

NEWS FROM THE BRANCH

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On behalf of the Branch may I congratulate Her Majesty the Queen on her Platinum Jubilee, 70 years of unwavering service to the Nation. An inspiration to us all.



This year we commemorate and Remember the Falklands War . We shall be holding a short Service of Remembrance and wreath laying ceremony on **Tuesday 14th June** at 11am at the Memorial Hall War Memorial as well as hosting a talk on the war by Major (Retd) Simon Carew Price, 2nd Scots Guards who was Company Commander of the right flank at the battle for Tumbledown Mountain during the war. The talk will be held at the Memorial Hall on **Friday 10th June 2022** from 7pm until 9pm. Details of the talk can be found on page 2.

Wincanton RBL Remembers - Falklands 40

To mark the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands War Neil Anderson very kindly constructed a unique memorial which was hung on the gates of Wincanton War Memorial on the day that marked the 40th Anniversary of the start of the war.



RBL 'Pedal to Paris'



Wincanton Branch member and serving Officer Lt. Col. Colin Thomas is once again taking on the huge challenge of the RBL's 'Pedal to Paris', at the beginning of September. Setting off from London, the four-day event will pass through beautiful English and French countryside covering a total of 460km. Once in France, there will be coordinated rolling road closures so those taking part can cycle from Calais to the very heart of Paris without having to think about traffic, junctions or red lights. This is the only cycling event apart from the Tour de France that the Arc de Triomphe closes for. Day one covers 85 miles from London to Dover, Day 2 Calais to Abberville which is 65 miles, Day 3 is from Abberville to Beauvais covering 65 miles and Day 4 is from Beauvais to Paris covering 63 miles. It's well paced with breaks throughout each day. We wish Colin all the best and if you would like to sponsor Colin visit http://www.justgiving.com/Colin-Thomas18?utm_id=124

Talk - 40th Anniversary of the Falklands War 2nd April 1982 - 14th June 1982

Wincanton RBL will be hosting a talk on Friday 10th June 2022 at Wincanton Memorial Hall, BA9 9JX from 7 pm until 9 pm. Major (Retd.) Simon Carew Price formerly of the Scots Guards will be presenting a talk with slides on the Falklands War. Simon was Company Commander of the Right Flank, 2nd Battalion Scots Guards at the Battle for Tumbledown Mountain and will look at how the war came about, details of the war, from a Scots Guards perspective, and his experiences during the war. Entry on the door will be £5, tea and coffee will be available and all proceeds will be divided between Wincanton RBL and the Scots Guards Charities. For further information please contact Steve Lee on 07551191070 or email steve-clarel@tiscali.co.uk

Service of Remembrance - Tuesday 14th June 2022

There will be a short Service of Remembrance on Tuesday 14th June 2022 at Wincanton War Memorial to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the end of the Falklands War. Remembering all those that were involved. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to be at the War Memorial in the grounds of Wincanton Memorial Hall for 10.45 am.

Remembering 'Old Faithful'

Saturday 25th June 2022 marks the 78th Anniversary of the loss of USAF bomber 'Old Faithful'. We will once again be laying a wreath at memorial site up at Bayford which over looks the crash site at Snag Farm. For those wishing to attend can I please ask that you arrive at the memorial for 10.45 am.

Falkland Conflict 40th Anniversary Poppy pin badges



We have a limited number of Falkland Conflict 40th Anniversary Poppy pin badges available to purchase with a suggested donation of £2.50. If you would like to purchase one please contact the Branch Secretary. The pin badges will be available at the talk on 10th June.

Dementia Friendly Neighbourhood

I have received the following information from former Wincanton GP Dr. Iain Phillips. If you'd like to attend please contact RBL Branch Secretary Steve on 01963 34374 or email steve-clare1@tiscali.co.uk

I write as the chair of a group developing a Dementia Friendly Neighbourhood covering the South Somerset East area of Bruton, Castle Cary, Wincanton, Queen Camel and Milborne Port, and the surrounding villages. My background is that I was a local GP and the county lead for dementia in Somerset. We are keen to work with interested individuals, parish and town councillors, voluntary sector organisations and local businesses to help make a better place for people who have a dementia, and their family members who help to care for them. Dementia can have an affect people of all ages – either directly or by impacting on families, including people of working age juggling work with acting as carers or on children with relatives with dementia. We would like to invite you to what promises to be a very interesting talk by Ian Sherriff (bio below) who, amongst many other things, is a dementia adviser to No.10 Downing Street. **We are meeting at Wincanton Memorial Hall on Tuesday 28 June at 1pm.** I was fortunate to work with Ian during my time as dementia lead for Somerset - he has kindly offered to come to talk on his work. He is a very inspirational speaker and is keen to share his experience of developing dementia friendly communities (amongst many other things!). Ian's talk will last for around 45 minutes plus time for questions. Following the talk you are welcome to stay for a 50-minute Dementia Friends information session. Most of us know someone who has dementia, and this session will help you to understand what it's like to live with dementia and how small actions can help someone who is affected by it. We really hope you or a representative will be able to join us please could you respond to me to say whether or not you can attend by **Monday 13 June** to enable us with our planning and refreshments. Thank you.

Iain Phillips

Wincanton Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club

Welcome to the Wincanton Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club. We are a group of veterans & serving members of Her Majesty's Armed Forces, & like other Veterans Breakfast Clubs around the country & overseas, our ethos is mutual support; it works because we all have a similar humour & outlook & the social life we now enjoy is like our service days. Since Saturday 28th July 2018 we have been meeting on the last Saturday of the Email; wincantonafvbc@gmail.com All services veterans (If you can cope with the banter), turn up at The Dolphin Hotel & you will be made welcome.



Wincanton & District RBL 100 Years Old

I arrived home from work recently to find a large brown envelope had been delivered. It was a very nice surprise to find inside a certificate of congratulation to the Branch on it's 100th Anniversary of it's formation. As you can see the Branch was formed on 12th May 1922. The intention is to have the certificate framed and placed in a public place for all to see.

