



Branch News

“To bring together and inform Legion members, volunteers and supporters of our work and activities”

Getting to know

Secretary, Sue Cottrell

I have lived in Dulverton, Brushford and Exebridge for over 45 years, although originally from South Devon. My Dad served in the Royal Navy for over 22 years deciding on his retirement, that living in the country and running a business would be the perfect environment to raise myself and my 4 siblings. Both parents supported Dulverton Branch RBL for many years, recognising that it was a charity dear to their hearts and, meant that they had contact with people of similar interests.



Many other family members, including Grandad and Great-Grandad my brother, cousins, uncles, great uncles, nephews and great nephews, have or are currently serving in the forces and most in recent years have seen hostile action. In my early 20s, I was to join the WRNS. I Passed the medical, interview and tests but delayed joining for 6 months to make sure I was “doing the right thing”. During that time, the inevitable happened, I met my hubby and fell in love and basically that was the end of my WRNS career!

I recently joined the Dulverton branch RBL as secretary as I had a few hours to spare and thought I could use my secretarial skills and “do something”. Being from a military family, I have an insight into the unique way of life, and Im aware of the issues and difficulties that arise.

Do please get in touch if you feel we can help you or call the RBL on 0808 802 8080.

Sue
07969243887



Supporting local ex-service personnel and their dependents.....



OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DRAW DOWN FUNDS TO HELP LOCAL EX SERVICE PERSONNEL.

24/7 AT HANOVER COURT HAS BEEN GIVEN A CHEQUE FOR £700 TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF AN INFLATABLE CUSHION/MATRESS TO HELP VETERANS GET UP FROM A FALL; THUS AVOIDING THE NEED TO CALL AN AMBULANCE.

SINCE ITS PURCHASE IN MID FEBRUARY, IT HAS BEEN USED, ON AVERAGE ONCE A WEEK.



John McDonald presents cheque to Sandy Ferris at Hanover.
Big thanks to Robin for being a willing (and convincing) guinea pig at the demonstration!



Shower Room....

Local veteran benefits from the installation of a wonderful new shower room - courtesy of funds that we have been able to access.



JOIN US.....

Please contact any member of the branch for an application form if you want to join us. It costs only £18 per year to join (with £1 being retained and spent here in Dulverton, the remaining amount goes to Head Office.)

Remember – you don't have to of served in the forces to be a member and all are welcome to attend the meetings!

**NEXT MEETING DATE:
AGM on 25th September
at 7pm
At Dulverton
Congregational Church
Everyone welcome!**

**Please contact Peter on 01398 323523
or Sue on 07969243887 to arrange
transport if necessary.**

**Almost a hundred years
on here in Dulverton....**

It was at a meeting in 1921 held at the Parish Rooms here in Dulverton that the past comrades of the Great War accepted the constitution of the British Legion and the local branch was formed.

CALLING ALL VETERANS!

The Branch are holding a Free Coffee Morning – for ex-service personnel in the library on Tuesday 1st August from 10.30am. Come and chat to like-minded people with advice on hand too!
Cakes – Tea – Coffee – Biscuits

Transport can be arranged – just call Peter Maggs on 01398 323523.



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WANTED... 2018 is the Centenary for the end of WWI. We are currently planning how best we can acknowledge this event. Your ideas and suggestions are required - please get in touch!

MORE COFFEE TO TALK POPPIES.....

Our annual Poppy Coffee Morning this year is on 30th September in the Town Hall from 9.30am – 1pm. As usual Eric will be recruiting volunteer poppy collectors on the day. You will receive your personal invitation in due course.

Dates for your diaries.....

2017 Remembrance Services

Armistice Day Service – Saturday 11th November at 10.45am at Dulverton War Memorial

Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 12th November at 10.40am at AllSaints Church, Dulverton; St Mary's Church, Brompton Regis; St Nicholas Church Brushford; and St John the Baptist, Skilgate.

