



## County Annual Conference 2012



Brian Clark, Chairman of City of Lincoln Branch, receives his National Life Membership from the County Patron, Tony Worth.

The bright if chilly weather encouraged 31 voting delegates, 15 Standard Bearers, County officials, Committee Members and the County President to turn out for our annual County Conference in Horncastle on 14 January. It was a businesslike affair with a family atmosphere. Our guests of honour this year were Cllr Doreen Stephenson, Leader of East Lindsey District Council and Mrs Frances Parker, Manager of *Poppy Calls* (see page 3).

Legion membership continues to decline and the number of Branches has fallen from 8000 to 4000 in the last ten years. Membership in Lincolnshire, however, continues to hover at about 6000, with 59 Branches and 10 Clubs. The recruitment of over 800 new members during the year was excellent but showed that retention remained a major problem. For the eighth year, Lincolnshire nevertheless continues to be held up as a beacon county with a reputation in the Legion second to none.

The County welfare team was the busiest in the country, spending £250,000 in 2011 on 1145 beneficiaries. They worked closely with *Poppy Calls* and the CAB and their liaison with other groups has enabled them secure over £300,000 in almonisation.

Legion campaigning in 2011 has been very successful with many of the principles of the *Honour the Covenant* campaign being incorporated into the new Armed Forces Act, the re-appointment of a Chief Coroner, and the changes to the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme which had generated £40 million more to the Services. It has been a bumper year too for fundraising – the Poppy Appeal raised £34.2 million in 2010/11 and has already equalled that figure for 2011/12. The County's Poppy Appeal 2010/11 raised £731,964.13 - £25,000 up on the previous year – and our Appeal for 2011/12 has already exceeded £735,000. We can look forward to a record total again this year, both nationally and in Lincolnshire. Fundraising is vital to the Legion's work. Income in 2010 was £152m but expenditure on welfare alone had been £70.4m and £29.7m on 1103 paid staff (of whom 713 worked on welfare). The increase in the membership fee of £1 a year for the next 6 years was helpful but not as much as had been hoped. Membership financing remained a problem. Nevertheless the Legion has been able to give £5m for the Centre for Blast Injuries Studies at UCL (see page 6), as well as contributing to the cost of Recovery Centres around the country. This was money well spent.

County finances are in good shape but the annual County administration funding support from the centre has been cancelled. The Central Awards Committee has however awarded £22,000 to the Nomad Trust; but our County Chairman hoped that Lincolnshire Branches would be able to raise this sum themselves – we can expect a letter from him on these lines.

The only Motion on the agenda asked that time be made at the National Conference for delegates to ask Trustees, Membership Council Members, Directors and Heads of Department about Legion aspects for which they are responsible. The Motion was passed; we shall see if they will allow it on the National Conference agenda!

Details of the trophies and awards and elections resented are on pages 2 and 6 respectively.



Ian Lyall receives his Certificate for his work in restoring the War Memorial in Gunby



## CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

Our County Conference once again was not only a successful business meeting but yet another opportunity for our members to meet, discuss and decide on important matters which will affect them during the coming year. A large number of Branches were represented, but it was a missed chance for those that were not there to put forward their ideas and points of view. County Conference is no different to other tools in our management structure and the message is clearly use it or lose it. I dread to think that we could be reduced to a short annual business meeting because many Branches cannot be bothered to make the effort to represent themselves. Whilst we had 31 delegates present, we have 59 Branches. I leave you to draw the conclusions.

It was however good to see that we had more candidates for election to the Committee than there were vacancies. This promises well for the future and, to those who were not elected this time, I ask you to consider standing again next year. We need a continual flow of new members to move us forward in the years ahead.

I made the point to you all that this year the County had not received a grant towards the administrative costs of running the County. This means that we have to find ways of running the County on a budget which is about ten thousand pounds less than last year. We can do this but only by reviewing carefully everything that we do and looking at our costs in a very critical manner.

The article in this edition of Legion Lincs from the Editor (*page 3*) follows a meeting to begin that process and look at the costs of producing our Newsletter. I can assure you that nothing is being held up as sacred and everything will be carefully considered, costed, and improved if possible.

