



ROYAL MILITARY POLICE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



Sep 2024

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Newsletter

This is your newsletter. I can only include what you send me, so please send a short narrative and photographs of any interesting or even boring events. This newsletter goes out to members who may not use social media, so it is the ideal way to show them what the Association is up to. Can I ask that if you are submitting photographs, please include names if possible.

RMPA Attendance at the Cenotaph Parade 10 Nov 24.

We have now used all of our allocation for the above parade. Thank you to everyone that responded quickly and made this job so much easier. If you have not received an email confirmation from the RBL let me know and I will chase it up. The next correspondence from the RBL will be on 30/31 Oct when E Tickets and joining instructions will be issued. If you have any queries about any of the remembrance events, please give me a call. I look forward to seeing you all on the day.

National Memorial Arboretum.

If you do not fancy travelling to London for the Remembrance events, consider the NMA.

Who's annual Armistice Day Service of Remembrance will take place on Monday 11 November on the Armed Forces Memorial at the Arboretum.

As capacity is limited, you will need a ticket to watch the service on top of the Armed Forces Memorial. You can apply for up to four tickets via the NMA website and tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

<https://thenma.org.uk/.../events.../events/armistice-day>

If you don't have a ticket, you will still be able to watch and take part in the service from Heroes' Square, where the Armistice Day Service of Remembrance will be shown on a large screen. Please visit their website to find out more about the service and how to apply for tickets.

Colchester & East Anglia Branch.

Jock Adams says " if you have missed out on obtaining a ticket for the London parade but are still looking to take part, why not join the Colchester & East Anglia RMPA Branch for the weekend and march with us on the Sunday in Colchester? no restrictions on numbers attending here. Also, shorter time on parade and a shorter marching distance

There are plenty of hotels in the area so it should not be a problem booking one. If you need help with this, please contact either me or Gary Whiten through Facebook messenger and we can steer you to the best located hotels

After the parade we normally attend one of the local bars for a meal and of course one or two drinks. if you are interested, please let me or Gary know."

Birmingham Central

A big thank you to Jennifer and John Hood for inviting the Branch to a BBQ at their home. Lovely food, great company and fabulous location. John thank you for letting us visit your private museum. Our next branch meeting is on the 05 Oct 24 at the Queens Head, Steelhouse Lane, come and join us you will be made very welcome and may even get an invite to visit John's museum.



Back row: Steve Lee, Des O`Connor, Bill Daniels, Pauline Daniels, Lorna Lee.
 Front; Janice Hood, Les Hood, Jim Pointon, Jennifer Hood, Debbie O`Connor, Derek Platt, Roy Hubbard, John Hood, Mike Clark.

Boat Trip.

On 07 Sep branch members enjoyed a boat trip on the Birmingham Canal. It was a wonderful afternoon filled with laughter and comradeship. Unfortunately, Mike Clark suffered a senior moment and completely forgot about the trip.



Dale Pitt, Caroline Pitt, Fionna McCulloch, Mike Foster, Chrissie Foster, Derek Platt, Des O`Connor, John Hood, Jenifer Hood, Diane Smith, Roy Hubbard, Debbie O`Connor.

Remembrance. Weekend London.



Opening of the Garden of Remembrance. Thursday 7 November 2024.

Attendance at the opening of the Field of Remembrance on the Thursday is strictly a ticketed event, attendees need to be at Westminster Abbey by 1000 hrs - there are always long queues to get in, so a sense of humour is required. Those who attend are then permitted to stand behind their respective plot whilst the event is officially opened on behalf of the Nation. Further info from Stewart Leach.

London Branch informal Gathering Friday 8 November 2024.

London branch host an informal gathering in central London on Friday evening, further details will be published when known.

RMP / MPS Memorial Service Saturday 9 November 2024.

Attendance at this event is open to all serving or retired members and their families, tickets are not required, and the service begins at 1200hrs. It is recommended that you arrive at Westminster Abbey by 1130hrs in order for any security checks to be completed. Afterwards attendees normally gather at the Westminster Arms for lamp swinging and reunion type chat.

