



# The Presidents Report

## November 2012

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This year has seen the continuing resurgence of Camborne Branch of the Royal British Legion. The Branch was saved from closure back in May 2011 after an emergency meeting was held and new committee members were proposed and elected unanimously. Since then the committee has forged ahead ensuring the branch is kept active and very much in the public eye.

So far this year 2012 has seen the branch involved in all the following events:

- Commemoration of Victory in Europe Day at Camborne Parish Church on 7<sup>th</sup> May
- Holding a stall at Camborne Show (21<sup>st</sup> July) – to raise funds and most importantly to encourage new members to join the branch
- July 28<sup>th</sup> The placing and dedication of a new war memorial stone sited at the crash site at Roscroggan where in 1942 a Beaufort Bomber crashed killing all four crew members. This was a major event and one that involved a huge amount of work in organising and raising the funds required to enable it to succeed.
- The 15<sup>th</sup> August saw the commemoration of Victory in Japan, again held at Camborne Parish Church
- Camborne Branch 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September and saw the dedication of a brand new Standard for the Branch , the original having been in use for approximately 90 years. This was held at Camborne Parish Church following a parade through the town. This ceremony was incredibly well attended and involved the Lord Lieutenant – Col Edward Bolitho OBE President Cornwall Royal British Legion.
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October saw the official opening of the branch Poppy Shop in Cross Street, Camborne. This proved to be a major success once again and allowed the shop to raise a magnificent sum of money for the Poppy Appeal through the sale of Wreaths, crosses, badges, flags and numerous other items. In fact the shop had visitors from all

over Cornwall as this was the only place people were able to find exactly what they wanted. We have also been blessed with Mrs Pam Thompson our Poppy Appeal organiser who has for the second year worked tirelessly in arranging the Poppy Appeal, the shop and dealing with the donations. This year we are on target to beat even last year's total of over £14,000.

- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October saw the official launch of the Poppy Appeal in the Town Square completed with the attendance of the Kernow Pipes and Drums who played during the ceremony.
- On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November a small but very meaningful service of remembrance was held at the cenotaph at Camborne Parish Church specifically for the children from all the local schools in the Camborne area.
- Of course Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November saw the annual service of remembrance at the Parish Church preceded by an incredibly well attended parade. This year saw one of; if not the largest parades Camborne has ever held. In fact many people could not get into the church and even then it was standing room only. We have been blessed with a fantastic committee and particularly a wonderful secretary Ian Thompson, who has helped to increase the numbers attending the parade by sending out invitations to a vast number of organisations. This year we were also honoured to welcome approx. 30 members of the Camborne School of Mines, who also took part in the parade, along with a large contingent of personnel from RNAS Culdrose and RAF St Mawgan.

The year's events culminated in a social and fund raising event held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Blaythornes (Holman's Sports Club).

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