At the same time whilst it is important that the County Committee manages the affairs of the County in a businesslike manner, it is equally important that it continues to provide you all with the service you both need and deserve. We can do this only with your help, so please keep us informed what your Branch is doing and whether you need any assistance. It is certainly not my intention as County Chairman to try and run your Branch but it is my intention to ensure that you have all the support and advice that you may need.

Please do not consider that it is all doom and gloom. Lincolnshire County is doing very well and, as I said at Horncastle, this financial situation gives us a unique opportunity to review what we do, how we do it, and to consider whether we can do it in a more efficient way. Whilst the message is Business as Usual let us tackle the problem together and make Better Business as Usual.

Kind Regards

Tony Goodwin

### County Trophies & Awards 2011

<i>County Standard Bearer's Cup</i>	–	<b>Richard Kent</b> (Washingborough)
<i>County Deputy Standard Bearer's Cup</i>	–	<b>Gordon Hewitt</b> (Spalding)
<i>Brian Marsden Cup</i>	–	<b>Lilly-Mae Kemp</b> (Boston)
<i>Sharman Cup</i>	–	<b>John Scally</b> (Immingham)
<i>Sheppard Cup</i>	–	<b>Gedney Drove End &amp; Dawsmere</b>
<i>Lacey Rose Bowl</i>	–	<b>Healing &amp; District</b>
<i>Courtesy Cup</i>	–	<b>RAF Waddington Air Show Team</b>
<i>County Certificates of Appreciation</i>	–	<b>John &amp; Mary Mackie</b> (City of Lincoln)
	–	<b>Steve Bonde</b> (Stamford)
	–	<b>Ian Lyall</b> (Gunby & District)
<i>National Life Membership</i>	–	<b>Brian Clark</b> (City of Lincoln)
<i>County Conference Venue 2013</i>	–	<b>Queen Elizabeth School, Horncastle</b>

## Poppy Calls

Mrs Frances Parker was the Guest of Honour at the County's Annual Conference this year. She has been the Manager of *Poppy Calls* since its pilot launch in Lincolnshire in August 2007. They now have 20 vans on the road and have completed 20,000 jobs throughout the country. *Poppy Calls* is now the second most visible service in the country, they continue to develop and extend its activities, and aim to have 31 vans covering the whole of the country by 2015. They are looking at working with Age UK and other agencies, and they also press local authorities, as appropriate, to provide funds and services where they should be responsible. They have won the award as the *Home Improvement Agency of the Year for 2011*.



The service they provide is free but they have received over £30,000 in donations since they started and they are, as a result, looking at the possibility of extending their service to beneficiaries who can afford to pay the cost. They have also recently extended their services to the younger generation, especially to Service families where the husband/father is on extended deployment

All *Poppy Calls* engineers are CRB checked and caseworker trained so that they can act as the eyes and ears of the Legion to identify any other needs in the houses they are working in. Mrs Parker added that one of their greatest assets they bring to the job is confidence; beneficiaries trust *Poppy Calls* engineers. The jobs they do are small but are essential to enable vulnerable people to maintain their independence in their own homes. A home should be warm, safe and comfortable

## LEGION LINCS - the Future

In his Foreword the Chairman stated that we held a meeting at Wellingore last month to have a long hard look at the costs and future of *LegionLincs*. This arose because of the increasing cost of producing this journal. The Post Office plans to increase the cost of postage by some 50%, probably in April. Printing costs have also gone up recently, although the printers are probably barely covering their costs on the rate they charge us. At present the print and posting of a single 12-page issue of *LegionLincs* costs about £1.30 each. And the County has not received its annual administration support fund this year.

The meeting also considered the level of interest by some Branches in *LegionLincs*. The role of *LegionLincs* remains as valid today as ever – as a conduit for informing Branches of developments at County level, as a forum for Branches to share ideas and activities with each other, and as a shop window for others into the way we do things in Lincolnshire. *LegionLincs* will therefore continue - with three editions a year, publishing at end March, end July and end November with special supplements after the County and National Conferences, and additionally as required. It will look forward rather than at the past and we hope that Branches will – starting with this year's Jubilee and *Armed Forces Week* preparations – share with us in the Spring issue their plans for forthcoming events which, we hope, will inspire other Branches and/or more inter-Branch collaboration. To coin the usual phrase – *Use it or Lose it*.

