



The Royal British Legion Chatburn and District Branch

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Dear Members and Friends

With great sadness we learnt that our President Mr Horace Hudson passed away at the weekend. His funeral is on Wednesday 18th May 2016 at St Michael and St John's Lowergate Clitheroe at 11am. Horace was a member of the Branch since 1952 and has held all committee posts, sometimes all at once. Without Horace the Branch would not have survived. His knowledge and experience have helped us to carry on his work. We will miss him greatly and our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Elaine and their family.

This will be a year of changes. The Branch has 44 members, the Committee is considering how the Branch can develop for the future; we still plan to focus on supporting the Poppy Appeal but Branch members are widespread; now that subscriptions are collected centrally we have limited contact with you.

The annual cheese and wine party is on hold this year as we are selling our house but I am delighted that Mr Clive Greenwood and Ribble Valley Music have arranged a Remembrance Concert for the Ribble Valley on 12th November which will raise funds for our Poppy Appeal, details below.

In 2015 we raised £6778.72 for the Poppy Appeal, and as this year we commemorate the Battles of Jutland 31 May-1st June and the Somme 30th June -18th November we may improve on this target. If you know of anyone with stories of family members who fought or nursed at these battles and would like to share them the Membership Support Officer in Manchester is forming case studies and I can put you in touch. If you or any organisations want commemorative wreaths and badges please let Mandy Brennan know.

At the 2015 AGM in the Calf's Head, Col Phil Naylor (Retd) spoke about his service in the Falklands War in 1982. He recounted the range of emotions he experienced at the different stages of battle spending one month in the trenches in brutal weather, and how proud he is of the professionalism of his troops as they dealt with the problems they encountered. Phil's talk was followed by supper and a raffle for Mr Les Norris's painting which raised £146 for the Poppy Appeal and was won by Mr & Mrs Whowell of Chatburn. Our thanks to Roy Porter for again selling most of the tickets in his butcher's shop in Chatburn.

Please contact me or a committee member if anyone is ill, in hospital or would like a visit or some help.

Social Events for your diaries: please bring your friends and family, all welcome

- **Spring Lunch Sunday 22nd May 2016 12.30 for 1pm the Waddington Arms.** there is no set price but **please contact Mandy Brennan to reserve a place and book from the menu.** We will have a raffle for the Poppy Appeal.
- **Sponsored Walk in August/September,** call Mandy Brennan for details
- **AGM October 7.30pm Calf's Head, Worston** -date to be arranged.
- **A Remembrance Concert for the Ribble Valley Saturday 12th November** at St Mary's Church Clitheroe- tickets £10 call 01200 422828 mornings (not Wednesdays)
- **Remembrance Day service at Waddington on Sunday 13th November.**

If you would like to come along but need transport we can pick you up, just give me a ring.

On behalf of the committee thank you for your support
very best wishes

Denis Brennan

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