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RMPA (Scotland) Branch Annual Dinner 16th November 2024

Place: Leonardo Hotel Edinburgh Murrayfield, 187 Clermiston Road, Edinburgh EH12 6UG

Date: 16th November 2024

Time: 1900hrs for 1930hrs

Cost: £32 per person for a three-course meal (Plus a £4.50 supplement for anyone ordering cheese and biscuits) Payment can be made using your surname and initial as reference by bank transfer to: Bank of

Scotland. Sort Code: 80-22-60. Account Number:24883068. Anyone requiring an alternative payment method please email: mpascotland@gmail.com.

Accommodation: Single room £95 Twin/double is £105, these room rates will be held until 15th October 2024 and include breakfast. Accommodation should be booked directly with the hotel on 0131 535 9988 (then option 3) using reference "RMPA Scotland Dinner". To book a place please complete the table below and return it to mpascotland@gmail.com.

Surname	Forename	E Mail	Starter	Main	Dessert	Cheese

Starter.

- 1 Cream of carrot, coriander, and squash soup
- 2 Ham Hock Terrine with oatcakes and chutney
- 3 Chilli fishcakes, seasonal garden salad

Main Course.

- 1 Chicken Stuffed with Haggis, Whisky Jus
- 2 Slow cooked feather blade, red wine jus
- 3 Homemade steak pie.

Vegetarian Options

- 1 Grilled vegetable tartlet, basil pesto, seasonal garden salad
- 2 Macaroni `cheese
- 3 Mushroom and Leek tartlet (Gluten Free)

Dessert

- 1 Vanilla and Passion Fruit cheesecake, passion fruit coulis
- 2 Sticky toffee pudding, butterscotch sauce
- 3 Lemon tart, berry compote, coulis

The menu choices should be selected using the number on the above menu or a Y in the box for cheese and biscuits making sure you have added the £4.50 supplement to the cost. A Bottle of wine of your choosing can be ordered at the Bar on the evening. Closing date is the 1st of November 2024, meal choices can also be changed up till this date. Anyone with specific dietary requirements should get in touch to discuss other menu options.

RMP Shop

We often receive requests from members asking the best place to purchase RMP memorabilia or uniform items. The best starting point is the RMP Shop located at Southwark Park. Full stock list and online ordering facilities are available at: www.rhqrm.org
The shop is managed by Mrs Pauline Bailey contactable at shop@rhqrm.org or 02392 284651.

253 Pro Coy RMP. Reunion.

This event is being held on 26 Oct 24, at the, Royal Maritime Hotel Portsmouth. Further details from roberteggelton@btinternet.com.

RMP Journal

The RMP Journal is published three times a year (April, August, and December) and is packed with a diverse range of interesting articles. A full-colour publication, it is available in print form and online. However, I am amazed how few former RMP subscribe to the Journal - less than 450 from a potential readership of 20K - when it only costs £15 per year (and even less if one subscribes to the on-line version.) The RMP Journal keeps everyone up to date and lets people know of forthcoming regimental and Association events too and if more took it, then they would certainly be far better informed. If you wish to subscribe for a print edition, email Clare Kelly-White at pa@rhqrm.org

RMPA West Yorkshire Branch

On 14 Sep we visited the NMA where members of the West Yorkshire Branch RMPA supported our Association and the Northern Ireland Veterans Association in paying our respects to all those that paid the ultimate sacrifice during the Northern Ireland Conflict (Operation Banner). As always, afterwards, a few of us "Pulled up a Sandbag" in the appropriately named, Standing Order Pub in Derby.



Sam Jackson, Sandy Buglass, Nic Walters, Des O`Connor, Jim Nylan, Kath Potts, Jock Adam, Bob Potts, Davey Paynter, Sheila Paynter, Jean Butler, Niel Brookes, Geoff Ince, Jeff Stevenson, Stu Rogers, Jim Buglass.

RATS REUNION 2024 Fri 11 Oct -Sun 13 Oct 2024

The above event will be held at the Bromsgrove Hotel, Birmingham Rd, B61 0JB. Further information can be obtained from: moffatandy29@gmail.com All other details available on the Rats Reunion Facebook page.