Beginning with the Spring issue early next April *LegionLincs* will be published almost entirely electronically, saving the greater part of the printing, postage and other costs. With a few presentational exceptions, it will be distributed by e-mail both to individual recipients and Branches. We shall assume that this is acceptable and that Branches will themselves print however many copies they need. If any Branch prefers to continue to receive hard copies, could they let me know please by the end of March. We shall however expect them to offer to bear the additional costs involved.

Steve Bonde  
Editor, LegionLincs

4 February 2012



## County Manager

Our County Manager, Richard Foster, has decided to step down from this role for Lincolnshire. He will continue as County Manager for Leicestershire, Rutland and Nottinghamshire. He has reluctantly decided that, following the introduction of the computerised management system to the welfare programme, among other factors, carrying this role for the four counties is too much for one person. Our county will be advertising for the appointment of a new County Manager by 1 April. Tony Goodwin, County Chairman, paid fulsome tribute to the contribution by Richard to the County's welfare work – not least the production of excellent statistics - during the past year.

## Lincolnshire – A Winning Team

## Wainfleet dine in the 90<sup>th</sup>

Wainfleet Branch held a 90th Anniversary Dinner at the Coronation Hall in Wainfleet All Saints. This was a joint thank you to Branch members, Poppy collectors and friends on reaching the Branch 90th year. Those attending included the County Chairman, Branch President, Branch Chairman, Branch Padre, PAO, Chapel Minister, Branch and Committee members, members from other Branches, and our Branch Standard Bearer. In total 73 gathered for their celebrations, giving a party atmosphere.

After a short service from the Padre, and Grace from the Chapel Minister dinner was served, followed by a raffle, then entertainment by the Wainfleet Theatre Players. The performance was enjoyed by all with both laughter and tears, and a community singsong, joined in by Branch President Mr Charlie Burket. The Branch Committee would like to thank the Theatre Players for their kind gesture in returning their donation back to the 'Legion' and to Mr Burket's carer for her kindness and consideration, the hall caretaker for decorating the hall, and of course the caterers, without whom there would not be a dinner !! Thanks to all who attended and made it a success and for the kind words of thanks received. Only 10 years to the next one !!

affle and guest Singer Jeremy Hillyard. Branch Chairman John Egleton made a surprise presentation of a 5 year Certificate of Appreciation to the Branch Poppy Appeal Organiser, Nina Gaunt. This was in recognition of the sterling and dedicated hard work that Nina has put into the Annual Poppy Appeal since taking over the position. Nina has also planned and organised events throughout the year to boost the Branch Poppy Appeal amount.



John Copeland sets out his hopes for 2012.

the evening was the spread of generations there, including many in their 20s, their 30s and 40s. And also the large number of people who were not Legion members! We hope that we gave a good account of ourselves and that some of them will be persuaded to join the Legion, preferably Stamford Branch.

After the Loyal Toast, and the toast to 'The Regiment', Stamford Chairman John Copeland reviewed the wide range of Branch activities to celebrate the Branch 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Then co-Guest of Honour, Lt Col James Phillips, CO of 16 Regiment RA, spoke of how good it was that his Service personnel and their families were able to meet the wider community through their growing links with the Legion. He expressed his thanks on behalf of the entire British Army for all the support which they receive from the Legion. The message of the Legion's work needed to be spread more among the wider community.

Grp Capt Richard Hill, his co-Guest of Honour and Station Commander of RAF Wittering, also stressed the ever-growing links between the RAF – and all the Armed Forces – and the ex-Services community. He thanked the Legion for all its support during the current period of Service redundancies; the old days of 'us and them' were firmly gone. He especially praised the Legion's support for Service families, quoting one particular case. The Legion was more relevant today than ever. In conclusion he said that he was so impressed by the Legion that he was personally going to join Stamford Branch. He then asked all non-Legion members present to join him in a toast to The Royal British Legion.

## Woodhall Spa honour their PAO

Woodhall Spa & District Branch held their annual Christmas party on 13 December with a Bumper



## Mini Bus for Hire

Stamford Branch have acquired a mini bus which they will be pleased to hire out to Branches or other veterans' or similar social groups. The mini bus, seen here at the County Conference last month, is a thirteen-seater (inc driver).

