



DEVON COUNTY BULLETIN

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Devon County News

1. Membership Resources

Recently, we have received several requests for Legion resource material, to provide a level of self service, you can find the material on the Membership Administration Portal at:

- <https://trbl.sharepoint.com/sites/MembershipResources/SitePages/Membership-Documents-Library.aspx>

It contains all the membership documents you need to run your branch plus recruitment and information documents for Legion Awareness Events and most importantly details concerning Remembrance 2021.

To access this area, all you need to have is a Membership Administration Portal Login In which doubles up as an email address.

Log In's available:

- Yourbranch.chairman@rbl.community
- Yourbranch.vicechairman@rbl.community
- Yourbranch.secretary@rbl.community
- Yourbranch.treasurer@rbl.community
- Yourbranch.bcs@rbl.community
- Yourbranch.committe1@rbl.community (Plus 2 & 3)

If you do not have a MAP Log In but would like one, contact the MSO to discuss options.

Please remember it is also an email address, I would encourage you to use it as such to create a secure correspondence identity for both you and your branch.

2. Treasurers End of Year Clinic

The first treasurer's clinic is on the **14th of August at Sampford Peverell**, don't forget to reserve your place.

The clinics are designed to offer Branch Treasurers the opportunity to bring along their branch accounts for advice, guidance & final checking by the County Treasurer prior to submission. Brian Barlow will also be providing independent examinations for those branches that would like him to carry out their IE.

The clinics are scheduled as follows:

Saturday 14 th August 1000hrs – 1630hrs	Memorial Hall, Sampford Peverell
Saturday 4 th September 1000hrs – 1630hrs	RBL Club, Newton Abbot
Saturday 11 th September 1000hrs – 1630hrs	Plymouth

To book onto a clinic please email the County Treasurer indicating which date you wish to attend, and he will allocate you a specific time.

- Devon.Treasurer@rbl.community
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3. County Training Diary

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)

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

Tuesday 20 th & Wednesday 21 st July	1730 - 2000
Friday 20 th & Saturday 21 st August	1530 – 1700
Thursday 23 rd & Friday 24 th September	1100 - 1330

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.

Local Training Booking App



This app can be used to **book onto a local course in your county/district** that is being run by the County Training Officer.

When you click the link on the MAP homepage you will be taken to the Membership Training Calendar and from there you can open the app.

- [Local Training Booking App - Power Apps](#)

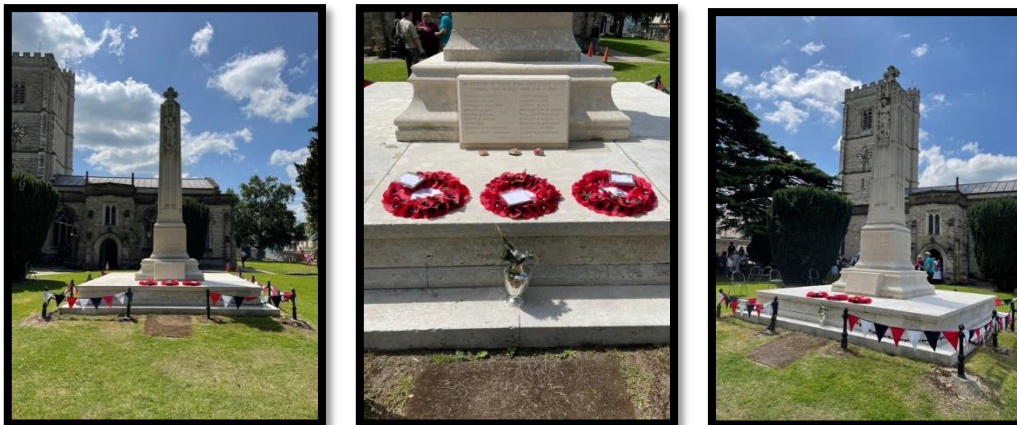
Branch News

4. Axminster Branch

On Saturday 17th July 2021, Axminster Branch held a community event to celebrate the centenary of the branch. The day was of many parts, the first being a procession around the town of the Branch & Women's Section Standards, the procession was led by the Exeter Pipes & Drums.



