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## **Exhortation for the Fallen**

**“They shall grow not old as  
we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor  
the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them”.**

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## The Royal British Legion

Gnosall & District Branch 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1936-2011

*“Caring and Campaigning for the Serving and ex-Service Community”*

### *“The Grapevine”*

#### **About The Royal British Legion**

The Royal British Legion is the nation's leading Armed Forces charity providing care and support to all members of the British Armed Forces past and present and their families. It is also the national Custodian of Remembrance and safeguards the Military Covenant between the nation and its Armed Forces. It is best known for the annual Poppy Appeal and its emblem the red poppy.

Please visit [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk) for details of our national initiatives.

#### **Our Branch**

Our Branch Meetings are held at the St John Ambulance Headquarters, behind the Grosvenor Centre, High Street, Gnosall, at 20.00 hrs on the 1st Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September, November [AGM] and December. At the December meeting refreshments are served and friends and supporters are welcome to attend. Our next meeting is on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2011. Membership is open to all serving and ex-service personnel and to any other person over 18 years of age with an interest in the work of the Legion. Prospective members should contact the Chairman, Mr Bob Lacey on 01785 823438 or email [gnosallrbl@btinternet.com](mailto:gnosallrbl@btinternet.com)

#### **News in brief**

We now have some new Branch staff. Our new Honorary Secretary is Mrs Stella Thornett and our new Branch Honorary Treasurer is Mr John Newsham. If anyone (You do not have to be a member of the Legion) wishes to door to door collect for the Poppy Appeal 2011 please contact the Branch Chairman (Contact details above). Mr Bob Lacey is also our new Branch Poppy Appeal Organiser. Our thanks must be conveyed to all the stalwart Poppy collectors of the past who have loyally supported the Poppy Appeal, thank you to you all.

**Watch out for the new Branch website released soon!**

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## What's on-

### 4 September 2011

North Staffordshire County Standard Bearer Competition - MRI Club Stafford

### 01 September 2011 - 05 September 2011

Pedal to Paris 2011

The annual Royal British Legion Pedal to Paris bike ride will once again leave Greenwich for a four day ride to the heart of Paris.

This will be our sixteenth outing and our flagship cycling event continues to go from strength to strength. If you feel drawn to fresh air, beautiful countryside and the thrill of cycling 280 miles all the way to the Arc de Triomphe with 300 other cyclists, then this ride is for you. For more information, please visit [www.poppybike.org.uk](http://www.poppybike.org.uk) or Dan Solley  
T: 0203 207 2270 E: [dsolley@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:dsolley@britishlegion.org.uk).

## Antiques Roadshow filming at the National Memorial Arboretum

### 01 September 2011

On Thursday 1 September, BBC TV's 'Antiques Roadshow' will be recording a special edition of the programme in the Arboretum. The programme will be broadcast on Remembrance Sunday. Visitors are welcome to come and watch the filming with Fiona Bruce and a small team of the experts. The show's resident Arms and Militaria specialists, Graham Lay and Bill Harriman, will be joined by Hilary Kay and Paul Atterbury, both of whom have extensive knowledge of objects with an interesting social history. The screening of Antiques Roadshow is expected to further build the national and international profile of the Arboretum, which is part of The Royal British Legion family of charities. Filming is scheduled to take place around a wide range of different memorials on the site, describing the stories behind them and illustrating the wide diversity of the organisations and individuals represented within its 150 acres of wooded parkland. The timetable of filming appears below. The team at the Arboretum feels incredibly honoured that it has been chosen to host this special Remembrance episode of the Antiques Roadshow. It further confirms that it is the place "Where our Nation remembers".

This is expected to be a very busy day at the Arboretum, so those wishing to visit and watch the filming are advised to come early and to use the signposted Park and Ride service.

**Time:** Filming is from 9.30am to 7.00pm. Approximate Schedule:

**Venue:** National Memorial Arboretum, Croxall Road, Alrewas, Staffordshire DE13 7AR

**Contact:** Phone the Arboretum on 01283 792333, email [info@thenma.org.uk](mailto:info@thenma.org.uk) or visit their website [www.thenma.org.uk](http://www.thenma.org.uk)

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## **Stride with Pride, Cheshire**

**11 September 2011**

The Royal British Legion invites you to Walk Oulton Park Race Course - 5k (two laps of the course) and led by 1 Mercian Regiment. And of course raise money for the Legion's 90th anniversary. Show your support, walk the walk! Entry fee is £10 for adults and £5 for juniors and senior citizens.

**When:** Sunday 11 September 2011,

**Where:** Oulton Park Race Course, Cheshire

10 am Registration

**More information:** Please contact Mrs Doreen White 98, Tattenhall Road, Tattenhall, Nr Chester, Cheshire, CH3 9QT E: doreen.white@btinternet.com T: 01829 771 386 M: 0777 5208855

## **Great North Run**

**18 September 2011**

The Bupa Great North Run, the world's biggest half marathon, will take place on Sunday 18 September 2011 from Newcastle to Gateshead. The Legion still has a number of places available in this exciting event. The registration fee is £30 and we ask that each runner raise a minimum of £350 sponsorship. If any one is interested please contact Rachel Jobson on rjobson@britishlegion.org.uk or call 019 1495 9518 or 07825 316 298.

## **Westminster Abbey 90th Anniversary service**

**20 September 2011**

The Royal British Legion will be marking its 90th Anniversary with a special commemorative service in Westminster Abbey on Tuesday 20 September. Attendance will be by invitation only and details of ticket distribution will be available in June.