Insurance requires that drivers must be aged between 25 and 70 and carry a licence covering the driving of a mini bus. The hire charge will be a donation of £50 a day and the cost of any diesel used. All proceeds will go firstly to the upkeep of the vehicle with any 'profit' to Branch welfare. For further details, please contact John Ingham,

Stamford Branch Transport Officer, on 01780 755207, or at [jandbingham@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jandbingham@hotmail.co.uk).

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## Grimsby Remembers

Many hundreds of people once more paid their respects at the Cenotaph in Grimsby on Remembrance Sunday, for a short service after a Service of Remembrance in the Minster. More than 60 wreaths were laid around the Memorial after the Two Minute Silence, Last Post and Reveille.

The crosses which had earlier been placed in the Garden of Remembrance at the Freshney Place Shopping Mall were transferred to the Cenotaph garden where they were laid out in the form of *RBL 90* to commemorate the Legion's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Among these was a cross to the late Ted Davy, a former Poppy Appeal Organiser, who passed away last September and is missed by many people in Grimsby.



*The cross in memory of Ted Davy*

## Riders Branch join Stamford for Remembrance



*Relaxing afterwards*

Stamford Branch were delighted to host members of the Riders Branch at their Remembrance Parade and Service last November. Thousands of people in Stamford paused to remember those who lost their lives in the service of their country. There were also representatives from RAF Wittering, the Navy, the Army and more than 100 air and army cadets. Stamford Brass led the procession. The Riders received a warm round of applause as they followed, on their bikes, the columns in the March Off and Salute to the War Memorial. This was the first invitation which Riders have received to take part a Branch Remembrance in Lincolnshire, but hopefully not the last.



**Horncastle & District Branch** have produced a 60 minute dvd, above, of their Festival of Remembrance, held on 11.11.11.11. Copies cost £2 and are available from Branch Chairman, Mr R. Oswell, 24 Bonnetable Road, Horncastle, LN9 6RH (Tel: 01507 523780. All proceeds will go their Poppy Appeal

The **Wragby** Community Group marked 11.11.11.11 with a gathering at the Town Hall, attended by some ninety people. The bell at All Saints Church, which rang at the Armistice in 1918, was rung eleven times at 11 o'clock. After the Two Minute Silence there were appropriate readings by Barbara Bartlett, Vicky James, Paul Shorthouse, and Chris Toon.

Graham Wright, Secretary of Horncastle & District Branch, thanked everyone, on behalf of the Legion, for their support both on the day and throughout the year and gave an insight into the welfare work of the Legion in Lincolnshire. He thanked them all, saying that without the support of the public, the Legion could not do its work. Refreshments were provided and the magnificent sum of £165.87 was raised for the Poppy Appeal. It is all the more credit to Wragby that it is a Poppy Appeal area with no Branch or Club to support the collectors. Interestingly, none of the organisers are or want to be Legion members – but they **do** want to support the Legion's welfare work

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## The RBL Centre for Blast Injury Studies

In a matter of moments a roadside bomb can cause life-changing injuries for Service men and women. The Legion is providing £5 million to establish a Centre for Blast Injury Studies at Imperial College London (ICL). ICL will lead on the scientific research, which builds on the work already carried out by the Imperial Blast research group at the College. Admiral the Lord Boyce, the former Chief of the Defence Staff who also conducted a review into the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme, is to chair the Centre's Advisory Board.

This Centre is the first collaboration of its kind in the UK, where civilian engineers will work alongside military doctors, supported by charitable funding, to reduce the effects of roadside bombs or IEDs - the leading cause of death and injury for Service personnel on operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. The new Centre aims 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 will also participate in the strategic direction of the Centre. The Centre's work will complement the Legion's existing range of support for wounded, injured and sick serving men and women of current conflicts, as well as for ex-serving personnel and their families.

Chris Simpkins, Director General, The Royal British Legion, explained that “...(the Centre) chimes perfectly with the support the Legion gives to the whole serving community and we are therefore very proud to be supporting Imperial's pioneering and world-class work in this field. We are making a long-term investment in the welfare of all who serve.” For further information please contact:

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### County Elections 2011

*County Vice Chairman – Bridget Wilcox (Woodhall Spa)*

*County Committee –*

For 3 years – in alphabetical order): **Sam Ezekiel** (North Hykeham),

**John Hathaway** (Wellington, Navenby & District), **Jim Seymour** (Pinchbeck)

For 1 year – in alphabetical order):

