



## The Royal British Legion Chatburn and District Branch

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Dear Members and Friends

As this is delivered we are very sad to hear the news that Mr Bill Wilson died on 14<sup>th</sup> February. Bill was Branch Chairman for forty years and together with Mrs Marjorie Woods represented our Branch at events around the country. He was passionate about maintaining the Branch in its work, raising funds, recruiting and supporting members and he was awarded The Royal British Legion's highest awards for his efforts. He was part of the old brigade and a hard act to follow.

But we are doing our best - as a Branch we were runners up last year for two awards for fundraising from the County Office, of course we now want to win them. Can you help us to raise more money than our total last year of £7404.20? The committee has planned some great events and everyone is welcome.

Committee changes; Mr Peter Humphreys is the Poppy Appeal Organiser and has handed over Membership Secretary to Mr Horace Hudson. We have 83 members in the Branch but any serving, ex-service personnel and their families are eligible for help. Please contact your local representative if you or anyone is ill or in hospital or needs help in any way. Sadly Mr Bob Hornby, Mr Roland Frankland and Mr Harold Punchard also died in the past year and we remember them too.

We need some specific help and this could include non-members. Can you or a friend spare some time in October and November to help with the Poppy Appeal? If you can manage a few hours to help those who have put their lives on the line for us please contact Peter Humphreys 01200 441924.

The Royal British Legion also supports other charities that help serving and ex-service personnel and their families. Between 2003 and 2006 The Royal British Legion awarded nearly £3 million to Combat Stress. The number of veterans seeking help and profoundly traumatised by harrowing experiences, has increased in the last two years by 26%, with 4,000 veterans currently being supported specifically in mental health-related areas. It is vital that such organisations continue to meet an increased demand for assistance in this field and the Legion is committed to working together with Combat Stress in the future.

### Dates for your diaries 2010: any money raised is given to the Poppy Appeal

Please contact any of the committee or Secretary Mandy Brennan for tickets.

- ❖ **11<sup>th</sup> April Spring Sunday Lunch–The Black Bull in Rimmington, 12.30 for 1pm.** £16.95 for 3 courses, £12.95 for 2 courses, with a good choice on the menu. Everyone is welcome please book with Mandy Brennan by Easter.
- ❖ **27<sup>th</sup> June Jazz in the Garden–Cheese and Wine Garden Party** will be held at Well House, Grindleton 2-6pm. Tickets will be on sale in May. If you can donate cakes, plants, tombola and raffle prizes we would be grateful. All welcome.
- ❖ **8<sup>th</sup> August Sponsored Walk – Mr Gerry Purchase** is our new walk leader and has planned a 6 mile walk from Conistone, Grassington and along the river, stopping for a pub lunch or picnic. Sponsor forms available from end June or come along and give a donation.
- ❖ **September** - New event in planning–Band concert with afternoon tea
- ❖ **1<sup>st</sup> November the Winter Quiz and supper at the Waddington Social Club-** tickets will be available in October. Everyone is welcome.
- ❖ **14<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday at Chatburn–** information later in the year.
- ❖ **24<sup>th</sup> November AGM** and if you have any ideas for a suitable speaker please let me know.

On behalf of the committee  
 Thank you for your support.  
 Very Best wishes  
*Denis Brennan*

#### Committee Representatives for the Villages

Rimmington/Downham	Philip Peel
Chatburn	Peter Humphries
Sawley/Bolton by Bowland	Christine Pickles
Grindleton	Mandy Brennan
Clitheroe	Geoff Lawson/Dan Bradbury
Waddington/West Bradford	Horace Hudson/ Phil Hodgson