



BENIDOLEIG & DISTRICT AUTUMN 2014 NEWSLETTER

From your Chairman, Patrick Scully.

In the Summer 2014 issue of the Newsletter I advised the Membership and District North Committee, that Benidoleig and District Branch of the RBL was in danger of closing. This was followed up by a Members' Meeting on the 16th Sept. where it was proposed by the Membership that we send emails plus letters by mail to all Members to reinforce the plight of the Branch. Since that time we have had little or no response. Time is running out; just one more month to the AGM.

As I have said previously, the Committee will continue to work towards fulfilling all our forthcoming commitments which will, hopefully push our Poppy Appeal to new heights.

By now you will have heard that the Careline Theatre's performance of LEST WE FORGET was an outstanding success, and the profits from the 3 shows were divided between 2 Registered Charities, RAFA and the RBL On behalf of the Benidoleig and District Branch of the RBL, I received a very generous cheque of 1250€. Thank you Careline Theatre and all concerned for your outstanding generosity, and for a wonderful evening.

Leaving the theatre that evening, having just witnessed everybody's warmth, kindness, and support, I thought that maybe, just maybe, there is still hope!

Your Chairman, Patrick.

EVENTS HELD SINCE THE SUMMER



CHEERS BAR Calle Major, Orba

A very enjoyable evening was had by all who attended the Race Night at Cheers Bar on Friday 26th September.

A hamper was raffled with the prize winner donating it back to be auctioned. The successful bid was by Dave, owner of Cheers Bar who then gave it back to be raffled at a future event. This has helped boost our fundraising. Many thanks to those concerned.

We raised a whopping 193€ on the night. Thank you to all who contributed.

Poppy Launch Tuesday 14th October 2014



We hosted our annual Poppy Launch at El Cid and were extremely disappointed with the turnout of Members. Only 15 Members including committee attended the launch.

The Poppy Appeal is what our Charity is all about, to raise the much needed funds for those who, in so many circumstances, paid the ultimate sacrifice in order for us all to enjoy the freedom we obviously take for granted.

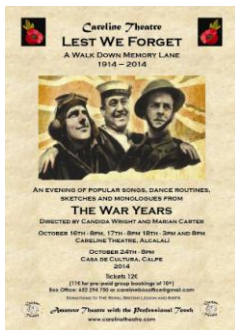
Despite the low turnout to help with the Poppy Launch we will not let this affect our drive to raise funds for our Charity.



CARELINE THEATRE PRESENTED

'LEST WE FORGET'

16th – 18th November



The cast of Careline Theatre put on a fantastic show with a 'Walk Down Memory Lane' production of Lest We Forget. A truly professional performance which got a packed house singing along to familiar songs. At the end of the evening, Candy Wright presented Patrick with a cheque for 1250€ for our Poppy Appeal. A raffle then boosted this amount by 400€ from a generous audience. This amount has boosted our Appeal fund considerably. Many thanks to all concerned, the cast and audience for the money raised.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

GALA BALL – OLIVA NOVA GOLF HOTEL, SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2014



Tickets are available for the Gala Ball at 40€ to include a cava reception, four course gala dinner, coffee or tea, wine or beer, soft drinks and water

Tickets are available from any committee member or contact Josie Creasey on 965 583 199 or email josie@creasey.es Please show your support for your Charity and come along, have a great evening in the knowledge you are raising funds for our ex service personnel.

If you would like to reserve accommodation at the hotel please contact them direct by either telephoning 96 285 79 44 or email reservas@olivanova.com quoting Royal British Legion Gala Ball to ensure your discount

Thank you to our sponsor SR Print and John Migan, SpectrumFM and Marina Alta Marketing

THE GEORGE RUTHERFORD TROPHY – GOLF TOURNAMENT 2ND NOVEMBER 2014 – OLIVA NOVA GOLF CLUB



For the second year, we are very proud to be able to host The George Rutherford Trophy now in memory of our former Branch President, George Rutherford. As last year, we will play Stapleford rules and the overall winner of this tournament will be presented with a trophy and prize of a round of golf for 2 at the Oliva Nova Golf Club including buggy hire. In addition, we will have group winners' trophies and prizes. Squadron Leader Scott Taylor, Ret'd has donated 100€ for the winner of 'Longest Drive' and also 100€ to 'Nearest to the Pin.'. Solar In Spain will donate bottles of cava to the winners.