**Gail Davy** (Great Grimsby)

**Marilyn Jones** (Waltham & District),

**Derrick Scott** (Laceby & District)

**Pat Seymour** (Pinchbeck)

*County Conference Committee:*

**Frank Byrne** (Wrangle & District)

**Tom Gundry** (Kirton in Lindsey)

**Grahan Wright** (Horncastle & District)

## Attention All Standard Bearers

Thanks to all who attended our first school of the year at Louth. We are always looking for more new members and welcome all standard bearers and friends to any of our meetings. Why not join us for an informal session to brush up your skills or even learn from scratch? We don't aim to make everyone a National Standard Bearer but everyone agrees that everyone benefits from a few lessons and even the best normally pick up a few tips. Anyone parading this year really should consider attending even if only your local school. We have a very short committee meeting at 2pm sharp where you can learn of forthcoming events followed by instruction and then a cup of tea and chat to finish.

2012 dates for Standard Bearers' Schools are:

*Crowland - 11th March*

*Louth - 10th June*

*Crowland - 23rd September. (AGM and Uniform*

*Inspection)*

**Come on, make the effort. It WILL be worthwhile. Keep raising your Standards!!!**

The Regional finals at Northampton (next step National competition) will take place on 11 February. Our County Standard Bearer, Richard Kent, will represent us and he will, I am sure, be pleased to see as many supporters there as possible.

We need the e-mail addresses of as many Standard Bearers' email addresses as possible so that we can send them direct, as well as to the Branches, any important information on forthcoming events etc concerning Bearers. Please send me your email address or (if you don't have e-mail access) that of someone who will pass the info on to you. Sorry, but increasing costs mean that we can do this only by email and not by phone or post.

Need any more information? Please contact me on 01406 330295 or email [alancanham351@btinternet.com](mailto:alancanham351@btinternet.com), or any committee member.

Alan Canham

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## MS4s/MEM20s

The new membership form (MEM20) is now available from:-

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal  
The Royal British Legion Village  
Hall Road  
Aylesford  
Kent, ME20 7NX

Tel: 01622 795801 Fax: 020 3207 2172  
[washone@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:washone@britishlegion.org.uk)

Branches are also free to continue using any remaining stocks of MS4 they may have.

## Legion Clothing

Wainfleet Branch can now offer the following quality clothing, all supplied with the RBL logo over 'Lincolnshire':

Polo shirts.....	£ 9-50p
Heavy fleece.....	£15-50p
Sweatshirt.....	£12-00p
Oxford long-sleeved shirt....	£12-00p*
Pilot shirt.....	£11-00p*

\* in Gents and Ladies.

All prices exclude p/p

Contact Peter Nicholas at

[peternicholas007@btinternet.com](mailto:peternicholas007@btinternet.com) or on 01754 880040.

Sorry! We have no photos of Peter on the catwalk!

## ***COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: to August 2012***

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
4 February	County Committee Meeting	Wellingore
2/3 March	2-day Basic Caseworker Course	Wellingore
11 March	Standard Bearers School	Crowland
20 March	County Welfare Committee Meeting	Wellingore
24 March	County Committee Meeting	Wellingore
3/5/11/13 April	Caseworker Update Training	Wellingore
6 May	Annual County Service of Rededication	Crowland
19/20 May	Annual Conference	Scarborough
2/3 June	Deeping Show	Deeping
6 June	County Welfare Committee Meeting	Wellingore
9 June	County Committee Meeting	Wellingore
10 June	Standard Bearers School	Louth
20/21 June	Lincolnshire County Show	Lincoln
30 June	Armed Forces Day	Countrywide
30 June/1 July	Waddington International Air Show	RAF Waddington
8 July	Spilsby Show	Spilsby
28/29 July	Heckington Show	Heckington
7 August	County Welfare Committee Meeting	Wellingore
11 August	County Committee Meeting	Wellingore

