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Devon County News

1. Calling All Standard Bearers – Royal Albert Hall (Festival of Remembrance)

Devon County have been allocated three places for this year's Festival of Remembrance. If you would like to attend, please email mpelling@britishlegion.org.uk.

Submissions are required by Thursday 5th August 2021.

Should we receive more than three applications, the names will be placed in a 'hat' and the first three drawn will be selected to attend the event.

2. Treasurers Clinic – Session One

The first treasurer's clinic is on the **14th August at Sampford Peverell** and is now fully booked.

Saturday 14th August	Memorial Hall, Sampford Peverell
10:00 to 11:00	Braunton Branch
11:00 to 12:00	Beer Branch
13:00 to 14:00	Mid Torridge Branch
14:00 to 15:00	Sampford Peverell & Uplowman Branch
15:00 to 16:00	Alphington Branch

3. County Training Diary

Online MAP Training

Saturday 7 th August	1300 – 1430
Tuesday 24 th August	1800 – 1930
Thursday 9 th September	1100 – 1230
Saturday 18 th September	1630 – 1800

Online Branch Management Training

Friday 20 th & Saturday 21 st August	1530 – 1700
Thursday 23 rd & Friday 24 th September	1100 - 1330

BCS Awareness and Induction Training (*Subject to Change)

Saturday 4 th September*	BCS Awareness
Saturday 18 th September	BCS Induction (1)
Saturday 9 th October	BCS Induction (2)

To book on any of the above courses, please email either Devon.CTO@rbl.community or Devon.Vicechairman@rbl.community or go to the Local Training Booking App on the Membership Administration Portal.

Branch News

4. Tiverton Branch Branch by Colin Horne (Branch Community Support Officer)

On Saturday 24th July Tiverton Branch attended the annual Mid Devon Show, the largest event in the Mid Devon Calendar. The week leading up to the show was one of the hottest ever in our part of Devon. Members of the branch sweated and toiled to erect the gazebo with the help of Lauren our CFR.

In the great tradition of the show on the Friday the weather broke, with warnings of very high winds and torrential rains forecast overnight. This led to me and the branch Chairman having to go to the show ground to storm proof the stand. And boy did it rain!!

By dawn the rain had subsided, and the wind had dropped. Arriving at the show ground in the morning we were relieved to see that our stand had survived the night, some were not so lucky.

The aim of our stand was to celebrate RBL 100, awareness of the Legion and what we do and to raise funds for the branch. However due to the constant wind and occasional showers we were unable to display some of the information boards we had prepared.



However, despite these setbacks we had a very successful day. This was the first event in Mid Devon since lockdown and was well attended by locals and visitors to the area. Our stand was busy all day. Our teddy bear tombola stand was popular, with the Chairman and I acting as the showground barkers attracting the crowds raised a good sum for the branch funds. Over the day we also raised **£1500** for the poppy appeal.

Come the end of the show at 1730hrs we were tired but happy with the day, managing to dismantle the stand just before the next wave of bad weather swept through the area.

5. Exmouth Branch by Tony Siddall (Branch Community Support Officer)

On Saturday 24th July 2021, members of Exmouth Branch had a gazebo at the Exmouth Town Mayors Charity Day. Pictured are Simon Jupp MP talking to Elsa Hutchings & Carole Reeves.



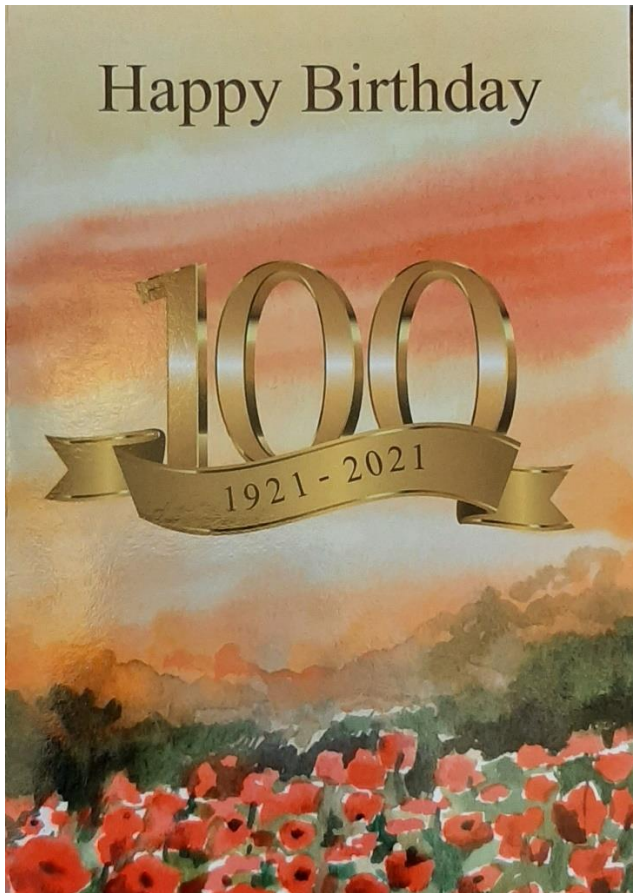
6. Kingsbridge & District Branch by Carole Castle (Branch Secretary)

