



The Royal British Legion
Nottinghamshire County
MEMBERS NEWS - LETTER

March 2010



(PLEASE ENSURE THIS NEWSLETTER IS PASSED
ROUND THE MEMBERS)

“We will remember them”

- Mr P.B. Boyle - Bingham
Mr D. Hough – Clipstone & Forest Town
Mr D. Page – Farnsfield & District
Mr W. Kitson – Jacksdale & District
Mr D. Wallace – Mansfield
Mr H.F. Bowler – Mansfield Bellamy
Mrs A.R. Balchin – Nottingham City
Mr F.W. Brewster – Nottingham City
Mr T. Robinson – Old Basford
Mr V. Colley – Ollerton & District
Mr J.B. Bell – Retford & District
Mr D.J. Russell – Ruddington & District
Maj. R.A. Creamer - Wollaton
Mrs J.E. Morton - Worksop

Standard Bearers Practice

The following dates have been booked for Standard Bearer Practice at the South Mansfield Community Centre on the Bellamy Estate, Mansfield from 7pm to 9pm.
24th March, 28th April,
26th May, 23rd June, 28th July, 25th August,
22nd September.

For further details contact Ted Rutland
on 01623 636145

All Branch Standard Bearers are invited to attend. The 2010 County Standard Bearers Competition will be held at the TA Centre Hucknall Lane, Bulwell on Sunday 10th October.

Retford Branch Women’s Section Standard

Retford Branch are laying up the standard of the Women's Section of the Retford Branch of the Royal British Legion. The standard is being donated to the Bassetlaw Museum. They look forward to welcoming guests from County and locally to this event which will be on Tuesday 9 March 2010 at 10.30 a.m.

For further details contact Ann Hickman on
01777 818993

Dates for your Standard Bearers Diary

New Clifton Memorial

(dedication in memory of LCpl Kieron Hill and 10 further names to be added)

Sunday April 18th

1245 Form up at Holy Trinity Church, Farnborough Rd
1300 Parade arrives at Memorial site for service.
(between Clifton Library and the Cornerstone car park)
Kieron Hill’s family, the Lord Mayor, Mercian Regiment personnel, Civic Dignitaries will be present.
1335 March off to Clifton RBL Club.

**Victoria Cross Memorial
Nottingham Castle**

Friday 7th May – more details to follow.
See attached return (for catering purposes.)

**Funeral of Lance Sergeant
David Greenhalgh
Thursday 11th March**

The funeral service of the above Grenadier Guard, who was killed in Afghanistan, will take place at St Mark’s Church, Nottingham Road, Mansfield at 2pm on Thursday 11th March.

All available Standard Bearers are asked to report to the County Parade Marshall, Mr Graham Sneath, by 1pm at the Mansfield Town Football Club Car Park on Quarry Lane.

Timings as follows:-



- 1300 Arrive and Form Up
- 1315 March off from Car Park
- 1330 Form up outside church
- 1345 Arrival of Hearse/Cortege
- 1400 Service starts.



Standards will be dismissed after the service, once the hearse/cortege has left for the crematorium.

For further details contact Graham Sneath
on 0115 913 1560

County Membership Team

Branches are requested to have at least one member at the County Membership Seminar at Bilsthorpe Miners Welfare on Saturday 27th March, to learn how the County plan to create a membership team to assist Branches with all things membership including recruiting, retention, events, etc (see return slip at end of newsletter)

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150th Anniversary Cadet Concert
24th April 2010 Royal Concert Hall

Further to last months newsletter the following correspondence has been received

" As part of the 150th anniversary of cadet forces celebrations Nottinghamshire Army Cadet Force are to hold a concert at the Royal Concert Hall Nottingham on 24th April 2010. We will be supported by the world famous Cantamus girls choir and many bands from all three services from all over the UK. On the night approximately 150 musicians and choiristers will be on stage performing music from West Side Story, Sister Act and other shows as well as traditional music such as Land of Hope & Glory, Jersualam and a few surprises. We are also celebrating St George's Day and hope to involve our audience as part of this celebration. Our comper for the evening is Adrian Beckett MBE - an accomplished and experienced person in this role. Special effects and lighting provided by the armed forces military tattoo team. It promises to be an entertaining evening and we welcome everyones support at this our first concert, hopefully it will be the first of many". Many thanks for your support regards

John Corrigan
Director of Music - Nottinghamshire Army Cadet Force

County Lunch
Sunday 16th May

The County is organising another County Lunch at the South Forest Leisure Centre on Sunday 16th May. Three Course Lunch with Guest Speaker at a cost of £15 per head.

Please complete the attached form, with a list of names attending and their choice of menu Please return the form to the County Office by 16th April latest together with a cheque made out to the Royal British Legion.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR EARS TO THE GROUND



What is
Going on
In your
Area?



If any member wants to become a roving reporter like Clark Kent or Lois Lane to gather snippets on what is happening in the RBL world in your area of Nottinghamshire there are vacancies available.

Contact Peter Hopkins on
Pens and pads would be provided FREE

Branches should have received 10 copies of Issue 3 of the LegionKnots Magasine by now. What can your Branch contribute to the next issue?

Membership Forms and Literature

RBL Forms and free Literature/Posters are to be obtained from

**Wendy Shone at the
Poppy Appeal Department,
RBL Village,
Aylesford, KENT ME20 7NX
Tel: 01622 795815**

Email: WAShone@britishlegion.org.uk

Standard Bearers Dress Code

The County Chairman has asked all branches to note the attached letter received from Trevor Knights, Chairman of the Ceremonial Working Group.

1940's Charity Dance

See attached poster for the above event on Saturday 27th March.

A donation will be made to the Legion.

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A Poem Worth Reading

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbours
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' Bob has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a Soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
'Tho a Soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories
From the time that they were young
But the passing of a Soldier
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Soldier,
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.

It is not the politicians/news reporter
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out,
With his ever waffling stand?

Or would you want a Soldier--
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Soldier,
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Soldier,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his like again.

For when countries are in conflict,
We find the Soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honour
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline
In the paper that might say:
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."

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TEAR OFF BELOW

AFTER COMPLETION

MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR RETURN
Saturday 27th March 2010

Branch

The following members would be

interested in attending the above Seminar

Name

Membership No.

Name

Membership No.

Name

Membership No.

Name

Membership No.

Further details will be forwarded to

interested members when confirmed

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN

TO THE COUNTY OFFICE

WE WOULD APPRECIATE ALL

BRANCHES INDICATING INTEREST

Please Return For Catering Purposes

Our Branch STANDARD BEARER will be attending the following Memorial Services:-

Sunday 18th April - Clifton

WILL ATTEND / WILL NOT ATTEND

Friday 7th May – Nottingham Castle

WILL ATTEND / WILL NOT ATTEND

Branch Name

S/Bearers Name

Secretaries Signature

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