



Central News – May 2025

Membership information, updates and engagement

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Important dates

Festival of Remembrance ballot opens	4 June 2025
Festival of Remembrance ballot closes	24 June 2025

Annual Conference information update

If you have registered to attend Annual Conference, on 16 April you should have received an email with a link to a bundle of important information including the Delegate Pack, Motions and Omissions and other pre-arrival information, [also available to view here](#). If you have not received this email, please contact membershipservices@britishlegion.org.uk

Key reminders:

- Online attendees should receive their access link by **8 May**. If you do not receive it by then please contact membershipservices@britishlegion.org.uk.
- **Registration at the venue opens from 1pm Friday 16 May** via Entrance one. Attendees will not be able to register before this time.
- Upon registration, in-person attendees will receive passes with a lanyard. Please keep this with you at all times – including for the evening entertainment.
- If attending Standard Bearer Competitions, please go directly to the Royal Hall [\[view map\]](#).
- If you've pre-registered for the Women's Section or Overseas Forum, please refer to the information provided to you by the organiser.
- **The Exhibition will not be open on Friday 16 May**. It will be open on Saturday and Sunday only.
- Parking at the Convention Centre is costly and limited. However, there are several more affordable options just a five-minute walk from the venue. [More information](#).
- **Security checks** will be in place including bag inspections and screening by security personnel. To help speed up the process, we kindly ask that you **please do not bring large bags or suitcases to the venue**.
- Enjoy yourself!

Please contact membershipservices@britishlegion.org.uk with any Annual Conference questions.

RBL Annual Report 2024

The 2024 Annual Report will be available from **Friday 9 May** on the [RBL governance webpage](#). Please note, a limited number of hard copies will be available at Annual Conference to in-person voting (branch) delegates only.

Festival of Remembrance ticketing

All members who have an email registered with us should have received an important email about Festival of Remembrance ticketing. Please help us to share the message with your fellow members. Information is available on the [Festival of Remembrance webpage](#).

Through their eyes exhibition

From 5-8 May, the country will mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day with tea parties, parades, services of thanksgiving and special events. A new RBL exhibition at the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) in Staffordshire opens this month which honours the WWII generation.

‘*Through their eyes*’ features 10 striking, large-size photographic portraits of veterans and their recollections of the war, running until November. [Find out more](#).

Easter celebrations in Paderborn

RBL members in Germany came together with Sennelager Garrison to bring smiles to children, parents, and grandparents alike for a joyful Easter celebration on 6 April. Organised by the Paderborn Branch, the day was a triumph of teamwork and dedication, with volunteers and members organising an Easter egg hunt alongside homemade sandwiches, cupcakes and scones for attendees. Families enjoyed not only the thrill of the hunt but also a delightful high tea, making the event a feast for all ages.

Derek Hefferman, the Unit Welfare Officer, expressed gratitude to the Paderborn Branch for hosting the event and acknowledged the vital work the Royal British Legion does within the community. Parents and grandparents shared heartfelt appreciation for the memorable experience, with many echoing their thanks to the volunteers who made the day possible.

Held early in April to accommodate family Easter holiday plans, this celebration captured the essence of community connection – bringing people together to share laughter, joy, and togetherness.

Thank you for reading! The June edition of Central News is due to be published
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