116 Pro Coy RMP.

Mark Layton reminds everyone: Greetings all, letting you know that a Service of Remembrance will be held at Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich on Sunday 10th November 2024, forming up at the Primark Car Park, West Bromwich about 1000hrs to be ready at the war memorial for a 1050hrs start. I am attending and will be the parade commander. The service will follow the usual format with post-service refreshments at the Royal Naval Club, Bull Lane, West Bromwich

Nomination Procedure for an RMPA Certificate of Merit.

Should a branch member or someone associated with the branch be recognised by the Association? Consider nominating them for an RMPA, certificate of merit. Full details are in the RMPA Branch Rules and procedures which should be held by your Branch Secretary. If they are not, please ask the National Secretary to forward you a copy.

NIVA Parade 14 Sep 24.



It was good to be joined by Nic Walters at the NIVA Parade this year he had combined his visit with his attendance at the Para Provost Reunion which was being held locally. He placed the wreath on behalf of the PM (A) and all ranks past and present at the memorial stone, which was appreciated by all present. Thank you Nic,(you made a much better job of it than I do).



This lovely lady introduced herself to Dave Paynter and Jock Adam it turned out that she is the sister of former PM (A) Brig Ian Cameron (RIP). Jeff Stevenson, Jim Nylan.

Contact The Trustees.

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John Alecock	Senior Serving Rep	Via the National Secretary.	

RMPA Diary of Forthcoming Events that may be of interest. 2024 / 2025.

If you are Hosting or organising an event that you wish to add please send details to Bob Potts

potts8@me.com

Date / Time	Event	Location	Further Information
03 Oct 24	West Yorkshire Branch AGM	Robin Lane, Club Pudsey	james.nylan@icloud.com .
05 Oct 24	RTTW	NMA	https://thenma.org.uk/what's-on/events/ride-to-the-wall
11 Oct 24	Rats Reunion	Bromsgrove Hotel	moffatandy29@gmail.com
19 Oct 24	N E Branch Dinner	Newcastle	rayw361@googlemail.com .
26 Oct 24	253 Pro Coy RMP Reunion	Portsmouth	roberteggelton@btinternet.com
07 Nov 24	Opening of the Field of Remembrance.	Westminster Abbey	secretary@rmpa.org.uk
08 Nov 24	Informal Gathering	London Location. TBA	TBA
09 Nov 24	RMP / MPS Memorial Service	Westminster Abbey	potts8@me.com . secretary@rmpa.org.uk
10 Nov 24	RBL Remembrance Parade and Muster	Cenotaph.	potts8@me.com
16 Nov 24	RMPA Scotland. Branch Dinner	Leonardo Hotel Edinburgh	rmpascotland@gmail.com
20 Nov 24	CBF Meeting	RHQ.	
01 Dec 24	West Yorkshire Branch, Christmas Lunch	Guide Post Hotel	James.nylan@icloud.com .
2025			
Jan 25	Trustees Meeting	Location. TBC	potts8@me.com . secretary@rmpa.org.uk

12 Jan 25	Post Christmas Lunch	Solent Branch	roberteggelton@btinternet.com
Feb 25	Tower Of London Parade.	London	Seanetaylor3130@gmail.com
8 Mar 25	WRAC Provost Reunion Dinner	Chester	barbara1810@icloud.com
11/14 Apr 25	RMPA AGM Reunion	Hull	potts8@me.com . secretary@rmpa.org.uk
07 Jun 25	RMP Memorial Parade	NMA	Further details to follow
Jul 25	AGC Memorial Parade	NMA	Further details in due course.
23 Aug 25	RMPA NI 40 th Anniversary Dinner.	NI	Further details in due course.
24 Aug 25	Cyprus Emergency Memorial Service	NMA	Details to follow.
Sep 25	NIVA Parade	NMA	Further details when known.
08 Nov 25	RMP MPS Memorial service	Westminster Abbey	potts8@me.com .
09 Nov 25	RBL Remembrance Parade and Muster	Cenotaph.	potts8@me.com .

Obituary Notices.

Obituary notices may be submitted for inclusion in the RMP Journal, for those who have passed away of any rank - and not just officers. The determining factor being quite simply those who have someone that is prepared to take the time and trouble to write such a personal notice which must be detailed, accurate and have the approval of the family of the deceased, ideally with photograph.

RMPA North East Branch Annual Dinner Invitation.

