



The Royal British Legion Nottinghamshire County

February 2012

Shoulder to Shoulder with all who serve



(PLEASE ENSURE THIS NEWSLETTER IS PASSED
ROUND THE MEMBERS)

“We will remember them”

- Mrs F.M. Molyneux – Bingham
- Mr E.W. Blagg – Calverton & Woodborough
- Mr C. Sheriff – Kirkby in Ashfield
- Mr G. Thompson – Kirkby in Ashfield
- Mr W.C. Bailey – Papplewick & Linby
- Mr J.S. Shaw - Wollaton

Annual Meeting of Conference

Another year, and another Conference has passed successfully. Feedback always welcome. Thank you to all Branches who attended this year.

End of Financial Year

“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.”

Although this message request was put in the Oct, Nov and December Newsletters still we did not achieve 100% returns by 31st December.

A special **Thank You** to all the Branches who complied with the Royal Charter and met this deadline.

And a special request to those that did not – I retire in less than three years and the County has only two more years to hit that elusive 100% return whilst I am here, and I have not been given any justifiable reasons for not already reaching it.

I am happy to visit any Branch to discuss with their Committees ways to overcome their return problems. County Secretary

Lost/Replacement Membership Cards

There is a new form for applying for replacement Membership Cards. It is the MS13 which is attached to this newsletter.

If a member only requires proof of membership rather than a replacement card then MS14 letter from Head Office is available. Details of which are on the MS13 form.

Visit to Ypres & Battlefields

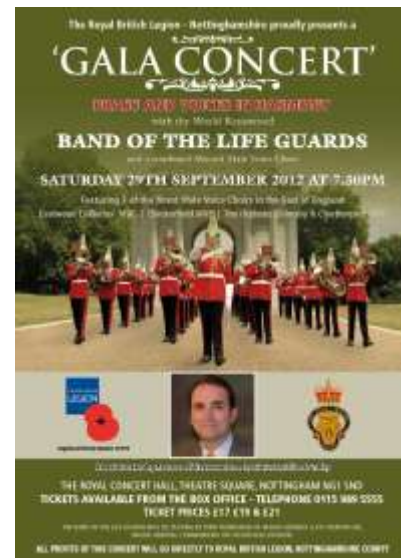
Carlton & District Branch are organising a trip to Ypres and the surrounding Battlefields departing on Friday 4th May and Returning Sunday 6th May.

Staying at the Novotel Hotel Ypres Centre.

Excursions to Tynecot Cemetery, Hill 61, Hill 62 (Sanctuary Wood), Canadian Corner and Langemark Cemetery are included.

The cost for the two nights Bed and Breakfast and Coach/Ferry journey is £189 per person.

For further details please contact Carlton Branch Secretary (Gee) on 0115 840 9958, Mobile 07920 044853 or email: z.gwardzinski@ntlworld.com



Gala Concert

Saturday September 29th

BRASS AND VOICES IN HARMONY

With the World Renowned

BAND OF THE LIFE GUARDS

And a Combined Mass of Male Voice Choirs

See attached poster for more details.

If you can put up a poster (s) in your area to advertise this event, and help make it a sell out success then please contact the County Office. All proceeds are going to the work of the Legion in Nottinghamshire.

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Royal Hospital Chelsea

I have received a letter from the Adjutant of the RHC which goes as follows:-

“We are currently reviewing our recruiting and admission procedures for In-Pensioners into the Royal Hospital Chelsea and as part of this review we are picking up some feedback that there may be some senior citizens with military experience who might be eligible to become In-Pensioners but who are not aware of the eligibility criteria or what being a Chelsea Pensioner means.

For this reason we have decided to pull together a presentation that can be delivered to associations, clubs or groups by small team of In-Pensioners.

This team will be available to visit and present a short presentation which will last no more than 20 minutes and which can be followed by a short question and answer period. They will from personal knowledge be able to field most of the questions that could be raised.

If you are interested and would like to have such a presentation then I would be very grateful if you would contact me and we can make the necessary arrangements, There will be no charge, but in these days of austerity and as a charity ourselves, a small donation towards travel and accommodation costs would be appreciated.”

The Adjutant, Colonel S.C. Bate OBE, can be contacted on 0207 881 5240 or Email: adjutant@chelsea-pensioners.org.uk

Another Two Gems via the Mansfield Branch Newsletter

**Are you an active member?
The kind that would be missed.
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list.**

**Do you attend the functions?
And mingle with the flock.
Or do you just stay at home
And criticise and knock.**

**Do you ever go and visit
A member who is sick.
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique.**

**Come to meetings often
And help with hand on heart
Don't just be a member
Please take an active part.**

**Think this over my friends
Do you know right from wrong?
Are you an active member?
Or do you just belong?**

WHERE I HAVE AND HAVE NOT BEEN

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

But one place I don't ever want to be is in Continent.

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Research centre to combat devastating effects of roadside bombs

Gaining a better understanding of the injuries caused by roadside bombs and improving both treatment and the means of protection are key aims of a new £8 million research centre launched today (7 December 2011). Designing 'intelligent' combat boots to deflect the impact of a roadside bomb, and diagnosing damage more quickly in the injured to reduce future medical problems, are two potential benefits.

The Royal British Legion Centre for Blast Injury Studies at Imperial College London is the first collaboration of its kind in the UK, where civilian engineers and scientists will work alongside military doctors, supported by charitable funding, to reduce the effects of roadside bombs or Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) - the leading cause of death and injury for Service personnel on operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. The goals of the new Centre are to increase understanding about blast injury patterns, improve treatments and recovery and develop better ways of protecting those serving in current and future conflicts - thus reducing the long-term impacts of such injuries on individuals, their families and the community. The Legion is providing £5 million to establish the Centre. Imperial College London will lead on the scientific research, which builds on the work already carried out by the Imperial Blast research group at the College.

For more information see the [Legion Website](#)

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

Book Review

Poems of World War One 1914 – 1918

By Steven Leslie Hill

with illustrations by Soren Hawkes MA

The "senseless waste" of lives in the First World War has been a subject of fascination for Steven since he was entrusted with his grandfather's medals as a child.

This short poetry collection is dedicated to Steven's grandfather, Pte John Edward Pilmore of the 10th Battalion, Yorks & Lancs Regt.

Steven lives in Mansfield and copies of this paperback book can be obtained at £5.95 from Amazon and bookshops.

ISBN 9781908336101

Signed copies can be obtained by contacting Steven on email: sue@tlapc.co.uk

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

All Membership Forms

They can only be obtainable on-line

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.

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.

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 – your message, not the newsletter).

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