



The Royal British Legion Nottinghamshire County

January 2012

Shoulder to Shoulder with all who serve



(PLEASE ENSURE THIS NEWSLETTER IS PASSED
ROUND THE MEMBERS)

“We will remember them”

Mr R. Cook - Balderton
Mr B N Gibson - Bilsthorpe
Mr W.P. Scully – Calverton & Woodborough
Mr P.E. Colledge – Farnsfield
Mr H.R. Hampson – Lambley
Mr T. Potter – Lambley
Mr J. Rowbotham - Lambley
Mr A. Hollis – Ollerton & District
Mr L.W. Goddard – Vale of Belvoir

End of Financial Year

ALL Branches should have submitted their Branch Accounts & MS1 form by now. If you do not get them in by 31st December your Branch cannot have a Delegate at County or National Conferences.

Also don't forget to attach a photocopy of the Branch Bank Statements for 30th September 2011. And also the “Authority to Disclose” form. Thank you to Branches who have already sent their returns in.

Let 2011 not only be the 90th Anniversary of the RBL but also the year that ALL County Branches comply fully with the Royal Charter on Accounts.

Membership Forms

RBL Forms are **no longer obtainable** from Wendy Shone at the RBL Village, Aylesford, **They can only be obtainable on-line due to “financial restraints”.** The Membership Department has to cut **£400,000 from its budget over the next year to balance the books.** For those Branches not on-line the County Secretary will print off a few and post, but this will take time. **So do not leave it to the last minute to obtain them.**

MESSAGE FROM CWOs NOTTS & DERBYS

We have been having problems for some time with rather unsavoury characters turning up unannounced and usually when the Boss is not in.

It reached crisis point at the end of last week and we have been in touch with the Regional Manager who has stated that the office door is to be secure at all times for the safety and security of the office staff. Because of this, a notice has been placed on the office door to advise that appointments must be pre-arranged with the office before visits. Please bear in mind that we are for the majority of the time ladies only and at times, due to commitments outside the office, a skeleton staff. I am sorry that this affects you as well as those randomly walking in off the street but the only way for it to work is for all to be aware of new procedures. Therefore, if you wish to visit the office, will you please phone or email and fix an appointment before coming along.

Many thanks Jan & Kate

Are you doing anything?

What is your Branch doing in 2012.

The County Office is looking to produce a County Diary of Events for 2012

The County Team are looking for more local events to attend with the County Marquee next year.

Advertise your event here.

Standard Bearers Practice 2012

FOR ALL BRANCH STANDARD BEARERS AND POTENTIAL SB's

Standard Bearer Practice at the South Mansfield Community Centre on the Bellamy Estate, Mansfield from 7pm to 9pm. Dates are 22nd February

28th March, 25th April

23rd May

27th June

25th July

22nd August

26th September

For further details contact Ted Rutland on 01623 636145

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I'M SURE YOU'LL SIGN THIS!

Sergeant Matthew Telford of the Grenadier Guards was promoted to the rank in June 2009.

In November of that same year, Sergeant Telford was one of 5 British soldiers killed when a rogue Afghan policeman opened fire on them.

His wife and family will only receive a Corporal's pension since he only held his rank of Sergeant for less

than a year. However, he was killed on operations by the enemy whilst wearing three stripes of a Sergeant on active service.

Please sign the petition below to support a change in the rules that deny a hero's widow the pension she deserves.

<http://soldiers-pensions.co.uk/?q=petition>

Lets start the New Year with a chuckle – courtesy of Mansfield Branch newsletter

RULES OF THE AIR.

This appeared in an issue of Australian Aviation around June 2000.

1. Every takeoff is optional, every landing is mandatory.
2. If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back they get smaller. That is, unless you keep pulling the stick all the way back, then they get bigger again.
3. Flying isn't dangerous. Crashing is what's dangerous.
4. It's always better to be down here wishing you were up there than up there wishing you were down here.
5. The ONLY time you have too much fuel is when you are on fire.
6. The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane used to keep the pilot cool. When it stops, you can actually watch the pilot start sweating.
7. When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.
8. A "good" landing is one you can walk away from. A "great" landing is one after which they can use the plane again.
9. Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.

10. You know you've landed with the wheels up if it takes full power to taxi to the ramp.
11. The probability of survival is inversely proportional to the angle of arrival: large angle of arrival, small probability of survival and vice versa.
12. Never let an aircraft take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier.
13. Stay out of clouds. The silver lining everyone keeps talking about might be another aeroplane going in the opposite direction. Reliable sources also report that mountains have been known to hide in clouds.
14. Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take-offs you've made (but see 8 above).
15. There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.
16. You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.
17. Helicopters can't fly, they're so ugly the earth repels them.
18. If all you can see out of the window is ground going round and round and all you can hear is commotion coming from the passenger compartment, things are not going as they should be.
19. In the ongoing battle between objects made of aluminium going hundreds of miles per hour and the ground going zero miles per hour, the ground has yet to lose.
20. Good judgement comes from experience. Unfortunately the experience usually comes from bad judgement.
21. It's always a good idea to keep the pointy end going forward as much as possible.
22. Keep looking round. There is always something you have missed.
23. Remember, gravity is not just a good idea. It's the law, and it's not subject to repeal.
24. The three most useless things to a pilot are the altitude above you, the runway behind you and a tenth of a second ago.

Poets Corner (Thank you for previous submissions, keep them coming in throughout the new year)

If you have anything you would like to share with other branches – such as your forthcoming branch events – then use the Newsletter to get your message out there (providing it is clean and respectable).



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