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*Warsop, Meden Vale, & District Branch
With Edwinstowe Sub-Branch*

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the April 2015 newsletter.

Sad News

It is with regret that I have to report the closure of Warsop, Meden Vale & District Branch due to the membership being unable to find a replacement secretary.

If no one steps up at the next meeting, there is an option to request that we become a sub-branch of Edwinstowe Branch, if they are agreeable this would give the branch a little longer to find a secretary.

Note from Sec—Happy April 1st and we have



someone who has expressed an interest!

Tower Poppies

We are pleased to announce that the Poppies have now arrived and most are with their new owners, no doubt taking pride of place.

Sponsored Swim

Elaine and other members and supporters completed the sponsored swim in aid of The Legion. Between them they managed 218 lengths in just an hour. Well done to them all.

Warsop Carnival

We are ready to party on Sunday the 5th July. We will again be looking for help in 1 or 2 hour slots on the day. Any tombola prizes gratefully received.

Next Meeting

Pie & Pea's will be available for those that order them, at the next meeting. Cost is £3.

Members of 1208 Warsop Squadron ATC are coming to tell us what

they get up to.

Please let us know if you want food!

VE Day Celebrations

The latest idea coming from Haig House, is for beacons to be lit across the Country celebrating VE Day.

We have been invited to join with Worksop Branch in the lighting of The Jubilee Beacon at Shireoaks on the 8th May. This can be seen from the three great counties of Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and South Yorkshire when lit.

Please come along and support this.

Door to door callers

Royal British Legion door to door sellers will be in the Warsop area between the 1st and 30th April.

Door to door fundraising is an essential part of how the Legion plans to engage with new supporters, providing an opportunity for people to speak with someone about our work at any-time of the year, and

consider a valuable regular gift to support our work. Regular gifts/direct debits mean the Legion saves on bank charges and has a predictable income so we ensure we have the funds to deliver vital services to beneficiaries.

The door to door team are professional fundraisers who wear branded RBL clothing and have official identification. All fundraisers have been fully trained and have a good understanding of the Legions work. The fundraisers have registered with the Police in each county, all data is handled securely and in accordance with the direct debit guarantee and other financial regulations. Fundraisers will not ask for a cash donation.

In some area's Legion members have disliked what they see as an intrusion on their area. Many charities are now collecting in this way, but nothing is said when it is not The Legion! The RBL cannot miss the boat in this method of collecting funds as people only have a certain amount of money to give to charity.

Relatives in Nottingham have told us how courteous and professional the fundraisers are, even when told that our relatives support the Legion already and did not

sign up to the direct debit.

If you do get a knock at the door, We would be interested to hear your views of their in-



teraction with you.

New Badges

The 2015 pin badges will be available until November at a recommended minimum donation of £2.

The VE badges are in short supply and are time-bound as they are commemorating the 70th anniversary of D Day, with most events taking place over the weekend of the 8th-10th



May. Suggested price is again £2

New Members

We welcome new members Kay Hickinbotham and Mr E Eaton to Warsop branch and Mr Peter Phillips to Edwinstowe.

Welcome to you all!

Forthcoming Trip

We are planning a trip to The National Memorial Arboretum on the 4th July at a cost of £10 members/£15 non members.

Please book places with Elaine.

Birthday Greetings

Birthday wishes go to the following members;

Andy Andrews
John Bell
Alice Bungay
Chris Chapman
Saskia Clarkson
Phillip Cox
Wayne Donohue
Caroline Dooley
Freda Marples
V. Stevens
Nick Waltz
Pamela Ward

A very happy birthday to you all.

Get well soon....

Our thoughts are with Reg Atkins, Brian Marples and John Wood. We hope you are all soon feeling better.

Diary

26th April - Warsop Poppy Planting Day 2015.

Next Meeting

The March meeting will be on Monday the 13th. Ex-Servicemen's Club, **7.30pm start.**

Pete