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Devon County News

1. Branch Community Support

Recently an update to the Branch Crisis Grant Policy was sent out, I have attached it to this bulletin as it is important to remember that to be able to provide a Branch Crisis Grant, the branch needs to be registered to carry out Branch Community Support (BCS). Please take time to read the document and if you are a branch not yet registered for BCS, please get in touch so we can provide you with the appropriate guidance and awareness training to register you as a BCS Branch.

[Attachment: Branch Crisis Grant Process v2.0](#)

2. End of Year Accounts

Branches who on the 30th June 2021 have less than £5000 in their branch bank account (Excluding BFI & CCLA), who have spent less than £500 (Excluding payments to RBL Head Office / BFI / Poppy Appeal) and have had less than £500 income (Excluding receipts from RBL Head Office / BFI) for the accounting year 2020/2021 will be eligible to complete the Branch Small Return 2021.

Attachment: [Branch Return Guide](#)

3. Treasurers End of Year Clinic

The new accounting year is now upon us, and I know you will be busy closing the 2020/2021 Branch Accounts. To assist you, we have arranged three Treasurer Clinics.

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 21 st August 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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4. County Training Diary

BCS Awareness and Induction Training

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

Online MAP Training

Wednesday 14 th July	1600 – 1730
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](#)

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Welcome to the
Local Training Booking App

Please use this app to register a delegate for a Membership Training course delivered by the County Training Officer (CTO).

Please email your CTO for further information.

To make any amendments to your booking please contact: membershiptraining@britishlegion.org.uk

Branch Name:

County:

BR Code:

[Data Protection Statement](#)

Apply for a local course

Course Management

Exit to MAP

Branch News

5. Sidbury & Sidford Branch

On Thursday 1st July 2021, the County Chairman attended the Sidbury & Sidford Branch General Meeting. Four members of the branch committee were standing down after a long period of service to the branch and community. In recognition of their service, they were presented County Certificates of Appreciation.



Tony Ward

Tony completed two years national service and has been a member of the Legion for 34 years, firstly in Leyton Buzzard where he lived and then when he moved to Sidford he joined the Branch (25 years ago), where he has given a great deal of support, eventually becoming Vice Chairman and then eight years as Chairman. When the branch donated £10k to Dunkirk memorial house, Tony Ward, Marion Clarkson and Peter Eagles went along to present the cheque. A great afternoon of entertainment with music and saw Tony dancing with the matron.

Colin Kingman

Colin has been a member for 26 years following in the footsteps of his grandfather, firstly in Newton Poppleford then moving to Sidbury & Sidford Branch. He has been Poppy Organiser for 16 years and in 2007 was named Devon County Poppy Organiser of the year. Even though many branches have given up door to door fundraising Colin has been the driving force finding volunteers (not an easy job) and made a huge success of the collection. He has been Vice Chairman for the past 5 years and has organised coffee mornings, lunches, coach trips.

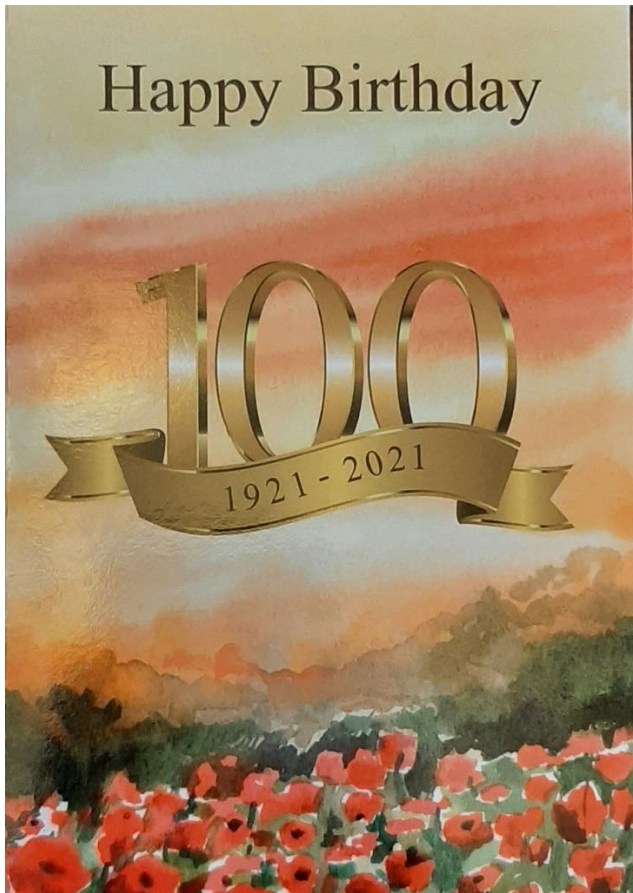
Heather Anguige

Heather has been a member of the Legion for 26 years, firstly in the Womens Section in Newton Poppleford and for the last 11 years in Sidbury & Sidford, she has been a standard bearer for 15 years and has also been a poppy collector, a committee member and a general huge support to the Branch over the years. She is well known for her Poppy Cakes and raising lots of money with them. She may not be able to be standard bearer anymore but the branch is sure she can still bake the cakes!

