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BEDFORD BRANCH

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2018

REMINDER
DATA PROTECTION
New = 25th March 2018

This is to remind you of the GDPR. Forms sent out with January Newsletter
Under the new Government Data Protection Regulations (D.T.R.) which **CAME** into force from
25th May 2018, we need your personal consent to retain and use your e-mail and home address
and other details for this Association only.

If you do not sign we will may not be able to communicate with you

If you have not done so

Please complete and sign the forms and return to the Honorary Secretary A.S.P.

It is of most importance for our Royal Signals Association compliance

Bedford Branch Privacy Policy end of Newsletter

**WE WOULD NOT WANT YOU TO LOOSE MEMBERSHIP OF BEDFORD BRANCH
or H.Q. RECORDS**

PAST EVENTS

BEDFORD BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27th FEBRUARY 2018

2000 hours

The year-end annual reports from the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, were given with the acceptance and approval of members attending

Items on the Agenda also included;

Royal Signals Benevolent Fund Contribution = £80.00

Contributions to RSBF for our departed members = £70.00

Election of Branch Officers & Committee for the oncoming year = list as attachment end of newsletter

Members attending the H.Q.A.G.M at the Victory Club in London = A Ager, M Taylor, John Dunning and myself,

Members wishing to attend Blandford Reunion = 9 members applied and names given for accommodation, accommodation has been applied for and given, this year it is hoped to have a lot more, so if interested please get in touch with Blandford Admin Officer A.S.A.P

Events and Outings – Still enquiring about - RAF Henlow Signals Museum - Brewery Visit again? N.M.A. Corps Memorial Service

Details available for the National Memorial Arboretum = now renamed ‘Corps Day’ changed to a later date and a Saturday, this is hoped will encourage more members that are not working weekends, also all know families of Signalers who have been killed or died in active service since WW2 – date 1st September 2018 – Mini- bus reserved - details to follow

All details recorded in the Minute Book for Members to read if so desired

73rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF THE

ROYAL SIGNALS ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY 17th MARCH 2018

This is a short **Summary** – **Not** the minutes, of the CCM meeting,

Chairman’s report = With the budgets cut there is a lot more pressure on H.Q. staff and the Serving Corps, with about 7 billion pounds short. He was well please that the new date for our N.M.A. memorial service was accepted, the turnout was far that expected, this will now remain on the first Saturday in September.

General Secretary = A lot of work for H.Q. staff with the introduction of the new General data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the full understanding as to requirements and who should keep what? Our Field of remembrance was ‘Doubled’ in 2017 which was a great improvement and benefit it is hoped this will remain for future years also the Cenotaph parade well attended with the application in for the Corps to Lead in our centenary year 2020. He welcomed those who have signed up to a leaving a legacy to the RSBF as this is a wonderful

source of income and encourages more Corps members to do so. Following the final print and stoppage of the Newsletter all items now to the Wire, which will only be FOUR copies a year but slightly larger

Summary of RSBF Benevolence Grants = the figures, accounts and graphs are the same in the C.C.M. papers as those in the A.G.M. so you should have them? If not collected at A.G.M. I posted them on to you? The Major Grants committee now meets as and when required to speed up the process, with documents being passed on by hand as quickly as possible, the fastest being from application to awarded = 13 minutes – great. There are sometimes less cases but each now cost more

Admin Officer Report = It has been proposed that the association recognise two affiliated groups – Royal Signals Riders Association and Alpha 5 Troop (Corps) Association; following on from the recent reinvigoration of the White Helmets Association this reflects a welcome development. Much more was given on GDPR and Caroline gave a presentation at the A.G.M. on Saturday to all present

Area Reps. Reports – all Area Three secretaries submitted reports, these were attached to the minutes for all to read, along with a few other areas, other reps. gave verbal reports none had any major concerns only that ongoing ‘the recruitment of branch members’ and the Chairman likes the format in which they were presented

