

AGM of the Chatburn and District Branch of the Royal British Legion held in the Pendle Hotel Chatburn on 18th November 2009.

There was a good turnout for the AGM of the Chatburn and District Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Guests had also come to support Mr Dan Bradbury our walks organiser who gave a beautiful slideshow with an amusing commentary, illustrating the impact of stone walls on our landscape.

President Mr Ted Boden was back in action after recent knee problems and was delighted to be able to welcome everyone and thanked the committee for their hard work. Chairman Dr Denis Brennan gave his annual report outlining the events of a successful year. He emphasised that the funds we raise will be needed more than ever to help the service men and women and their families including those affected by past and present conflicts and he expects a rise in mental health problems such as post traumatic stress disorder over the coming years.

Mrs Denise Humphreys gave the financial report; money has been donated to the Royal British Legion convalescent and nursing homes Byng and Lister Houses. Mr Horace Hudson the membership officer reported that we have 90 members and more joining us, this includes members joining from Waddington Branch. We have been saddened by the deaths of Mr J Leach and Mr T Moorhouse this year. Members have been visited in hospital and some have stayed at Byng House in Southport for a well deserved break.



Members and friends of Chatburn and District Branch of the Royal British Legion on the sponsored walk around Malham this summer.

Poppy Appeal Organiser Mr Peter Humphreys reported that funds from the all year round boxes had been significantly lower but that overall funds raised including during Remembrance fortnight had increased. Our social events this year have been very successful: the sponsored walk raised £789, garden party £2116.45 and the quiz

night £225. We are proud to have raised a grand total of £7404.20 as a Branch (£600 more than last year). Poppy collectors are needed for next year as we cover a large area if you can help please contact the secretary on 01200 44155, it is fun and worthwhile voluntary work for two weeks per year. Caroline Palmer was presented with an award for 5 years poppy collecting service and Betty Thompson was unable to attend but has an award for 10 years service.

Mr Ted Boden was re-elected as President, with Mr Horace Hudson as Vice President and Membership Secretary, Dr Denis Brennan was elected as Chairman, Mr Geoff Lawson as Vice Chairman. Mrs Mandy Brennan as Secretary, Mrs Denise Humphreys as Treasurer, Mr Peter Humphreys Poppy appeal co-ordinator and Mr Dave Raw as Standard Bearer. Additional Committee members are Mr Dan Bradbury, Mrs Christine Pickles, Mr Philip Peel, Mr Philip Hodgson.