Canon Dennis Gurney OBE (Not pictured)

Dennis has been the Branch Chaplain and welfare officer for the last 18 years after his return to England, having spent 17 years in the United Arab Emirates based in Dubai and doing Chaplaincy work for Seafarers and the Royal British Legion in six of the seven Arab States. As welfare officer he was second to none...tirelessly visiting members giving comfort, guidance and support. He has also raised large sums of money for the branch with his stalls at coffee mornings.

6. Devon 100 – In this Week



To:

Holsworthy Branch
Formed 27th June 1921

Dartmouth Branch
Formed 30th June 1921

Uffculme Branch
Formed 2nd July 1921

Branches longer in existence:

Plymouth No 1 Branch

Lynton & Lynmouth Branch

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

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

7. 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>
15 th July	Beer	<p>Afternoon Cream Tea, Bovey House, Beer. A free event for Beer members to celebrate their 100 years.</p> <p>Contact: Branch Secretary, Carole Arnold on beer.memsecretary@rbl.community</p>

17 th July	Axminster	<p>Procession through the town with a band of pipers arriving at the War memorial at 1045. This will be followed by a short service and followed by a community picnic from mid-day onwards.</p> <p>Contact: Branch Secretary, Jacqueline Symes on Axminster.Secretary@rbl.community</p>
17 th July	North Tawton	<p>RBL 100 Years Celebration Coffee Morning, North Tawton</p> <p>Contact Jill Whiteley, Branch Secretary on jillstevejackdaws@gmail.com</p>
24 th July	Kilmington	<p>RBL Centenary celebration family-oriented BBQ at the Kilmington Village Hall and field behind.</p> <p>Contact: Stafford Seward, Branch Chairman or Jean Falconer, Branch Secretary.</p>
24 th July	Sidmouth	<p>Sidmouth Branch Centenary Event – an exhibition in the town with input from the local community. Further details tbc.</p> <p>Contact: Branch Secretary, Megan Bellfield on m.bellfield80@gmail.com</p>
11 th August	Torquay	<p>Annual Service at Corbyn Head Torquay Home Guard National Memorial to mark the 77th Anniversary of the gun site tragedy which saw six killed and five injured.</p> <p>Contact: Ena Pethick, Branch Event Co-ordinator on ena@enapethick.plus.com</p>
11 th August	Torquay	<p>Following the Home Guard Service there will be a Centenary Event to mark the 100th Anniversary of Torquay branch to celebrate its achievements. After the event, refreshments will be provided at the Livermead House Hotel.</p>
11 th September	Sidbury	<p>Sidbury & Sidford Branch Coffee Morning at the Sidbury Village Hall. Doors open 10:30.</p>
25 th September	Dartmoor	<p>Centenary Concert at Southernhay Church, Exeter with a military band. Commencing 1900hrs.</p> <p>Contact: Branch Chairman, Carole Arnold on Dartmoor.Chairman@rbl.community</p>
1 st October	Newton Abbot & Paignton	<p>Centenary Gala Dinner at the Livermead House Hotel, Torquay.</p>

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: Alex 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

8. 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 5th July 2021:

- No Devon sites planned this week

9. 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.

10. Membership Town Hall Meeting – Tuesday 13th July 2021

Please do not forget to register for one of the two virtual townhall events being run on **Tuesday 13th July 2021** to hear the latest information about the One Legion strategy and future plans. The events are at 2pm and 7pm.

Each event will provide the same information, so you only need to register for one session. Please register in advance, to avoid disappointment.

To register for the event please choose one of the links below or use the link in the body of the email.

[Membership Town Hall Tickets, Tue 13 Jul 2021 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

[Membership Town Hall Tickets, Tue 13 Jul 2021 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Prior to the event you will receive an email with instructions on how to join on the day.

Attachment: Email from MSO

Kevin

Kevin Jeffery

Devon County Chairman

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