Central Committee Appointments – Only change this meeting

Area4 = Steven Bland - replaced by - Don Swift-Hook – March 18 – March 2021

RSA Awards – A total of **FIFTEEN** 50 Year Badges (5 from Aberdeen Branch, 3 Liverpool) 50 Year Badges and 2 Honour memberships all were agreed and passed by the CCM

Have you a member in your branch that deserves an award? Ask H.Q. for the criteria set to gain these prestige awards

BEDFORD BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER

7th April 2018

This year we had 36 sit down to dinner. Our meal was provided by the ‘In- House’ caterers (Chef from ‘The Bell’ in Odell) and was good again with good menu choice of three courses, silver service meal, with coffee including cheese & biscuits, some observation & complaints have been lodged with the Club for future improvements.

This year our Branch President Brig. Peter Dally gave a very interesting talk on how his life evolved and he came to live in Bedfordshire and a Deputy Lieutenant for the County, enjoyed by all and well received. It has been suggested to try Bedford Golf Club in Great Denham, BUT! The Priory Bowls Club went there for a Presidents Diner, it was cramped, cold food and not much of it – so they will not be going there again – not recommendable - warning accepted

Provisional date next year =

30th March 2019 @ Bedford County Golf Club (by popular demand)

HM LORD LIEUTENANT of BEDFORD

Annual service of Thanksgiving and Re-Dedication

13th MAY 2018

For The Voluntary Organisations in Bedfordshire at John Bunyan Chapel Bedford

Unfortunately I only receive an invitation for maximum strictly 2 persons to attend this year. Carol & I, as your secretary attended

Our Standard Bearer Michael Luke has attended Funerals & civic events alongside those of the R.B.L.

FUTUER EVENTS

WHIPSNADE TREE CATHEDRAL SERVICE SUNDAY 10th JUNE 2018

The Remembrance Service held at the Tree Cathedral in the village of Whipsnade, almost opposite the zoo, the trees and shrubs are laid out similar to St Albans Cathedral, with a band and children from local schools taking part.- 3.00 pm

BLANDFORD REUNION 15th - 16th - 17th - JUNE 2018

Our branch has 9 members submitted for attendance. We will travel on the Friday morning. See summary of R.S.A. A.G.M. above. Contact H.Q. for more information and availability to attend. Reception from Friday afternoon with Sgts' Mess meet & greet and the Curry Super that Friday evening- dress to be confirmed.

Saturday as similar in the morning – Princess Royal Parade and March Pass then ALL activities and events on the 'Elizabeth Field' next to the Officers Mess in the afternoon & evening including the 'Party in the Park' – there will be no 'Standard Bearers Competition at Blandford this year – in 2017 there was a good turnout of Standards at Eden Camp and it has been decided to hold the completion there in May – it is hoped that more accommodation will be available

Sunday all as before = Church Parade followed with refreshments then dispersal These again all in the A.G.M. Papers except the date for 'Project Noel' – full 3 day weekend only £129.00 per person inclusive of all events – Friday 30th November to Monday 3rd December 2018 – Carol and I went 2017 and it was a great weekend – Our chairman Brig. David had a good time and encourage us to fill the banquet hall in 2020

All merchandise should be purchased officially through Museum shop

The Rushden Branch and the St.Neots Branch

Are both holding an Armed Forces Day on **Sat 23rd June**. Standards are requested from Bedfordshire please. I can pass on details to any Standard Bearer who would like to attend. Last year Paul and I did two parades at St.Neots.

BEDFORD ARMED FORCES PARADE Sunday 24th June 2018

A parade, organized by the Bedford Royal British Legion, from De Parys Avenue with military personnel, with dignitaries taking the salute at the John Howard statue, Market Square and then onwards to new Riverside Square

FLAG RAISING DAY For the Start of Armed Forces Week Monday 25th JUNE 2018 Bedford Borough Hall at 0900hrs TBC

Standards attend including our Bedford Branch Standard, followed by refreshments with the Mayor.

