

## COUNTY NEWSFLASH

### WELFARE

In the last two months the County Welfare Fund has contributed almost £9,500 to local cases in Gloucestershire. Amongst those we have assisted young ex-service people with moving into new accommodation, seeking to re-build their lives. We have assisted with the purchase of an EPV to enable an elderly client to have independent mobility outside of their home. The County Chairman would like to thank all those who have contributed to this Fund.

### FUNDRAISING

The Poppy Appeal figure is £733,441.

The 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert at Gloucester Cathedral last month surpassed all expectations and we are very grateful to Mrs Pat Grant-Hudson who took on the organisation of this major event and raised over £12000. Many Cathedral Concerts were held across the country and ours was declared the best by the National President! We enjoyed wonderful performances from local bands, choirs and soloists – all of whom performed free of charge. Those speaking in support of the Legion included General Richard Shirreff KCB CBE, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe, Major General John Rose CB MBE and Corporal Harris Tatakis who gave a very moving account of his experience after being injured in Afghanistan.

Please contact Chris Aplin, Community Fundraiser, Gloucestershire – 07919 881131

### RECRUITING

Unfortunately due to lack of attendees Recruitment Advisors meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October has been cancelled. Peter Godwin, the Publicity and Recruiting Officer will be holding another meeting. Details to follow.

### LOCAL NEWS

Honour Walk Packs are available by post and on-line which contain everything you need to organise your own “Honour Walk”. Please get in touch with Chris Aplin if you would like this information – it does not have to be you or your branch – it is a perfect tool for anyone wanting to raise money for the Legion.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct is the County Standard Bearer competition at Gloucester Academy, starting at 2.15pm. Please come along to support the competitors.

You have all been notified of the forthcoming Management courses. If we cannot reach sufficient numbers, they will unfortunately have to be cancelled. Please return reply slips as soon as possible.

Please find attached the Dual Diagnosis review for your information.

## NATIONAL

Students from the UK, France and Belgium have gathered in the historic Belgian town of Ypres for a conference organised by the Legion's Learning team, to gain a better understanding of the act of Remembrance. The conference falls 90 years after the end of the First World War.

The event, just three weeks before the annual Poppy Appeal, coincides with the Legion's 90th Anniversary and highlights that the Legion is as relevant today as it was 90 years ago.



As you know the Royal British Legion is one of the sponsors of the Army Rugby Union, to acknowledge this on-going support the ARU has released a commemorative RBL poppy design rugby shirt.

The shirt is black in colour, design features falling poppies to the shoulders front and back. Lone soldier silhouette to the front and cenotaph to the back of the shirt. Left arm as worn the Royal British Legion logo, to the right arm as worn the Royal British Legion 90th anniversary logo. To the centre of the chest to the front of the shirt is 11.11.11, ARU crest to the left chest and the words 'We Will Remember Them' to the back of the shirt. A percentage of the profits made from the sales of these shirts will be donated by the Army Rugby Union to the Royal British Legion. The following link features the promotional video for the new shirt <http://shop.armyrugbyunion.org.uk/products/Black-Poppy-Shirt.html>

Branches waiting for financial statements for Head Office, please note;

- BFI statements are due out 14<sup>th</sup> October
- Trust statements are due out 21<sup>st</sup> October

### Annual returns

Branch Treasurers are asked to note Authority to Disclose forms must be submitted annually.

## EVENTS

We have a number of events coming up mid October and November;  
For more information, please go the county website.

22 October 2011            Stroud Branch 90 Anniversary Concert

22 October 2011            Newnham on Severn 1940's Dinner & Dance

29 October 2011	Winchcombe Poppy Appeal Concert
30 October 2011	Hardwicke & District Poppy Plod Fun Run
05 November 2011	Cirencester Branch Poppy Appeal Concert
13 November 2011	Winchcombe Branch Remembrance Day Parade
14 November 2011	County Events Committee Meeting November 2011
19 November 2011	4th Quarterley County Committee Meeting