The branch celebrated their 100th anniversary of the formation of the RBL Kingsbridge and District Branch on the 29th July 2021, in the same year that the Royal British Legion it's self was formed. Earlier in the day, at the RBL/Mill Club Branch President Mr Ken Court and Branch Chairman Leon Lock were joined by other members of the Branch and Mill Club Committee for cake and a glass of fizz to celebrate this special date.

We're also very proud to be able to attach to our Standard here at the Branch the Centenary Pennant.



7. Devon 100 – In this Week



To:

**Kings Bridge & District Branch
Formed 29th July 1921**

For more information about our county's branch 100th birthdays visit the Devon Royal British Legion 100 Facebook page

<https://facebook.com/devon.royalbritishlegion100/>

8. Events Diary

Please send details of your branch's centenary plans and events so that we can share with all our branches and members. (Please include the date, time, a brief description of your event and contact details).

Details of any new events are shaded in blue.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Branch</i>	<i>Event</i>
11 th August	Torquay	Annual Service at Corbyn Head Torquay Home Guard National Memorial to mark the 77 th Anniversary of the gun site tragedy which saw six killed and five injured. Contact: Ena Pethick, Branch Event Co-ordinator on ena@enapethick.plus.com

11 th August	Torquay	Following the Home Guard Service there will be a Centenary Event to mark the 100 th Anniversary of Torquay branch to celebrate its achievements. After the event, refreshments will be provided at the Livermead House Hotel.
14 th August	Newton Abbot	Legion Awareness Stall at Ipplepen Carnival
15 th August	Paignton	VJ Day Commemoration Event Burma Star Garden, Cliff Road, Paignton Form Up: 11:30 Ceremony: 12:00
15 th August	Tiverton	VJ Day Commemoration Event Burma Star Garden, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton
4 th September	Starcross	The Grand Opening of the Starcross (Devon) Royal British Legion Club In addition to the reopening of the club an event will take place celebrating the centenary of the Legion. For details of the event: Contact: devon.chairman@rbl.community for more details.
9 th September	Beer	Afternoon Cream Tea, Bovey House, Beer. A free event for Beer members to celebrate their 100 years. Contact: Branch Secretary, Carole Arnold on beer.memsecretary@rbl.community
11 th September	Sidbury	Sidbury & Sidford Branch Coffee Morning at the Sidbury Village Hall. Doors open 10:30.
25 th September	Dartmoor	Centenary Concert at Southernhay Church, Exeter with a military band. Commencing 1900hrs. Contact: Branch Chairman, Carole Arnold on Dartmoor.Chairman@rbl.community
1 st October	Newton Abbot & Paignton	Centenary Gala Dinner at the Livermead House Hotel, Torquay.
6 th October	Woodbury	Branch Coffee Morning at the White Hart Inn between 10:30 & 12:30
30 th October	Yealm	Centenary Concert, Holy Cross Church, Newton Ferrers with military band and choir. Contact: Branch Secretary, Alan Gorczyca on for.alan@icloud.com

30 th October	Sidford	Sidbury & Sidford Branch Coffee Morning at the Sidford Social Hall. Doors open 10:30.
6 th November	Dawlish	Dawlish 100 th Celebrations at Cofton Holiday Park. Contact: Alec Fewings, Branch Chairman on alecfewings@yahoo.com
6 th November	Newton Poppleford	Sidbury & Sidford Branch Coffee Morning at the Newton Poppleford Hall. Doors open 10:30.
21 st November	Devon County	Devon County Centenary Event at the Guildhall, Plymouth. (Afternoon event). Contact: Devon County Chairman on Devon.Chairman@rbl.community
27 th November	Plymouth Crownhill	Centenary Dance Contact: Branch Chairman, Dave Carnell on dave.carnell@yahoo.co.uk
4 th December	Yealm	Charity Dinner and Auction, Yealm Yacht Club, Newton Ferrers. Contact: Branch Secretary, Alan Gorczyca on for.alan@icloud.com
12 th December	Paignton	Christmas Carol Service. 4pm Palace Avenue Gardens, Paignton Contact: Branch Secretary Paignton.secretary@rbl.community

RBL HQ News

9. Face to Face Private Site / Venue Fundraising in Devon

Branches are advised that the following sites will be used for TRBL Regular Giving & Poppy Lottery Private Site Campaigns during the week commencing Monday 2nd August 2021:

- **Chapel Street, Exmouth**
- **Cornwall Street, Plymouth**

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