The RMPA NE Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday 19th October 2024 in the Copthorne Hotel Newcastle, The Close, Quayside, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 3RT. Arrival 6:30pm for 7:30pm. The hotel has its own car park which is FREE. There is disabled parking at the front of the hotel.

Reception: The room we will be using is The Cuthbert Suite which is located to the right of the entrance door. This will contain a full pay as you go bar.

Cost: £25.00 per person.

After Dinner: Dinner will be followed by Paul Watson Disco and DJ and will be held in the same room as the dinner.

Wine: This can be purchased on the night if you require wine. A wine list is available.

Dress: Formal (Black tie and Miniatures)/Mess Dress/ Lounge Suits. Ladies' equivalent dress.

Hotels: Other hotels in the area are The Station Hotel and the County Hotel. Both are adjacent to the station.

Accommodation. Should you wish to book a room for the night, the hotel has changed its' system for booking rooms. The format is a listed:

We are pleased to offer a discounted bedroom rate for the Royal Military Police dinner on the Saturday 19th October.

This rate is a discount of 15% off our flexible online rates. The code gives guests an option to book a room only rate or to add breakfast on if required.

Please note that our rates can change on a daily basis and therefore rates may vary between guests. Discounted rates are subject to availability.

A card is required at the time of booking to guarantee the room, however payment will be taken on check in. The room may be cancelled free of charge until 2pm the day prior to arrival, however after this cancellation charges would apply.

Rates must be booked directly on our website:

<https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/newcastle/cophthorne-hotel-newcastle/>

Please input the date and number of guests, please then select advanced search, and input the code 'EVENTACCOM' into the promo/ offer box.

It is very much hoped that you will be able to attend. If you wish to attend, you are kindly requested to complete the attached proforma and return it together with your remittance as soon as possible - **but not later than Fri 11th October 2024** to the Treasurer:

Mr Ray Walker, 6 St Edmunds Court, Gateshead, Tyne, and Wear, NE8 3PF

Cheques should be made payable to **RMPA (North East Branch)**

Or BACS Transfers may also be used. Bank is Lloyds A/C 17845860 Sort Code 77-20-31. Inform Ray that you have used a BACS Transfer. rayw361@googlemail.com

I wish to attend the RMPA NE Annual Dinner on Saturday 19th October 2024.

I * shall / shall not be accompanied by my wife / husband / partner.

I enclose a cheque payable to 'RMPA (North East Branch)' for £25.00 per person.

(Please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

NAME:

GUESTS:

ADDRESS:

.....

POST CODE: **TEL No:** **EMAIL:**

Any special dietary needs/requests:

.....

* Delete as appropriate - *Return to Mr Ray Walker, 6 St Edmunds Court, Gateshead, Tyne, and Wear, NE8 3PF, with your cheque.*

Standard Bearers Travel Claims.

Branch standard bearers attending official functions or funerals on behalf of the Association or branches should submit travel claims via branch Chairs to the National Treasurer. In order to qualify travel must be authorised at a branch meeting or by the trustees, authorisation must be recorded in the branch minutes. I understand that these things can be at short notice so we will allow authorisations from branches to be passed at the next meeting. Milage claims are at present 45p per mile. Public transport claims will be paid at actual expenditure on production of the relevant tickets. Details required are.

Travel address from to. Total Milage claimed, Authorised by. Details of Parade. Should you require any further information or assistance please contact myself or Stewart. Claim forms will be sent to all branch secretaries.

National Memorial Arboretum

We can tell that summer must be drawing to a close as tickets for the most popular Illuminated Arboretum dates are booking quickly!

Illuminated Arboretum is our spectacular annual winter light trail around our grounds.

Using mesmerising light, colour and sound, Illuminated Arboretum brings the fascinating stories of the Arboretum to life in an entirely new way. The mile-long trail features fun hands-on elements, immersive spaces and areas for personal reflection.

This year's Illuminated Arboretum runs from 6 – 22 December, and if you book before 30 September, you'll get tickets at our special advance prices.

You'll also have a magical experience to look forward to this coming festive season! ✨

<https://thenma.org.uk/what's-on/events/illuminated-arboretum>

On Sunday 10 November, we will be joining the rest of the country in remembering the service and sacrifice of Armed Forces personnel during our annual Remembrance Sunday Service of Remembrance. Our service will take place at the base of the Armed Forces Memorial and will also be relayed on a large screen in Heroes' Square.

