



# The Royal British Legion Derbyshire County May 2018



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## “We will remember them” 1 December 2017 – 30 April 2018

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### Standard Bearer Training and Assessments in Derbyshire

Training and assessment sessions for those SBs attending **GP90** will take place as follows:

1. 2nd June, 1.30 - 4.30. Wesley Hall, Methodist Church, Matlock Street, Bakewell. Past NPM David Brown supported by Derbyshire WS CSB Julie Driver and acting CPM Paul Scott.
2. 10th June, 4 - 6 pm. St Peters Church, Chellaston, Derby.
3. 24th June, 10 am - 4 pm. Cadet Centre, Clusters Road, Belper
4. Regular SB training is also taking place on 29th May, 19:30 - 21:30 at the United Reform Church, Wharncliffe Rd, Ilkeston DE7 5GF all welcome. Acting CPM Paul Scott will attend and can assess GP90 participants.

### County Web Site

Are you checking the County Web Site regularly?  
<http://counties.britishlegion.org.uk/counties/derbyshire>  
We now have a new county web master, Ævar Eyþórsson (known as Ivar). Ævar is a member of Spondon branch and is working hard to update the county web site. If you have any articles that you would like published please email Ivar on [Derbyshire.Web@RBL.Community](mailto:Derbyshire.Web@RBL.Community). Ivar will not only publish the article but, if it is a forthcoming event he will add it to the county diary.

Did you know that every branch has a branch page within the county web site? Check yours out today and if it is not up to date please let Ivar know.

#### Office 365 Training

County are happy to offer Office 365 Training.

If you would like your members to receive some training please email:

[MSOeastmids@britishlegion.org](mailto:MSOeastmids@britishlegion.org)

### MEMBERSHIP TRAINING

*How many members of your branch committee have attended membership training courses since taking office?*

We intend to run branch management and branch treasurer training in the county in the forthcoming year – both of these courses are two full days. What I need to know from you is what suits you best. Do you want to attend mid-week or at weekends? Full consecutive days or half days spread over four weeks? We also intend to run a series of half day workshops to update branch committee members. Contact [MSOEastMids@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:MSOEastMids@britishlegion.org.uk) with any subjects that you would like to see included.

### Information for Branch Treasurers

#### **Subject: Branch Accounts Submissions 2018**

The Legion Field Financial year ends on 30<sup>th</sup> June and your Branch Accounts Return is required within three months of that date, i.e. by 30 September 2018.

Following the audit/Independent Examination, all Branch Accounts must be sent to the East Midlands Area Office for processing.

#### **Address: BRANCH R&P RETURNS**

**The Royal British Legion  
East Midlands Area Office  
18 St. Peter's Street  
DERBY DE1 1SH**

If your Branch is registered on Office 365 system, a full copy of your Branch Accounts (including all bank statements and Authority to Disclose Information) should be scanned and retained within the "Finance" folder of the system for your own reference.

You may send an electronic copy of the documentation to [MSOEastMids@BritishLegion.org.uk](mailto:MSOEastMids@BritishLegion.org.uk), however do follow this up with the original copy by Royal Mail or by hand.

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### GDPR - the new General Data Protection Regulation

You've probably heard about GDPR, the new EU General Data Protection Regulations that are going to replace the UK's Data Protection Act (DPA) in May 2018. GDPR is a new law that all organisations, including the Legion, need to get ready to comply with.

*"Our aim for the Legion is to guarantee "safe and secure data management; acting legally, ethically, and responsibly at all times."*

#### Branch officers, what you can do today to stay compliant

1. Take personal responsibility for clearing out as much paper as you can. If you haven't referred to the data in a year, delete it. Keep any records of personal data in one secure place, for example email address and telephone numbers of your members. You can keep the details on a password protected laptop or locked in a draw in your home. Personal data should be secure and only used for the purposes they were given to you for. If you are uncertain about how you store information relating to the Poppy Appeal contact the Membership Support Officer on [MSOEastMids@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:MSOEastMids@britishlegion.org.uk).
2. Start using O365 for all your legion work and email communications. Office 365 is a cloud-based system that was given to the Royal British Legion by MicroSoft (because we are a military veterans' charity). Private companies pay hundreds of thousands of pounds to use it. Each branch can have up to nine accounts – chairman, vice chairman, treasurer, secretary, membership secretary, BCS officer and three branch committee members. If you would like to register for O365 and require training contact your Membership Support Officer on [MSOEastMids@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:MSOEastMids@britishlegion.org.uk)

You can find all the information you need on O365 and Yammer.