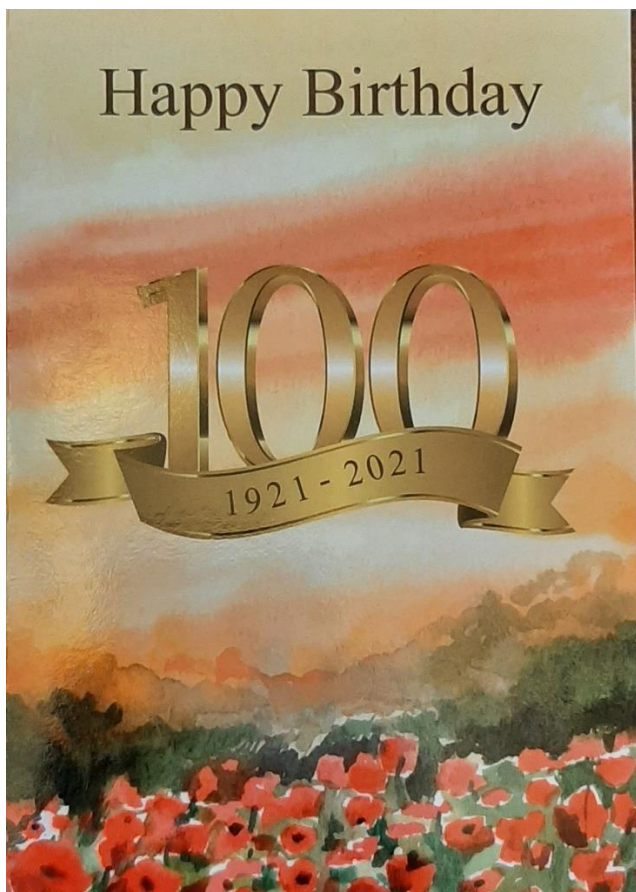
Part two saw the re-dedication of the town war memorial which also saw its 100th year this year.



Lastly, the branch and guests sat down to a lunch on the Minster Green entertained by the Honiton Town Band.



5. Devon 100 – In this Week



To:

**Sidmouth Branch
Formed 5th July 1921**
**Beer Branch
Formed 10th July 1921**
**Ivybridge Branch
Formed 13th July 1921**
**Honiton Branch
Formed 14th July 1921**
**Axminster Branch
Formed 18th July 1921**

Branches longer in existence:

Morchard Bishop Branch
Broadhembury Branch
Colyton Branch

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

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

6. 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>
24 th July	Sidmouth	Sidmouth Branch Centenary Event – an exhibition in the town with input from the local community. Further details tbc. Contact: Branch Secretary, Megan Bellfield on m.bellfield80@gmail.com

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.
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.
11 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.
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.
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

7. 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 19th July 2021:

- **Bank Street, Newton Abbot**

8. Centenary Reward & Recognition Hall of Fame

To mark our 100th birthday, we launched the Reward and Recognition scheme where everyone across the RBL family was invited to nominate people who deserved to be recognised for their significant contributions to our work.

The awards recognise the outstanding actions of individuals in five categories: service, collaboration, passion, excellence and valuing our people.

Hall of Fame: [Reward and Recognition | Our Centenary | Royal British Legion](#)

Here we celebrate the contributions of our amazing RBL People who have helped to make our organisation the fantastic place that it is. Search by name or use the filters to explore the nominees.

9. Membership Town Hall Meeting

On Tuesday 13th July 2021, a membership townhall briefing took place, chaired by the National Vice Chairman. Attached to this bulletin is the briefing note regarding that meeting.

I encourage you to read the document and pass the contents out to your members, there are a number of points regarding changes with the Legion and the way we deliver our welfare, importantly there is a section on Pop In Centre closures.

[Attachment: Membership Townhall Briefing Note](#)

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