As usual we expect the Arboretum to be very busy on Remembrance Sunday. We strongly recommend booking your car parking space in advance via our website as only limited parking is available. Everyone with a pre-booked parking space for the 8am, 9am and 10am sessions will be admitted to the Arboretum in time for the service.

You can also commemorate Remembrance Sunday with 10 or more friends, family or colleagues with our special groups package.

With this, you can choose to watch the Remembrance Sunday Service on large screens from the warmth and comfort of a seat in Aspects, our award-winning events space. After the service, you can reflect with your group over a two-course, homemade lunch.

Please visit our website for more information about the Remembrance Sunday Service of Remembrance and the groups package.

National Police Memorial Day.

Today, 29 Sep 24, National Police Memorial Day, tribute was paid to the police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting and serving their communities at one of the memorials and spaces at the Arboretum dedicated to remembering the service of the Police.

The UK Police Memorial is a 12-metre-tall structure that honours the courage and sacrifice of members of the UK Police Service.

A brass screen with leaf-shaped apertures forms a doorway, providing a symbolic threshold to the dangerous places where Police are required to serve. It is a permanent memorial to commemorate police officers and staff from across the UK who have died while protecting the public.

The Beat (Police Memorial Avenue) is planted with a tree for every police service in the UK and various police representative associations.



The National Police Memorial at the NMA, worth a visit if you are at the NMA.

Branch Contacts.

You will notice that we do not have a contact for some branches or areas. If you would like details on becoming an area, contact or resurrecting a branch, please contact myself or Stewart the National Secretary. If I have made any mistakes, please let me know and I will correct them.

Area	Contact	Method
3 Shires	Andrew Wayland	Andrew.wayland@sky.com .
Aldershot		
Birmingham Central	Trevor Bassett	Trevor.bassett@btopenworld.com .
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Bristol		
Buckinghamshire		
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West Yorkshire	Jim Nylan	James.nylan@icloud.com .
Western Australia	Eric Heath	Eric.heath@bigpond.com

North America and Canada.

My apologies to all members of the North America and Canada Branch. Not only did I miss them off the Branch contacts list, but I also deleted them from my mailing list. Don Hood the secretary soon put me right and I have now restored them to their rightful position. If any member of the branch is passing through

Willington in Derbyshire at any time give me a call and I will stand them a meal and drinks. We meet on the first Monday of the month at the Rising Sun Public House.

RMPA Western Australia Branch

Brian Griffiths sends the following greetings. My thanks to local members and friends attending our recent RMPA lunch at the RAAFA Club, Bullcreek 08 Sep 24.

Whilst a chilly winter's day, nevertheless there was plenty of warm friendship in our small gathering. Our raffle also raised \$120 for branch funds, and I am confident we are progressing towards a generous contribution for a local charity in the months ahead. Eric was the proud winner of the whisky!



Brian can you please include names with your photographs

RTTW 2024.

Each year on the first Saturday in October, thousands of motorcyclists make their annual pilgrimage to the Armed Forces Memorial at the Arboretum to pay tribute to those who can 'no longer ride by our side'. To date, over £1.66m has been raised through RTTW's activities and the incredible and unwavering support from the Ride to the Wall motorcycle community continues to help us to care for the Nation's year-round place to remember, and to ensure that the baton of Remembrance can be passed on to future generations.

Listen out for the sound of motorcycles returning to the Arboretum on 5 October when we welcome RTTW 2024.

<https://thenma.org.uk/what's-on/events/ride-to-the-wall>

Our Association and IT based communications

Stewart Leach our National Secretary and John Tasker, Manchester Branch are in the process of exploring the possibility of standardising the Associations communications and administrations systems.

Stewart fills in the background in the following e mail to all Trustees, the Trustees after debate decided that we should pursue this further and asked Stewart and John to run a trail between now and the Trustees meeting in January when a final decision will be taken.

Good morning, all

Amongst the many other things that have occupied my Association brain over the last few days has been how to step our IT based comms up a notch - this came about by simple things such as a couple of branches having changed their emails and not told me - then just not thinking something was amiss when they got nothing from me!

