey on 01482 502595 or email lizspivey58@gmail.com

MAY

- 17/19 **The Royal British Legion National Conference, Llandudno.**
- 24 Hornsea Branch Entertainment Night, Ex Servicemen's Club Hornsea.
Further details: Contact the Branch Secretary, Valerie Cole on 01964 533607.

JUNE

- 01 **1000 County Finance & GP Committee. County Office York. YO32 9GZ.**
1100 County Executive meeting County Office York YO32 9GZ.
- 23 Skipton Armed Forces Day
- 27 **Poppy Appeal Seminar, Alderson House – for PAO's only**
- 29 Whitby Armed Forces Day
- 29 Scarborough Armed Forces Day

JULY

- 4 **Poppy Appeal Seminar – Lister House, Ripon. For PAO's only**
- 6 1400: Lister House Garden Party, Lister House, Ripon.
- 7 Beverley Armed Forces Day, Saturday Market, Beverley.
- 9-11 Great Yorkshire Show – Harrogate Showground
- 11 **Poppy Appeal Seminar – Saltburn, venue TBC – For PAO's only**
- 13 1200 – 1630: Fulford Branch – Haxby Show, Haxby playing fields York.
- 13 1000 – 1600: Fulford Branch Book Fair, York Hospital, Wigginton Road, York.
- 20/21 **Branch Treasurers Course: County Office York. YO32 9GZ.**
Contact Kimberley Thornton on 01904 550577.
- 27/28 Hull Veterans Weekend, East Park, Kingston upon Hull.
- 28 North Yorkshire Women's Section Day Yorkshire Air Museum Elvington.
All branches and Ex service associations are welcome to have a stall or stand.
Further details Miss M Taylor on 01904 425751.

AUGUST

- 10 1000 – 1600: Fulford Branch, St Crux church Pavement, York.
- 10/11 Driffield Steam Rally, Driffield Show Ground, Driffield.
- 17/18 Fulford Branch 65th Anniversary Celebrations
- 26 1200 – 1600: Fulford Show, Fulford School Playing Fields.
- 31 **1000 County Finance & GP Committee. County Office York. YO32 9GZ.**
1100 County Executive meeting County Office York YO32 9GZ.

OCTOBER

- 11-13 Pickering War Re-enactment Weekend – Contact Mrs Peggy Atkinson 01751 474446
- 19 Hornsea Branch Michaelmas Fayre, Town Hall, Hornsea.
Further details: Contact the Branch Secretary, Valerie Cole on 01964 533607.

NOVEMBER

- 3 **Festival of Remembrance, York Barbican**
- 8 **Festival of Remembrance, City Hall, Kingston upon Hull. Details to be confirmed.**
- 10 **Remembrance Sunday.**
- 11 **Armistice Day.**
- 30 **1000 County Finance & GP Committee. County Office York. YO32 9GZ.**
1100 County Executive meeting County Office York YO32 9GZ.

The North & East Yorkshire County Website can be accessed through
www.britishlegion.org.uk/counties/north-east-yorkshire

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Election of Members of the Board of Trustees 2013

Election of National Chairman and National Vice-Chairman

All branch secretaries should have received this paperwork direct from the Electoral Reform Services. Please ensure that ballot papers are fully completed and returned in the pre-paid enveloped by 5PM on TUESDAY 2ND APRIL 2013.

BALLOT PAPERS ARRIVING AFTER THIS TIME WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE BALLOT
I WOULD URGE THAT THE INSTRUCTION BE READ THOROUGHLY TO ENSURE THAT ALL BALLOT PAPERS ARE
COMPLETED CORRECTLY AND NOT CONSIDERED AS A "SPOILT PAPER"

National Conference Delegate Application Form

Only branches that have submitted their Branch Accounts and MS1 to County Office by 31st December 2012 are eligible to attend. All completed application to be submitted to the County Office by 5PM 12th April 2013

Branch Accounts and Branch Officials MS1

With the Year End 30th June 2013, all Branch Accounts and MS1 are the audited and submitted to County Office by 30th September 2013.

“We Will Remember Them”

Bedale	Mr J Morris
Bridlington	Mr G Holt, Mrs J Neal, Mr R Parker
Dormanstown	Mr G Smith, Mr G Wrigley
Driffield	Mr J Boyes
F iley	Mr C Houlden
Grewelthorpe	Mr F Smith
Guisborough	Mr J Thirsk
Harrogate	Mr W Hall
Knaresborough	Mrs E Aspin, Mr R G Brierly, Mr R Thomas
Leyburn	Mr S Bruce
North Ferriby	Mr C Clarks, Mr J Robson
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