**NB: This calendar of events is subject to amendment depending upon National events etc.**

## **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**

Mrs Sylvia M Pannell, Pinchbeck	Mr Cyril Baggley, Donington & Quadring
Mrs P J Moore, Donington & Quadring	Mr M C H Overton, Sibsey & District
Mr Arthur Shelton, Barnack & District	Mr John Longmuir, Woodhall Spa & District
Mr A D Rigley, City of Lincoln	Mr G Spencer, Langtoft, The Deepings and District
Mr Paul Howden, Boston	Mr Wally Amy, Welton & District
Mr K G Michel, Caistor & District	Mr K W York, Langtoft, The Deepings & District
Mr P Waterman, Laceby & District	Mr Gordon Smith, Langtoft, The Deepings & District
Mr P Nolan, Bourne & District	Mr J Bowles, Donington & Quadring
<a href="#">Mr Lewis Parrish, Holbeach St Marks</a>	Mr D F Phillips-Turner, Waddington
Miss Ruby Baker, Fleet & District	Mr Henry Morgan, Washingborough & District
Mr H J French, Mablethorpe	Mr B W Frost, Washingborough & District
Mr Henry G Haggis, Waltham & District	Mrs Jean Whapham, Woodhall & Spa & District
	Mrs C E Ibbotson, Welton & District

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## Two Bourne Branches



Photo courtesy the 'Loca'l, Bourne

Both Legion Branches in Bourne – Bourne, the Deepings & District Branch and the Bourne Women's Section Branch joined forces Bourne on Thursday, 20 October to celebrate the Legion's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 25 members of both Branches together enjoyed a joint anniversary meal at the Angel Hotel. Pam Ironmonger, who organized the dinner, said that everyone so enjoyed the event that they plan another joint meal in January. Bourne also had another successful Poppy Appeal in 2011. By 2 January this year, they had collected a total of £15,400 (against a total of £14,400 in the whole of 2010/11). Congratulations and thanks go to their PAO, Bill Griffin, and the generosity of the people of Bourne, the Deepings and surrounding area.

## Attempts to obtain cash by deception

We have been warned, through Haig House, that there have been many attempts to obtain money by deception from Legion members over a wide area. Avon & Somerset Police have issued a 'wanted' notice for this person who is now thought to be operating in the East of England. Cases have been reported in Nottinghamshire, Essex, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk.

His *modus operandi* is to approach RBL Branches or Clubs stating that he is serving in Northern Ireland, has just been discharged from hospital and, as his rail warrant is faulty, he needs help to get a flight back to NI. On another occasion he claimed service in the Gordon Highlanders and the next day two 'officers' purporting to be from the Gordon Highlanders telephoned to support his story. He has used the names David Thompson and Stephen Young.

The sums involved are not huge, although one incident did involve £400, and are often handed over in good faith. Branches should however remind their members of the welfare procedures for requests for urgent financial support to get out of a difficulty. The Legion is not an emergency service and anyone seeking such help should be directed to the Police or Adult Social Services (0344 800 8014) who have the facilities to arrange rail warrants or deposit of funds from next of kin.

**Wainfleet Branch** have organized another fund-raising concert for the Poppy Appeal in the Wainfleet Coronation Hall. This will take place on Saturday, 21 July and feature the Skegness Silver Band. Doors open at 6-00 for 7-30pm. Tickets cost £6.00 (no increase in 5 years!!!) with refreshments before the show and in the interval. All enquiries please to Pat & Pete Nicholas on 01754 880040.

## Poppy Appeal Golf

The 2011 Lincolnshire and Rutland Seniors Sections Poppy Golf competition held its final round at the National Golf Centre at Woodhall Spa on the Hodgkin Course on Friday, 11.11.11. This was a full handicap Stableford competition followed by a meal in the clubhouse and prize giving.

The overall winners were:

Singles Winner – Keith Dugdale (Stoke Rochford)

Singles Runner-Up – Ron Hinch (Laceby Manor)

Twos Winner - Keith Dugmore

Twos Runner-up – Tony Thot (Pottigate)

This year's golf competition was the best ever and the final amount raised this year was, with Gift Aid, £7334.16, including splendid totals of £675, £620, and £600 by Stoke Rochford, Grange Park (near Scunthorpe), and Laceby Manor respectively. We have already been invited back to Woodhall Spa for 9 November 2012, which shows the excellent support they give us.

Much of the credit for the event's success must go to the late Peter Stewart who sadly died just before the competition began.



Keith Dugmore receiving the Ping Driver as overall winner with 33 stableford points

The next, Spring, edition of **LEGION LINGS** will issue about late April. Could contributors, and especially Branches, please let me have their material, especially their plans for Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee and Armed Forces Week, by about 15/16 April.

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