Due to a death in one of our branches a chap contacted me and asked how he may be afforded an email with the domain name @rmpa.org.uk, that started a very interesting conversation, for me one that I have had several times with various people over the last 8 years, but it's never ever resulted in someone saying "I will sort that" - until now that is.

The domain name @rmpa.org.uk is currently registered to an individual Association member who kindly set it up and registered it for me, that person is now regrettably unwell. The domain is up for renewal in October.

My clear aim has always been to get all branch officers on to an @rmpa.org.uk email so for example the secretary at a given branch would be contactable by email as follows secretary.timbuku@rmpa.org.uk, similarly the Chair at that branch would be chair.timbuku@rmpa.org.uk (please do not try and contact them they are out of office!!!!) whilst Association officers would be as per mine so Bob P would be chair@rmpa.org.uk Taff would be Treasurer@rmpa.org.uk

I'm sure you get the picture the idea being then that those emails would be managed by the individual but owned by the Association who would be able to simply amend the managed name at any point and assign it to a new person.

Trustees would I suggest being TrusteeNI@rmpa.org.uk Trustee Scotland etc Trustee Wales etc with some tweaking needed if our geographical spread alters. Serving officers would simply be TrusteeSeniorServing@rmpa.org.uk ProSM@rmpa.org.uk President@rmpa.org.uk

So, there is the back ground to one thought process. We have discussed many times in the past other linked issues - sharing of information, sharing of newsletters, central document storage etc.

I have asked John Tasker of Manchester Branch to explore Google Workspace with a view to us all being able to have the above emails plus a central storage facility - both "public" (open to those who are invited - in essence any member seeking to gain access) and "Secure" (open only to certain profiles users - Trustees for the Trustee file, Branch Officers and members for the Timbuku Branch File or Vanuatu Branch - you get the picture.

Google Workspace have confirmed that we may be entitled to a huge free package affording such things as 20tb of secure storage, 2 thousand free email accounts, free access to the Google Office package - Docs and sheets etc.

John has started the ball rolling - he was former Corps Officer (1990 - 1999), is good member of Manchester Branch, runs his own companies, is very tech savvy and most importantly WILLING AND ABLE to assist and guide.

Nothing has been set up, yet we will have to start once Google confirm our acceptance as charitable organisation. I have asked the current owner of the domain to release it or sell it to us, which we need to do any way.

So that is brief update of one strand of current work load.

Stewart Leach

2024 RMP Poppy Pins.



Dave Seal - Relf as kindly offered to coordinate the 2024 RMP Poppy Pins sale, they are now ready to order via email rmppoppypins2024@gmail.com Please do not order via Facebook. The pins are priced at £6 each including 2nd class, (non insured) P&P within the UK.

a) No proof of posting will be obtained for orders of less than 10, so he cannot be held responsible for loss in transit.

b) Proof of posting & insurance will be obtained for all orders purchased selecting the Signed for 2nd Class postage option (£7.50 each).

To order please email Dave at rmppoppypins2024@gmail.com and follow the automated response instructions.

He will not be able to replace any lost or damaged in transit unless you select the Signed for 2nd Class postage option.

Overseas buyers please contact Dave prior to purchasing to obtain postage quotes and payment options. Contact via rmppoppypins2024@gmail.com

100% of all monies raised, less the cost of manufacture and packaging is donated to the RMP Central Benevolent Fund.

A smaller donation will also be made to the Royal British Legion (as this is all about the National Act of Remembrance).

Any questions to Dave via rmppoppypins2024@gmail.com

Annual Reunions 2025 - 2027.

2025. Hull and East Riding. To be held in Hull, 11 / 14 Apr 25.

2026. South Wales Branch. To be held in Cardiff.

2027. Isle Of wight Branch.
Dates and further information when confirmed.

RMPA South Wales

Wales Festival of Remembrance

From Steve McManus Just a reminder that this year's event will be held at the International Conference Centre Wales, Newport on Saturday 2nd November at 1900hrs. The Branch Standard will be paraded and one of the VIP guests will be Owen, who by then will be 105 and the oldest serving member of the Corps of Military Police (India) from WW2. Further details from branch secretary.

Field of Remembrance in Cardiff Castle.

