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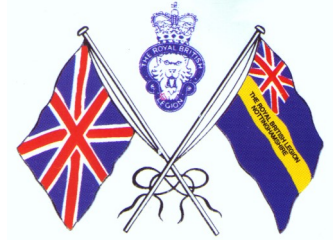
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Warsop, Meden Vale, & District Branch

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Welcome to the August/September 2016 newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The majority of membership renewals will become due on the 1st October. (Those that have joined more recently have anniversary renewals and re-join on the anniversary of their joining date each year.)

The cost of renewal this year is £19 (£17 National membership and £2 branch administration fee)

If you wish to pay by cash, please get in touch (or bring your money to the next meeting). We can then issue one cheque from branch funds.

If you do not have a current membership card, your membership could have lapsed. Please get in touch.

POPPY APPEAL

It is that time of year again when we are seeking help with the appeal. There are many ways in which you could help. We make up the boxes that go into the shops - We take boxes out to the various area's - We collect the boxes and money cans back in - The money is counted and the boxes and remaining contents are packed away for another year. Alison and Graham have again kindly offered to oversee Morrisons at Woodhouse. The rota will be available at the meeting. There will be a seat available for collectors in Morrisons and you do not have to approach people - they come to you!

Please volunteer - it is how we help our beneficiaries. If you can't

make the meeting and are willing to give up an hour or two, please ring me (Number above).

REMEMBRANCE

If you attended the July meeting, you will remember we discussed the parade in November. Despite enquiries with Traffic Management Companies we cannot afford to pay this cost.

We have therefore decided that we will meet in the Church for a short service, with a procession down to the Memorial for the wreath laying. (This is basically our wet weather program). It also removes the need for a full sound system at the Memorial.

PEDAL TO PARIS

Our fantastic President David Sneath is back at it again raising money for the charity. This time, he is doing Pedal to Paris on

the 1st September 2016. It includes him cycling 280 miles and finishing at the Champs Elysee on Sunday 4th September. This will then be followed by a service of remembrance at the Arc de Triomphe. David writes "This year is the centenary of the Battle of The Somme and I am training and taking part in the Pedal to Paris in memory of my grandfather Rupert Sneath who commanded a company of the 2nd Battalion The London Regiment at Gommecourt on 1st July 1916. He survived the war but his brother Claud and nephew Wilfred did not".

If you wish to donate to David's cause, you can access his online donation page at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/donate/makeDonationForFundraiserDisplay.action?fundraiserActivity-Id=732746>. On behalf of the branch, we would like to wish him the very best of luck throughout.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Cliff is again organising a hamper to raffle off at Christmas. This has raised good money in pre-

vious years. However, we need donations of foodstuffs suitable to go in the hamper. Please bring your donation to the meeting or let us know and we can arrange collection

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's AGM will take place at the Ex-Servicemen's Club at 19:30 on Monday the 10th October.

Please give consideration to coming onto the Branch Committee, or taking on a branch Officer roll.

Please don't sit back and leave it to others!

CHRISTMAS DINNER

This year's dinner will take place on Friday the 9th December, again at South Forest, Edwinstowe. Feel free to bring friends. The cost will be £16 to include a two course meal, pre-dinner drinks and a drink for the toasts.

BIRTHDAYS WISHES

Everyone within the branch would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to the following members
August - Hazel Brentnall, Barry Brentnall, Rev Angela Fletcher, Robbie

Fletcher, Chrissie Hancock, George Murfin, Rachael Smith, Matthew Wood, Jonathan Wood,
September - Reg Atkins, Peter Birchenall, Darren Davis, Sandra Dunne, David Hancock, Jean Hawkins, John Hosty, Brian McAleer, David Street, Mike Trinder, Audrey Waby

We hope you all have a fantastic day!

NEW MEMBERS

The branch would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members Bill Power and Jason Hood.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Monday 12th September. The meeting will begin at 7:30pm at The Ex-Servicemen's Club, Carr Lane. All are welcome to attend.

The next "drop in" is on Friday 7th October from 10am to 12noon at Warsop Town Hall.

Pete