



NEWSLETTER- OCTOBER 2009

Poppy Appeal

The Chairman attended a briefing for Poppy Appeal Coordinators at the Devon County RBL HQ on 23 Sep 09 which included details of the welfare work carried out by the staff involving 1,300 cases during the year. Poppy Appeal collections are authorised to start on Saturday 24 Oct and are now allowed to continue to Armistice Day on Wednesday 11 Nov. Asked about the effect that the Help for Heroes Charity has on the Poppy Appeal, the County Manager explained that although the two charities were somewhat complimentary, Help for Heroes funds were generally used for building projects at Headly Court for example and not for the direct support of individual cases which the RBL provide with millions of pounds each year. A coffee morning will be held at The Cider Orchard on Wednesday 21 Oct for the Kilmington Parish collectors at which the poppies and boxes will be issued.

Remembrancetide in Kilmington

The RBL Remembrance Sunday Service will be held in St Giles' Church at 0945 hours on Sunday 8 Nov, conducted by the Rev'd Alastair McCollum, at which the Rev'd Darrell Holmes, the Baptist Minister will give the Address. The collection will be donated to the Poppy Appeal. The short Service with the Act of Remembrance at the War memorial, conducted by the Rev' Lincoln Jones, Branch Chaplain, will start at 1055 hours and the Chairman will lay a wreath on behalf of the Branch and all parishioners. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Village Hall. A coach will depart the Village Hall at 1150 hours to take all members that have signed up for lunch at the Wheelwright Inn in Colyford. The cost for the main course including coach and gratuities is £13 and members can book places by contacting the Treasurer on 01297 631091. Armistice Day on Wednesday 11 Nov will be marked by the firing of maroons on the Playing Field at 1100 and 1102 hours after which coffee/tea will be served in the Pavilion.

Devon County Festival of Remembrance

At the time of writing, only 10 members had signed up to attend the impressive Ceremony in the Great Hall of Exeter University on Thursday 5 Nov. As a result, your Committee has taken up the offer from the Axminster Branch of seats on their coach which will pick up our members from the Old Inn at 1810 hours. Any other members wishing to attend should contact the Secretary on 01297 35873.

General Committee Meeting on 7 Sep

At the meeting, members were informed that a pecuniary legacy of £200 had been received from the late Harry Price which has now been forwarded to the Poppy Appeal. The Committee also decided to send £600 to the Poppy Appeal and £200 to the Devon County Welfare Fund, monies raised from our fund raising events and from

generous donations received from members. It was also decided to send a letter to the Wooton Bassett Branch of the RBL expressing our admiration for their arrangements to honour the repatriation of our Service personnel killed in action and to compliment their Chairman on the interview given on Radio 4 in which he expressed concern about the lack of support and inadequate equipment for our forces in Afghanistan.

Annual Lecture

Don't miss the Annual Lecture in the Village Hall on Friday 16 Oct at 19.30 hours as you are sure to hear a fascinating account by Commander Stafford Seward OBE RN (our only Serving member) of his experiences "From Southern Arabia to Chad". Please invite friends and neighbours to this open event at which donations will be invited in the Admirals Jug for the Poppy Appeal.

Kilmington Branch AGM

The AGM will be held in the New Inn Skittle Alley on Monday 9 Nov at 1000 hours. The Agenda will include the Exhortation by the Chaplain, reports by the Chairman, Secretary, Welfare Committee and from the Treasurer which will include approval of the Annual Accounts. The election of Committee members will then take place and, as Elizabeth MacGregor and Janet Robertson are standing down, two new members for the Committee will be required. Those interested and willing to serve should contact the Chairman or Secretary before 2 Nov.

HMS CUMBERLAND IN ACTION

Members may have read in the press that Captain David Dutton OBE, son of Committee member Ted Dutton, was soon in action on his first deployment in command of HMS Cumberland. The ships crew siezed 12.4 tons of cannabis from a dhow in the Gulf of Aden on 20 Jul 09. Their operations continue, and they met up with their sister ship HMS Cornwall recently.

Autumn Coffee Morning

The fund raising Autumn Coffee Morning will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 14 Nov, doors open at 1030 hours. Admission will be £1 per head to include coffee/tea and biscuits. The usual stalls will be there and contributions of cakes, gifts, plants, books, games etc would be most welcome as well as Draw prizes. Please encourage your family, neighbours and friends to attend. Any bright ideas about how to raise money at the event would be most welcome

Passing of Friends

Only 6 weeks after Pat Hamblet died, her husband Phil who had shared a room with her in the Seaton Nursing Home passed away peacefully, aged 93 years. Both had served in the British Army during the Second World War and were great supporters of the Kilmington Branch. A number of members attended the funeral service for Phil in St Giles' Church, conducted by the Rev'd Anne Mills on 25 Aug. Several members supported Dickie Dawe at the Cremation of his wife Jay on 16 Sep, who died suddenly and unexpectedly. The Chairman sent a message of condolence to Dickie and the family.

National Memorial Arboretum

As there is so much to see and do at this world-class Centre of Remembrance in Staffordshire, your Committee is considering hiring a coach and spending one night in a Travel Lodge so that two casual days could be spent at the Arboretum with only one three hour journey on each. This would enable attendance at the Chapel Service of Remembrance on one of the days and give justice to over 150 wonderful memorials and buildings. The visit would be planned for next year and members are asked to register their interest to the Secretary on 01297 35873

Monthly "Get Togethers"

The next monthly "Get Togethers" at 1800 hours on a pay your own principle will be on Friday 2 Oct in the New Inn and Friday 2 Nov in the Old Inn. Please join us for a bit of fun.

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