

The Branch can be proud of its achievements of 2000
Let us resolve to be able to say the same of
2001

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Open out the card for *In Touch, Too*.

Tom Ashmore
**With our best wishes for
Christmas & the New Year**

Vice Chairman

Tom Ashmore

**STOP PRESS!!
JANUARY BRANCH MEETING
CANCELLED**



**SEASON'S
GREETINGS**



In Touch, Too

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Millennium Thanks

At the December Branch Meeting the Chairman thanked all those who had been involved in making the Millennium Week such an outstanding success. Many messages of congratulation had been received verbally, by letter and via the Internet. The Garden of Remembrance had been a source of admiration and emotion, eloquently expressed by a lady whose letter was read out. Standing by the cross bearing her late husband's name, she had a feeling of closeness as if she was by his grave (which she has never visited). The Books, too had been much appreciated and additional information had been received.

Millennium Sums

Now that the bills have been paid and the donations, grants and concert ticket sales added up, we know that the ambitious project started over a year ago, has finished "in the black" - indeed the surplus allowed a donation to the Poppy Appeal of over £200.

The Cenotaph

The vandalism, so widely condemned by members of the public, resulted in four generous donations totalling £100 which will be used for the building of a new stronger, more weather resistant

Poppy Appeal Latest

It has become customary for a donation to be made from branch funds each year to the Poppy Appeal. At the December Branch meeting, members approved a sum of £1000 which brought the total raised to date to £12,974, over £1200 more than at the corresponding time last year. Tom Jeacock thanked all those who had helped to achieve such a magnificent result.

Welfare

There may be ex-service people or their families in the locality who are in need but of whom we are not aware. It is the duty of all of us to see that such people are offered the help for which the Legion exists. Need is not always financial - advice, a visit or some act of kindness may be what is required. If you know of anyone you think is in need, please contact Welfare Officer, John Liddell, MH 465003 or one of his team- Vida Edwards (0116 279 3729)
- Charles Freer (MH 467167)
- Tom Jeacock (MH 466829)

Going for Gold

The Branch Committee decided that the Branch should again enter the competition for the County Jack Quain Trophy for Endeavour, but that this year we should also enter for the National award, the Haig Cup for Efficiency. Documents setting out our case for receiving these awards will be submitted to County Office by 1st January.

The Festive Spirit

An excellent meal, paper hats, funny mottos (or did the wine make them seem funny?), the congenial company of 21 members and guests, that was the Branch Christmas Dinner last Friday evening at The Countryman, Great Bowden. Thank you, Bob England for arranging this, your last function as Social Secretary and thanks too for all you and your little team have done during the year.

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

A chance remark by our Chairman, four bottles of Bill Farnsworth's special brew kept for that special occasion and a quick visit to Tesco, these were the ingredients for the "Happy Christmas, everyone!!" which ended the evening after the last Branch Meeting of the year. Earlier, John Cox with his quiz, had embarrassed us with our ignorance - MH RBL members are unlikely to appear on *I want to be a Millionaire!!*

Military Medal for the Branch

A few weeks ago an elderly gentleman, Mr Bent, asked for information about his two uncles killed in WW1, Frank and George Wilson. Were their names in "The Book"? Indeed they are, and are shown as the sons of Mrs E Wilson of Logan Street, and that George was the holder of the Military Medal. Mr Bent had that proud family heirloom and most generously, has presented it to the Branch. It is now in the museum where it has been on display next to a copy of George Wilson's page. Mr Bent has now been given copies of the pages for both uncles.

Reprint Service

It has been agreed that copies of pages of the Books of Remembrance will be made available on request. Contact Tom Ashmore on MH 433108. A small donation to the Poppy Appeal is requested.

Diary Dates

Note! No Branch Meeting in January

31 Jan Branch Committee meeting
14 Feb Branch meeting 7.30 pm

Other dates and events to be given later. See January **In Touch**



All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names.

Thanks, Mark for e-mailing this.