The Branch has been invited to Parade it's Standard at the opening of the Field of Remembrance in Cardiff Castle on Friday 25th October. Polly will be doing the honours; the event is open to the public. Steve will be attending, if anyone else is up for going we could look to book somewhere and have lunch afterwards. Dress for the event is Parade Order. Details from Steve .

Tickets RBL Festival of Remembrance at The Albert Hall.

The Association does not receive any tickets for the festival of remembrance if you wish to attend you must apply for tickets via the RBL.

Evening tickets

All members of the Royal British Legion can purchase up to 2 tickets for the evening performance online.

Afternoon tickets

All members of the Royal British Legion can purchase up to 4 tickets for the afternoon performance online. Tickets, including accessible seating, should be booked online using the seat picker through **See Tickets**. Payment will be taken at the time of booking. You will not be able to apply for tickets via post or telephone.

Membership tickets Tickets for this year's Festival of Remembrance will once again only be available to purchase online through our ticket provider See Tickets. Please be aware that tickets will not be available to purchase over the phone.

General public tickets

Tickets are only available to RBL members in the first instance and only go on sale to the general public if they do not sell out. Please be advised, general public tickets have not been available for the last two years due to high demand from the RBL member community.

For the best possible chance of securing tickets, we suggest becoming a member of the RBL. Membership is just one of the ways to support the work we do for our Armed Forces community. It is open to all and includes benefits such as Legion magazine and discounts at the Poppy Shop. For any further information please contact us at festival@britishlegion.org.uk

Mounted Troop Branch Newsletter.

The following newsletter was received from Sandy, I have his permission to publish it in full. If you wish to join the Mounted Troop Branch, please contact Sandy directly.

Dear all,

At the last online meeting no-one turned up apart from me, which was a little disappointing to say the least! As a result, I have not arranged any further online meetings and propose just to keep in touch with you all via newsletter emails and Facebook. The exception to this will be at Christmas, when I propose an online meeting in early December, for those that are interested. I will post details nearer the time.

I would like to say thankyou to those of you who provided me with your current location so that I can see whereabouts you are located. This will facilitate organising future get togethers. I would be grateful if those of you who haven't been in touch with this information could do so. I don't need your address – just what region you live in!

A couple of us met up at the National Memorial Arboretum for this event in June. It was good to meet up with Ian Powell after such a long time. We also met up with a lot of old friends and it was a very enjoyable

occasion. We had a long chat with the new Provost Marshall who showed great interest in the Mounted Troop and might, depending on commitments, attend any future Mounted Troop Reunions! Attached below is a photo of myself, Ian Powell, the Provost Marshall and Col. Jeremy Green, following the Remembrance Service and a more general group photo in front of the RMP Memorial.

Does anyone fancy a Christmas get together for a few drinks? Would meeting up in York be of any interest? If so then I will arrange something for early December. Please get back to me by mid October, to allow time for me to make some arrangements.

In July 2025, the DATR, Home of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps in Melton Mowbray will be holding an open day with tent pegging, SLR and many other events. Is anyone interested in going to this? We could attend the event and meet up for an informal evening meal at a pub/restaurant afterwards. If anyone is interested in attending this, please let me know.

If anyone knows of any other events taking place that it would be good to attend as a group, please get in touch.

For anyone who is interested, Troop Logos have fleeces, polo shirts, tee-shirts etc with our logo, available at very reasonable prices. Please take a look at their website online at trooplogos.co.uk. They also have a Facebook page. If enough people are interested, I may be able to get a reduction in price on a bulk order.

I have just been watching the film Young Winston, where filming took place in our indoor riding school. It certainly brought back some memories! It's worth a look as a reminder of the old place!

Well, that's all for now everyone. I hope to hear from you soon with regard to any suggested future events and it would also be lovely to hear your news and what you have all been up to over the Summer!

Yours Aye

Sandy.

Information from the Office for Veterans Affairs.

Have launched a new user-friendly guide on GOV.UK, which will allow veterans to find the support they may need more easily, this includes a new searchable directory of local and national support

Find out more <https://www.gov.uk/.../find-support-for-veterans-and...>

I managed to navigate my way around the site without too much difficulty so it cannot be that difficult!

That said if you have any problems, please give me a call and I will try to assist.

RMPA Western Australia Newsletter.

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