The golf club is an ideal setting for lunches and so even if you are not a golfer perhaps you would like to join us for lunch on this very special occasion

Entry to the golf tournament 40€ buggy hire 20€ lunch 18€ including wine, breakfast 5€. For more information or to book, contact Josie Creasey 965 583 199 or 674 621 114 or josie@creaeys.es

Thank you to our sponsors on this event: SR Print, Solar in Spain, Daniel Herranz Taxation ,& Law, Hamiltons of Moraira and John Migan, SpectrumFM and Marina Alta Marketing



IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME ALONG TO OUR GALA BALL PERHAPS YOU WOULD CONSIDER HELPING THE POPPY APPEAL BY DONATING A PRIZE FOR THE TOMBOLA.

TOMBOLA PRIZES



The Committee would very much appreciate donations of prizes for the tombola thereby contributing towards the Poppy Appeal Fund. If you have a favourite bar, restaurant, bodega, hairdressers etc. who would be willing to provide prizes that would be fantastic. An introductory letter on RBL headed paper can be produced to ensure potential donors know this is a genuine cause. Please request from any Committee Member. We hope you are able to help us make 2014 a huge success with lots of fun.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE. 9TH NOVEMBER, FONTILLES, 11.30am. Please arrive around 11.15am to park



The timing of the service is so we can attempt to coordinate with the Minute Silence in the UK. Rev. Declan has agreed to preside and hopefully our old friend Father Beneyto, who is no longer resident at Fontilles, may be well enough to join us to read the Gospel. David Cannon will play an Intro during assembly. There will be a Union Flag on the altar. The wreath will be laid by our President Ron Clements. Brenda Brown will distribute Service sheets. Plenty of parking available and will be supervised by Ron Briden and Annette Bowen so as not to obstruct the hospital entrance. Unfortunately, the café is closed but toilet facilities are available in the same place. If you are joining us at El Cid for lunch please ensure you book direct with El Cid for the 1.30pm meal or through any committee member.



MEMBERSHIP CARDS

We are in receipt of renewal membership cards for cash payers for this financial year. If you are a cash payer and have not yet received your card, please contact Derek Faver to make arrangement to collect your card and pay your 20€ membership fee. Members of the Committee have taken these for distribution and collection of fees.

FUTURE MEMBERS MEETINGS

**A.G.M.
TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2014**

The Annual General Meeting will take place at El Cid on Tuesday 25th November 2014 at 7.30pm. A welcome drink will be provided.

This is an extremely important meeting as the future of your Branch is at stake. We urge as many Members as possible to attend. If you are unable to attend it would be appreciated if you offer your apologies to any committee member in order that your name is recorded in the minutes. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 2 nd November	George Rutherford Golf Trophy	9am	Oliva Nova Golf Club
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Sunday 9 th November	Remembrance Day	11.30 am	Fontilles Church
Saturday 15 th November	Gala Ball, Poppy Appeal Premier Event	6.45pm	Oliva Nova Hotel
Tuesday 25 th November	AGM	7pm	El Cid. Welcome drink

COMMITTEE MEMBERS DETAILS:

Branch President	Ron Clements
Branch Chairman	Patrick Scully
Branch Vice Chairman	Peter Smith
Branch Secretary	Vacancy
Branch Treasurer	Josie Creasey
Membership Secretary	Derek Faver
Poppy Appeal Organiser	Diana Faver
Recruitment Officer	Peter Smith
Committee Member	Peter Hooker
Committee Member	Joan Scully
Committee Member	Brenda Brown
Committee Member	Sheila Clements
Committee Member	Pat Wardrop

SPONSORSHIP FOR 2013/2014

The Committee has been very successful on behalf of Benidoleig & District Branch in retaining and securing new sponsorships for this current financial year.

We would like to thank Julie and Georgie of The Corner Shop, Orba for their confidence in renewing their sponsorship. In addition, we would like to welcome new sponsors as you can see from their logos below. An extremely sizeable donation of 5000€ was received from the Medlock Charitable Trust which will go directly into the Poppy Appeal. Our total so far this year is over 6500€ and more prospective sponsors are considering their commitment.

The Royal British Legion Benidoleig & District Branch are proud of our existing sponsors for their continued support and welcome new sponsors for the financial year - 2013/2014

**Many thanks also for the generous donations received for the Poppy Appeal
On behalf of the Committee and Members a very warm**

WELCOME TO YOU ALL



WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY ENJOYABLE AUTUMN SEASON WHEREVER YOU ARE!