BASTON in the BLITZ HUGE WW2 & MILITARY EXTRAVAGANZA 4th & 5th AUGUST 2018

Brudenell Playing Fields, Main Street, Baston, Lincs; PE6 9PA = between Market Deeping & Bourne – Our Chairman visited last year and reported a great event -

**RBL POPPY RACE DAY
NEWMARKET
11th AUGUST 2018**

STANDARD BEARERS – we would very much like as many standard bearers to attend as possible. The parade is quite long through to the course and down the course and back through the stands for Inspection. The Leiston RBL band will lead the parade Arrival by 12noon. You will get free admission (for Bearers only), tea and coffee supplied and then free to enjoy races after about 2.30pm. Please book in with myself via any means as below

ADMISSION TICKETS - If you wish to attend the race day as a spectator, the prices are: Premier - £18 (reduced from £27) and Grandstand & Paddock £12 (reduced from £18) with a £3 donation to RBL on every ticket sold. Please quote Code RBL18 to get the discounted price. The number to ring is **01638 675500, option 4**. You can also book online with the same code <http://newmarket.thejockeyclub.co.uk/events-tickets/whats-on/summer-saturday-august-2> . All tickets can be arranged through the RBL = Sharon Turton - 01638 675500

**RAMSEY 1940'S WEEKEND
18th/19th AUGUST 2018**

This is a large area of First World and Second war displays and re-enactments, even Tank rides. On the Sunday following a parade and Drum Head service takes place at 1100 hrs, later a Sunset Service, a great weekend for all, especially your children and grand children

**NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM
ALREWAS STAFFORDSHIRE
ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS
ANNUAL SERVICE OF REDEDICATION
SATURDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2018**

On behalf of the Master of Signals, Lieutenant General Nick Pope CBE, I would like to invite members from your branch, including your standard bearer, to our annual service of rededication at the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) on Saturday 1st September 2018.

This event has grown over recent years and is now a poignant and fitting tribute to those from the Corps who have died in the service of our Country. Attended by the Regular, Reserve and Retired members of the Corps and centred on our Corps memorial 'Jimmy' it is an opportunity for us to reflect on those who have passed whilst celebrating the achievements of those who continue to serve.

**COUNTY FUN DAY AT HENLOW PAVILION SPORTS FIELD
SUNDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2018**

We have planned for this commemorative event to be centred upon youth within the County. We hope to secure a military band, arrange a tug of war competition and send invites out to like-minded charities to also show a presence. A cash bar will be in place and refreshments will be available from vendors

**SERVICES of REMEMBRANCE. (T.B.C)
SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2018**

Organized by The Scots' Society of St. Andrew, Bedford at the mass grave of Highlanders in Bedford Cemetery on Foster Hill Road Bedford

**BEDFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE
ON FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER, 2018.**

The Royal British Legion Bedfordshire welcomes you to a special performance to commemorate those who have lost their lives in conflicts past to say "Thank You". This year, 100 years on, we invite you to come and join us to commemorate the end of The Great War-all who served, sacrificed and changed our world, for an evening of music, song, poetry and special memories. Performed by a 200 strong cast of choirs, Singers, Bagpipers and Musicians, who are all volunteering their time, for an unforgettable evening. The performance will of course embrace the Act of Remembrance with time to reflect and give thanks to our fallen heroes. Tickets are now on sale for the Bedfordshire Festival of Remembrance on Friday 9th November, 2018. Tickets are available on the Bedford Corn Exchange web site. Please click on the link to take you to the Corn Exchange web site. <https://www.bedfordcornexchange.co.uk/events/whats-on/>

**VIGIL AT THE WAR MEMORIAL
ON THE EMBANKMENT, BEDFORD
10th/11th NOVEMBER 2018**

Dear All -The Bedford Branch of the Royal British Legion is trying to organize a vigil at the War Memorial on the Embankment, Bedford running from 11am on Saturday 10th November 2018 to 11am on Sunday 11th November 2018 to commemorate the end of WWI. We will have a guard on each of the four points of the memorial which can be seated if needed and the length of time on guard is entirely up to you. We are seeking volunteers to assist the Bedford Branch in this venture, if you can help please let me know and what time you can help, we are in the process of getting hot drinks and refreshments supplied throughout the vigil.

