



The Newsletter of Hampshire County
104 Above Bar Street
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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Mr E Brown – Bordon & District
Mr W Tootill – Farnborough
Mr J Gregory, Mrs D Lush, Mrs M Sherred, Mr C Wright – Fawley
Mrs J Allen, Mrs J Filer – Hartley Witney
Mr F Rosier – Lovedean & Hordean
Mr D Holloway – New Milton
Mr P Western – Old Basing
Mr D Mantell – Petersfield
Mr B Stangward – Southampton
Mrs D Chapman – Totton
Dr Reese-Jones - Wallops

Our Sincere Condolences to Family and Friends

National News

Director General Letter

The Director General has sent a letter to the County, which has then been sent out to all the Branch secretaries about the new 5 Year “Gateway” strategy. All Branch members should be given the opportunity to read this letter so they are aware of what the RBL is hoping to achieve, the letter from the DG should be given the widest circulation possible, and if you have not received a copy then contact Chris Bolton at the Area Office.

County News

County Vice-Chairman

The role of County Vice-Chairman has been taken up by Mr Tim Russell of the Old Basing Branch. Tim has been a member of the County Committee since 2016, and covers the role until the 2018 County Conference.

County Conference

The Farnborough Branch was awarded the Stockdale membership Cup for the Branch, with a club showing the best record over the past 3 years, the photo attached shows the Branch Chairman, Steve Gatfield receiving the award at the County Conference.

County Facebook Page

The County now has a Facebook page found by using “***Hampshire County Royal British Legion***” as a search criteria, Avril is trying to get as many people in the County signed up as



possible, so please if you are able spread the message to your members and get the Group as large as possible.

Branch News

Farnborough

The Farnborough Branch will be holding an evening of entertainment to raise funds for the RBL Welfare Fund. The entertainment will be provided by Diane Moore, who is very much sort after to do performances, her music includes swing, soul, pop disco and much more, there will also be great raffle prizes.

The evening takes place on Saturday 29th April starting at 8pm, tickets cost £9.00, and can be purchased from the Branch Secretary, June Smith (01252 654215) or Club Secretary, Ben Weston (01252 543306) or from the bar at the RBL Club, 51 Cambridge Road East, Farnborough, GU14 6QB

Petersfield

Petersfield Branch are saddened to report the death of Major Donald Mantell (retired) at the age of 93. Donald served as a 20 year old troop commander with the East Riding Yeomanry (ERY) regiment, and at around 2.30pm on 6th June 1944, its Sherman tanks landed on Sword Beach. In November 2015 he was awarded Chevalier (knight) in the Legion d'Honneur, by order of French president Francois Hollande.

Poppy Appeal

Totton & Eling – 15 Year Award

The Totton and Eling Branch of the Royal British Legion have raised £23,500 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal since the start of the 2016 Appeal in October. One person who plays an essential role in raising such a magnificent sum is Mrs Julie Harding who lives in Ashurst. For the last 15 years Julie has collected for the Poppy Appeal in Ashurst and in Hounslow school and she has raised several thousand pounds during that time. At the January Branch meeting Alison Harbottle who is the new Chairman of the Totton and Eling Branch presented Julie with a Poppy Brooch and a letter of thanks to acknowledge her hard work and dedication over the years.

The Poppy Appeal has been organised for many years by Ian Middleton and the Totton and Eling Branch of the Royal British Legion are always looking for volunteers to help raise money in the local community.

For more information about volunteering for the Poppy Appeal please contact the Branch Secretary Susan Compton on 023 8087 3143 or email susan@compark.co.uk

Picture shows Julie Harding (centre) receiving the award from Branch Chairman Alison Harbottle and Poppy Appeal Organiser Ian Middleton.



Events Diary

Date	Title	Location	Contact
29 th April	Welfare Fundraiser	Farnborough Club	June Smith – 01252 654215 Ben Weston – 01252 543306
8 th May	Golf Pairs	Army Golf Club, Aldershot	Rick Bourne
29 th May	Donkey Derby	Farnborough	Farnborough RBL
11 th June	Fete	North Camp Village	Farnborough RBL

If you have any organised events that you would like to inform the County about please contact the Hampshire Link

Standard Bearers

Standard Bearer Training

Our County Parade Marshal, Steve Forward, would like to invite all Standard Bearers to partake in training sessions to ensure that they are kept current, Steve puts a lot of his own time in helping Standard Bearers from all organisations not just the RBL so please come along and support him.

There now is the facility to conduct Standard Bearer training in Aldershot, and the County Parade Marshal, Steve Forward, would like to hear from any Standard Bearer in the north of the county who would like to attend training there, (stevemo@stevemo.plus.com) or contact the Area office. If the cost of travelling to and from Standard Bearer Training is a problem, as it is classed as a RBL course/activity then expenses can be claimed back from Branches and on a case by case basis, the County can assist with expenses, so please don't let that be a stumbling block to attending courses.

Pavilion on the Park
1 Kingsfisher Road
GSO50 9LH
Sundays

19 Mar, 9 Apr, 14 May, 11 Jun
9 Jul, 13 Aug, 10 Sep, 8 Oct

Drill Hall
Lymington
SO41 3RU
Mondays

13 Mar, 10 Apr, 15 May, 12 Jun
10 Jul, 14 Aug, 11 Sep, 9 Oct

Sport News

Board of Trustees

The Hampshire RBL County pairs Golf tournament returns to the Army Club, Aldershot on Monday 8th May. Branches are requested to support the event and application forms can be found at the end of the newsletter. The Golf course is 6300 yrd par 71 course, with the RBL connection price is £45 per person (£180 per foursome) which includes coffee and bacon sandwich on arrival, 18 holes of gold, followed by ham, egg and chips and prizes. A raffle to raise funds for the Poppy Appeal will also take place. The format will be teams of 4, with the best 2 scores taken for the best pairing. More information can be gotten from the Golf member Mr rick Bourne.

