



## MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER FOR OVERSEAS

### LATEST NEWS

#### Membership Application Forms

Please note that from 1 January 2015 we will not be able to accept the old membership application forms. This includes the excel version of the Overseas MS4 form for cash payers. Please use the PDF version instead.

If you would like a copy of the PDF form please email Kayleigh at [Overseassupport@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:Overseassupport@britishlegion.org.uk)

### MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL NEWS

#### Membership Council Elections

The tenure of the current Membership Council representative for Overseas Branches and Districts is one of those coming to an end in 2015. You should all have received papers providing instruction on how to nominate candidates for the next period. If not you can find them in the Membership Policy Area:

[http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/media/4048694/2015MC\\_NoticeofElection.pdf](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/media/4048694/2015MC_NoticeofElection.pdf)

#### County/District Elections

Elections are currently being held for the position of Vice-Chairman of District Spain North. Branches in this District please ensure you complete your Branches ballot forms correctly, with two committee signatures of the sealed flap of the enveloped, and send them to Kayleigh at Haig House before 8<sup>th</sup> December. If Branches need a new ballot paper please ask Kayleigh.

### REMEMBRANCE SERVICES AROUND THE GLOBE

#### Chonburi, Thailand

Two members of the Royal British Legion Chonburi Thailand left their home base Tropical Restaurant on Soi Khao Noi for a mammoth journey in aid of this year's Poppy Appeal.

The first leg of their journey was from Chonburi to Singapore; they then rode from Singapore to Three Pagodas Pass via Malaysia on the Thai/Burma border following as much as possible the route of the Infamous Death Railway.

Bruce Lancaster and Lyndsey Rowe covered this mammoth 5,000 kilometres' in aid of the Poppy Appeal and arrived in Kanchanaburi (Bridge over the River Kwai) on 11 November in time for the Service of Remembrance.



## Gibraltar

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, ten Branches from Spain South District joined with the Gibraltar Branch of the Royal British Legion to honour those who fell in the Two World Wars. As they are not allowed to parade in Spain they were pleased to join with their neighbours to parade up Main Street in Gibraltar and to attend a memorial service in the Anglican Cathedral.



## Zurgena, Spain

On the 20th September Huerca Overa held its 2nd integration day. The Zurgena Branch recreated the WW1 exhibition previously held in the Arboleas Museum. Over 2,400 people visited the event and enjoyed local choirs, dance groups, tapas & cream teas. Not only did this help to raise the profile of The Legion and the Branch but also raised over 166€ for Branch funds.



## Hondon Valley, Spain

Hondon Valley Branch were honoured to have Captain Lemkes, RN, Defence Attaché together with Sgt Michelle Kadshaw RAF, Assistant to the Defence Attaché from the British Embassy in Madrid in attendance at their Remembrance Service on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

The Service was lead by the Branch Padre Reverend Canon Terence Sampson and included music from the Torrevieja Pipes and Drums and the Phoenix Concert Band. A local Spanish choir sang several songs, one of which they had written for the Service. Branch member Tony Brown read a self penned poem entitled *'to end all wars'*.

It was a delightful service with many thought provoking elements with extra emphasis given to the beginning of WW1 100 years ago. The little Aula del Cultura in Hondón de las Nieves was full of members and friends both English and Spanish from around the area.



Left to right: Captain Lemkes, Sgt Michelle Kadshaw, Chris Wyatt (Branch Chairman), Nigel Hails (District Chairman).

## Gran Alacant, Spain

Members of the Gran Alacant and La Marina Branch on Spain's Costa Blanca were collecting recently at Alicante Airport. Having been given special permission by the airport authority, Branches in the District are seen each November chatting to those travelling through. Pictured here is a family getting their poppies from members of the Gran Alacant and La Marina Branch. Harry and Max are sporting their Legion wrist bands.



## What has your Branch been up to?

Please send updates and photographs to Kayleigh for publication in the next Overseas Newsletter:

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

## CALENDAR

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Comradeship Services Project Briefing - Haig House		Comradeship Services Project Briefing - Guernsey	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Comradeship Services Project Briefing - France				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Comradeship Services Project Briefing - Northumbria				Comradeship Services Project Briefing - Devon	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
County/District Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen Elections – Ballot Paper Deadline		Legion Christmas Celebrations – Guildhall (PM)	Legion Christmas Celebrations – Guildhall (PM)	Membership Council Elections - Nomination Deadline		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Membership Council Meeting - Haig House				

A full archive of Membership Newsletters can be found in the Membership Document Area or via your Membership Support Officer