The event will culminate at 11am on Sunday 11th November when the Honor guard will take over followed by the Bedford Branch Remembrance service.

Regards Linda Shipp – President Bedford Branch RBL

**REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE
Sunday 11th November 2018**

0600 hrs. = Pipers across the Country will play a lament
Parade - Commencing 1100 hrs.-Bedford War Memorial on Bedford Embankment -
Parade forms up outside the Café at Russell Park from about 10.00 am, where we all meet and renew friendships

And to commemorate 100 years end of hostilities =

1900 hrs. Lighting the Beacon on Castle Mound Bedford

1900 hrs. Bell ringers across the Country will ring all Church Bells

PROJECT NOEL VIII (9)

FRIDAY 30th November 2018 to MONDAY 3rd December 2018

Britannia Adelphi Hotel Liverpool.

A weekend of events for the Regular, Reserve & Retired members of the Royal Signals. On the Friday a 'Meet & Greet' evening with entertainment in one of the side function rooms, on Saturday to the Liverpool Parish Church for a wonderful service of 9 lessons and carols featuring the Band of the Royal Corps of Signals. A black tie evening gala 'Formal Dinner' in the large main function room with again the Corps band playing over dinner followed by a group for the dancing. Sunday a free time day with evening again evening entertainment in the side room again, departing mostly Monday. At 3 nights (Fri to Mon or Thurs to Sun) @ £129.00 per person, a very good weekend. Note – No payment is required when booking, full payment on arrival

COLONEL BRIAN PROPHET TROPHY

2017

Still nothing heard from any contacts still waiting. The Cadets now have new signalling equipment and hopeful we will hear soon

BEDFORD DETACHMENT ARMY CADET FORCE TROPHY

Also nothing heard from the Bedford Detachment Cadets we look forward to further information on the winner

OBITUARIES

31st March 2018 = Associated Member Joseph (Joe) Moran – Joe was the Landlord of the Phoenix Pub where we held our branch meetings for a few years until its closure. He was a good member and joined us on our War Grave trips and sold a lot of draw tickets a very good man. I attended the funeral

22nd May 2018 = Member Frank Farmer's wife = June. Funeral = 18th June 2018 at 2.30 pm Bedford Crematorium

23rd May 2018 = Member Alan Welch's wife Margaret – the little lovely one who always gave great support and a smile to our branch – funeral = 21st June 2018 at St Andrews Church, Kimbolton Road, Bedford. = 2.00 pm

Our thoughts of condolence and support for the future to all the families of above mentioned

COMMUNICATING

Just to inform you that – I do not use Facebook or Messenger – it is too much hassle and bother to read everything and most is junk - I prefer and use E-Mail for contacting and communicating – I can just about handle it. So please - to acknowledge and respond to any email sent, I will then know all has been received by you, my email address is always on that sent and every Newsletter. I will sent out in both 'Word & 'Pdf' styles. Thank you for your cooperation

MERCHANDISE **BRANCH TIES**

I still have a few of these, navy blue with Corps colour strip and Bedford Eagle above – unique to Bedford Branch at £8.50 each

LOGO POLO & SWEAT SHIRTS

Still available and I do not need any number they can be purchased singly, the logo is on the left breast as seen on the front cover page of this newsletter, being sold for £11.50 each, this covers the cost of initial logo design -- the colours are = bottle green - sunflower yellow – navy - heather – grey - red - deep navy- black- purple - emerald - burgundy - sky - white - orange and royal blue -- the sizes are = small 35-37 - med 38-40 - large 41-43 - xl 44 -46 - 2xl 47-49 - 3xl 50-52 Lettering can be adjusted accordingly to colour of background -- SWEAT SHIRTS also now available

ROYAL SIGNALS ASSOCIATION **CAR STICKER**

Still available 'Car Sicker at £2.50 each – I have them at each meeting, please ask

R.B.L. INFORMATION

Independent Living Service & Handy Vans = offer beneficiaries of all ages a high quality, friendly and professional service to live and well at home. Freephone 0808 802 8080 – 7days a week 8am-8pm. A lot of above is organised by the local Branches of R.B.L.