Newsletter

The MSO sent an email to Branches asking for articles for the Hampshire Link Newsletter, and to our disappointment, out of all the Branches in Hampshire a grand total of 4 Branches sent in or requested information about the newsletter. The Newsletter is there for ALL member of Hampshire RBL to contribute and read, so please if you have any articles for inclusion then send them to the details below.

Contact Us

**IT`S YOUR
NEWSLETTER!!!**

ALL LEGION ENQUIRIES
(including Welfare Request)
Should be directed to the contact centre

0808 802 8080

If anyone has any articles they would like to see published in the newsletter then please contact the editor at:

HampshireLink@Outlook.com

Or Send to

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Area Manager – *Jim France*
Community Fundraiser South – *Clare Peppiatt*
Community Fundraiser North – *Dave Moore*

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By the 26th of the month

Almost anything will be considered for inclusion from Jokes to tips, remarkable personal achievements and Branch events. Even adverts will be accepted.

RBL Website:
www.BritishLegion.Org.Uk
County Website:
<http://counties.britishlegion.org.uk/counties/hampshire>

Registered Charity Number: 219279.

Secretaries - please ensure that this Newsletter is circulated amongst your members, or if you know a Branch that has not received the Newsletter then get them to contact me. If I am not able to send it electronically, then I will post a copy to the Branch Secretary.

Membership documents can be found at the following website:
<http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership/already-a-member/membership-documents/>

Login: **memhandbook**
Password: **TRBLmem£86**
All RBL members should be given this website and password



Farnborough Royal British Legion Fundraising for the Welfare Of Our Armed Forces



An evening of entertainment with Diane Moore here once again

To help raise funds for the Royal British Legion Welfare Fund

One of the most sort after performers in the area her music

Includes Swing, Soul, Pop, Disco and Rock 'n' Roll

Saturday 29th April 2017 8.00 pm

Tickets £9.00 Available from

June Smith Branch Secretary 01252 654215 or

Ben Weston Club Secretary 01252 543306

At The Royal British Legion Club

(Hants) Ltd

51 Cambridge Road East

Farnborough

GU14 6QB



Great Raffle Prizes

All Funds go to the Royal British Legion Welfare Fund

Registered Charity Number: 219279



Hampshire R.B.L. County Sports 2017

Live On

Golf Pairs

6th February 2017

The Hampshire RBL County Pairs tournament returns to The Army Club, Aldershot on **MONDAY 8th MAY** for the 2017 event so come on Branches, please join in!

This golf course, one of the finest in North Hampshire is close to the home of the British Army and hosts many events for serving personnel. It is situated close to Farnborough airport but is easily accessible from the M3 and Blackwater valley main routes. It presents a good challenge with its 6300 yd par 71 features which run through gently sloping low level woodland.

We have secured a military-rate due to our RBL association so we have an excellent value day at £45.00 per person (£180 per four) which includes coffee and bacon sandwich on arrival, 18 holes of golf and ham egg and chips to follow plus a contribution to the prizes. We will also be holding a raffle for the Poppy Appeal. **As with last year the format has changed to a team of four with the best two individual scores in each becoming the best pairing.**

Tee-offs will commence from **930am** approx depending on entry size (entry limited to 8 four-balls). Teams will be notified of their exact tee-off positions nearer the date. There are only a few buggies available on the day and YOU will need to book BEFORE then if you require one (01252 337272 and ask for Vivienne). This is primarily a light-hearted event but the pride of YOUR Branch is also at stake!

The format of play is: Stableford, full handicap (max: gents 24, ladies 30)

There will be prizes for the winners and runners up plus awards for the Longest drive, Nearest the pin and N.T.P. in 2

Players are VERY MUCH expected to dress and behave in accordance with the regulations for most golf courses. Dress for the meal and presentations should be smart casuals this year.

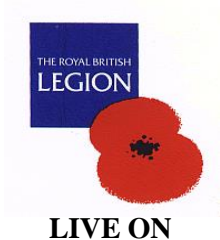
Due to personal commitments I need to bring forward the closing date for entries and receipt of fees to FRIDAY 14th APRIL . Cheques may be post dated to 1st MAY.

The completed entry form attached **MUST** be accompanied by **FULL** payment (please photo-copy this form if you require more entry sheets.)

Cheques should be made payable to: **Mr. R. J. Bourne please.**

**SEND FORM AND PAYMENT TO: Rick Bourne, County Golf Secretary,
86 Cavalier Road, Old Basing, Hants. RG24 7ET. (07714 289157)**

So, don't delay, get that entry form in today



LIVE ON

Hampshire RBL County Sports 2017 (GOLF PAIRS)
at The Army Golf Club, Laffans Rd, Aldershot. GU11 2HF
<http://www.armygolfclub.com/>

MONDAY 8th MAY 2017

(Copy this form as many times as required)

Branch name: _____

Team 1:

Names, handicaps and contact phone numbers.

1 2

3 4

Team 2:

Names, handicaps and contact phone numbers.

1 2

3 4

Please make cheques payable to: **Mr. R.J. Bourne** and send, with this form, to: Rick Bourne, County Golf Secretary, 86 Cavalier Road, Old Basing, Basingstoke, Hants. RG24 7ET. (07714 289157.)

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT ASAP BUT NO LATER THAN 14th APRIL 2017

CHEQUES MAY BE POST DATED TO 1st May 2017