**Venue:** Westminster Abbey, London

**Contact:** Ellie Barker: T: 020 3207 2266 E: ebarker@britishlegion.org.uk

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## Honour Walk, Ladybower Reservoir, Derbyshire

**25 September 2011**

Join us for a 6 mile walk around Ladybower Reservoir, starting and finishing at Fairholms Visitor Centre. Pre-registration fee is £5 or you can register on the day for £7. Children under 14 walk for free if they gain sponsorship. When: 12 noon on Sunday 25 September 2011.

Where: Ladybower Reservoir, near Bamford, Derbyshire

More information: Contact Christine Selden (cselden@britishlegion.org.uk) for more information, registration and sponsorship forms.

### **More Legion event information can be found on the following websites-**

<http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/about-us/media-centre/calendar-of-events>

<http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/counties/north-staffordshire/news--events>

### **Go for a walk for the Poppy Appeal**

Honour Walks are a fun new way to raise money for former and current Service people. Whether you walk around the local park or up a mountain, you can help The Royal British Legion raise £100,000 to go towards projects such as:

- Our Battle Back Centre, a new facility for enhancing the recovery of wounded, injured and sick Service personnel; and
- Personnel Recovery Centres providing accommodation and help with rehabilitation and recovery.

Many of our troops serving in Afghanistan are very young, and the horrific injuries and mental trauma that some suffer can last the rest of their lives. They and their families will need a lifetime of care and support and the money you raise will enable us to be there for them now and for the rest of their lives. If you'd like to organise a walk and would like some more information, you can email the team at [honourwalk@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:honourwalk@britishlegion.org.uk) or please contact The Royal British Legion, 199 Borough High St, London SE1 1AA. Telephone 020 3207 2100.

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## North Staffordshire 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

The new date for the County's 90<sup>th</sup> Celebrations is October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Armed Forces Day on the Uttoxeter Racecourse fixture list. The County is the first and lead element for the day. We will have 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary advertising appearing in all marketing material for the day.

Centre Course - £9

Grandstand & Paddock £18

(£15 if booked online in advance)

Premier £22

(£19 if booked online in advance)

All members of the Armed forces will receive Premier entrance for £10 on presentation of Service ID at the gate.



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## *Events List from the National Memorial Arboretum*

**Can be found at-**

<http://www.thenma.org.uk/events/events-calendar/calendar-of-events.aspx>

## **Regimental Associations**

Royal Army Service Corps & Royal Corps of Transport Association



**SERVING**  
Ex-regimental members  
and their families



### **Who can join the Association?**

Anyone who has served in the RASC, the RCT or has been attached to units of the RASC or the RCT while serving in the ATS or WRAC.

### **What can I put into it?**

The benefits of Association membership depend, as always in such organisations, upon the contributions made by members in offering friendship, helping others, helping to run Branches by joining the committee and being a positive member. If you valued the comradeship of your service in the Army and the standards achieved, help to maintain them by joining your local Branch. Associate membership may be granted by Branches to people who have had long or special connections with either Corps or, in particular, with the Association Branch.

### **What does it cost?**

Membership is very nominal and is well worth the cost

Annual Membership - £1.00

Life Membership - £6.00

For more information please contact- The Controller, RASC & RCT Association, Dettingen House, The Princess Royal Barracks, Deepcut, Camberley, Surrey, GU16 6RW.

Tel: 01252 833391 Ext 5391 (Controller Secretary)

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## Poppy Shop

Using our Poppy Shop is easy. Just browse our online store and make your purchases. You will be asked to register so return shopping is even quicker - just login and make your purchases. Buying from the Poppy Shop provides funding for The Royal British Legion to continue their work helping the Armed Forces family.



[www.poppysshop.org.uk](http://www.poppysshop.org.uk)

## Support



Poppy Lottery, the Legion's weekly lottery, is a major fundraiser which will raise over £4.8 million this year. Did you know that staff are eligible and most welcome to enter? The weekly lottery has been running for seven years, and was rebranded as the 'Poppy Lottery' in October of 2010. Draws take place every Friday for 100 cash prizes, including a jackpot of £2,000.

Entry costs just £1 per week and you can join online [www.britishlegion.org.uk/poppylottery](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/poppylottery) your lottery number will also be entered into quarterly Superdraws for jackpots of £15,000 or £25,000.

Lottery Manager Gillian Baxter said: "We're on target to raise £4.8 million this financial year and its growing: our target for next year is to raise £6 million.

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“We do a lot of activity to promote the lottery to the public, not just direct mail but door drops and door step selling, press inserts, online banner advertisements and telemarketing. We also man trade stands at large shopping centres and go along to large outdoor events and festivals.

“We try to call our First Prize winners each Friday after the draw. It’s always nice to deliver such good news to someone, especially if they’ve won one of the big prizes. Sometimes it’s a job to convince them it’s not a hoax and that they really have won!

### In Association with Our Local Community

**If you wish to support the Gnosall & District Branch, The Royal British Legion by arranging a function or charity event we would be interested to here from you, please email us at the address below, thank you.  
gnosallrbl@btinternet.com**



### **Poppy Collectors needed for November 2011**

**If you feel you can door to door collect for The Royal British Legion please contact us**



## “SERVICE NOT SELF”

**drinkaware.co.uk**

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# Kohima Epitaph

**“When you go home  
Tell them of us and  
say  
For your tomorrow  
We gave our today”.**

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