Not using Yammer yet? Why not?

There's lots of information on there and members from all over the country, in fact all over the world, sharing thoughts and ideas. If you have an O365 account have a look at Yammer today. Join the Derbyshire Branches group and see what everyone is up to. It may give you some great ideas for your branch.

#### Calling all Runners

Are you a runner? Are there any runners in your branch? We are looking for all sorts of runners. You may be a park runner; you may like to gently jog, either alone or with one or more friends; you may like to run to raise funds doing 5k, 10k, half marathons, full marathons or getting wet and muddy while doing extreme racing.

Whatever type of runner you are I would like to hear from you – please get in touch:

[MSOEastMids@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:MSOEastMids@britishlegion.org.uk).

#### Calling all Rams Fans

Are you a Rams fan? Are there any Rams Fans in your branch? We are looking for Derby County FC supporters of all ages. Contact

[MSOEastMids@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:MSOEastMids@britishlegion.org.uk).

#### The Veterans Pain Clinic

This is **free of charge** to all veterans who are able to provide **proof of service**. The costs will be covered by the Hospitals' Military Grants Fund charity.

The consultant is Dr Dominic Aldington. Having served in the Royal Army Medical Corps he was the Subject Matter Expert in Pain to the Surgeon General and was responsible for organising pain relief from the point of injury until a casualty left



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the service. This saw him working at the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre at Headley Court and the Royal Centre for Defence Medicine in Birmingham. He will offer advice and guidance on your pain related issues, including a medication review and will liaise with your NHS GP helping you to optimise your pain management.

Contact us: **0207 467 4370**. Or  
[veteranspainclinic@kingedwardvii.co.uk](mailto:veteranspainclinic@kingedwardvii.co.uk)

A GP referral letter and proof of service will be required before attending.

### Annual Conference Report – Belfast 2018 – from our County Chairman

Firstly, to Andy Boardman (Melbourne Branch); our exceptional County Standard Bearer and Regional Champion - a big thank you and well done.

Andy returned a near perfect performance during the Nationals but didn't place. I suppose it was a big ask; especially with the Irish Standard Bearer benefitting from home ground advantage. It is only the second year Andy has competed at this level and he did us all proud. It will only be a matter of time until Derbyshire has another National Standard Bearer, possibly next year? No pressure, Andy.

A big thank you must also go to all our Branch Delegates who made the trip over to Belfast. Not an easy journey even with a number of airports in close proximity. Not as cheap as we were led to believe but important work was done during the weekend and the County was well represented and took part fully in the democratic process.

The County had mixed fortunes with regards to motions. Motion 7, the request to the Board of Trustees (BOT) to allow branches to amalgamate and retain their individual Standards was passed with a large majority. Motion 8, the restriction of tenure for Branch Chairmen was lost by a smaller percentage but lost nevertheless. A number of other motions were passed which will have an effect on the administration

of the County and Branches, all designed to allow for more flexibility when forming committees.

The motion to allow County Vice Chairmen to hold posts within Branches in their County was passed as was the optionalisation of the Branch Vice Chairmen's post and a reduction in the numbers making up a compliant branch committee was also passed.

All the above, I hasten to add will need to be ratified by the BoT (Board of Trustees) before they are adopted.

I am delighted to announce that Derby will host Conference 2022. The Chairman of the National Conference Committee will be coming to Derby in the near future to walk the ground with me. This is a tremendous feather in the County's cap and although it will entail a great deal of effort from both the County Committee and the Derbyshire Membership it will be well worth it.

The conference venue was excellent as was the Parade on Sunday. I'm sure many photographs and videos of the march up to City Hall will be posted on social media as the days go by. All in all Belfast welcomed us with open arms and we were treated with great warmth and affection.

My only concern was the number of delegates. Of the 2400 plus branches within the organisation only a total of 249 delegates were in attendance. A considerable reduction from last year's conference and maybe it was the location that put people off. Next year we are in Bournemouth.

I would urge every branch to consider sending a Delegate. It is every branch's right and as long as their MS1 and branch accounts are sent off in time they are eligible. It does cost money and time but if we are to retain control of our own future we must enter into the debate and exercise our democratic mandate. There is a fund available to assist less well off Branches with the cost of their attendance, details of which can be obtained from the County MSO.

Once again, my sincere thanks to every member from Derbyshire who took the time to make a difference.