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

## NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the May 2015 newsletter.

### Edwinstowe

I am pleased to announce the closure of Edwinstowe sub-branch as it has been approved for it to return to full-branch status. All credit goes to those members of Edwinstowe that have worked hard to make this happen.

I am sure that we all wish them every success and look forward to continuing our partnership in the future.

Branch members attended an event at Rufford in April, raising over £300 for branch funds and The Poppy Appeal. Well done!

### Secretary

I would like to welcome Kay Hickenbotham as our new Branch Secretary. We are going to work together for a few months to complete a proper handover. I will publish a new Secs email address soon, that is being provided by The RBL.

**PIE AND PEA'S WILL BE SERVED AT THE MAY MEETING ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup>. NUMBERS AGAIN NEEDED FOR CATERING PURPOSES**

### Poppy Planting at Warsop

Thanks go to those members that came to support the event. We raised money for branch funds and The Poppy Appeal as well as speaking to a beneficiary who needed help.

### Warsop Carnival

We still need a commitment from members to help out for an hour or two at this event on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Any tombola prizes gratefully received.

### Meeting

Mine and Elaine's apologies for the late cancellation of the Pie & Pea's at last month's meeting.

I have heard the talk by members of 1208 Warsop Squadron ATC was well received.

The Pie & Pea's will be

served at our May meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> May. Please again let us know if you are coming, to avoid disappointment.

### VE Day Celebrations

A reminder that Cliff and Jon are having a table in the Co-op on the High Street on Friday the 8th May. Please visit and show your support. The VE day badges are running out and Cliff will have the last few in the Co-op.

If you are feeling more adventurous, Warsop are hosting a street party on the Market Place at the top of town between 11—5.

Entertainers are performing throughout the day so it will be a good event. In the event of bad weather it will be held in The town Hall.

We are also joining Warsop for a beacon lighting ceremony that evening. The beacon is at Shireoaks. Starting about 9pm, the beacon will be lit at 9.30pm.

Please come along and

support this, but let us know if you are coming as we can arrange transport up to the beacon. Also wrap up warm and bring a chair if it is needed.

### **Forthcoming Trip**

The coach is booked for the trip to The National Memorial Arboretum on the 4<sup>th</sup> July at a cost of £10 members/£15 non members.

We have opened this to other branches so places are going fast.

Please book places with Elaine.

### **Birthday Greetings**

Birthday wishes go to the following members;

Doreen Clark  
Graham Kelly  
Christopher Marsh  
Val Moore  
Sheila Norton  
Denise Thorpe

A very happy birthday to you all.

### **Membership**

All members need to be aware that a new system is being introduced to administer membership of the Legion.

New joiners will keep the date that they join as their renewal date. The rest of us will stay with the 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Cash payers will be contacted directly by head office and payment can be made via Paypoint, or online. (You can still give cash to us!)

Local Paypoint shops are The Co-op Warsop, Warsop Vale Minimarket, Church Warsop Post Office, J+J Stores & Netherfield Lane Stores at Meden Vale.

There is a new membership form for new joiners and all old stock must be destroyed. The new forms are being read electronically to save time on processing.

This is good news for the branch as we will only incur costs in chasing non payers after they have been written to twice by Head Office.

At the moment members can be on several databases. With the new system, details will be held once whether you are a member, supporter, Poppy collector, etc.

### **Diary**

7<sup>th</sup> June - Annual parade and service of re-dedication Southwell. Please let us know if you would like to attend as transport will be arranged.

4<sup>th</sup> July - Trip to The NMA

16th August - VJ Day party at Strelley Hall, Nottingham. £12 to include food and entertainment. (A minibus can be arranged if enough interest is shown.)

### **Next Meeting**

The May meeting will be on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ex-Servicemen's Club,  
**7.30pm start.**

Pete