IMPORTANT REMAING FOR DIARY DATES 2018

BEDFORD BRANCH SUBSCRIPTION £5.00 renewable as from 1ST JANUARY 2018

Blandford Reunion	15 th - 16 th - 17 th - June 2018
Whipsnade Tree Cathedral	9 th June 2018
Rushden & St Neots Armed Forces Day	23 rd June 2018
Bedford Armed Forces Day Parade	24 th June 2018
Flag Raising	25 th June 2018
Baston in the Blitz	4 th & 5 th August 2018
Newmarket	11 th August 2018
Ramsey	18 th /19 th August 2018
National Memorial Arboretum Alrewas Staffordshire	1 st September 2018
Henlow Pavilion Sports Field	2 nd September 2018
Services of Remembrance. (T.B.C)	4 th November 2018
Bedfordshire Festival of Remembrance	9 th November, 2018.
Vigil War Memorial	10 th /11 th November 2018
Remembrance Day Parade	<u>11th November 2018</u>
Beds& Herts	18 th November 2018 (T.B.C.)
Project Noel VIII (9)	30 th November/3 rd December 2018

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Obviously I will send all Draw Tickets and such like via Royal Mail

BEDFORD BRANCH

of

ROYAL SIGNALS ASSOCIATION

Branch Meeting's always Last Tuesday of each Month

With the exception of JULY and DECEMBER

@ 2000 hours

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Royal Signals Association
Bedford Branch
PRIVACY POLICY

How we will use your information when you give your data to Bedford Branch RSA. Or you sign up to a membership or subscription.

This leaflet explains why we ask for your personal information, how we store and use it and who we may share it with, and what your rights are.

Why we ask for your personal information.

We want you to be part of our Corps family throughout your career and beyond, and by joining our branch, *Bedford Branch RSA*. We want to be able to contact you about events and branch information. By consenting to us holding your information we can administer your membership and subscription to the branch. If you would like us to hold your information for these purposes, please complete the DB06 form attached.

Who is your data shared with.

The data collected is shared with the officers of *Bedford Branch* and RSA Admin at HQ ROYAL SIGNALS. These organisations are there to support you during your membership of the Association and you may receive information about membership and subscriptions that might be of interest. A small amount of marketing is used, inviting you to events and supplying you with information of interest. If you do subscribe to a publication, your address details are given to the publishers in order to send you the publication. HQ R SIGNALS has a strict agreement with the publishers about how they must treat your information and it is only held there until the publication is distributed.

How we store your information.

The personal information you consent to give us is stored on our Branch Secretary's computer and the customer relationship management database held at HQ R SIGNALS. This database is used by members of the HQ R SIGNALS and Royal Signals Charity, The Royal Signals Benevolent Fund, The Royal Signals Association and The Royal Signals Institution. This is a fully managed system and there are procedures and policies in place in order to keep your information protected from misuse in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

Available Memberships

Branch member's details are stored on the Branch Secretary's computer.

How long we keep your information for.

Your information is kept in accordance with our retention policy. If you have a subscription and pay us money every year, then we will hold your data for 6 years after this service has stopped. If you have consented for us to contact you about future events, then we will maintain your record until you tell us you would like us to delete it.

Your rights

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Mail. Email. Phone.

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Website: <http://www.ico.gov.uk>

Date. _____ Signature. _____ Name _____

HQ R SIGNALS AND RSTL DATABASE CONSENT FORM

Form
DB06RSA

Please complete this form in **Black or Blue Ink**

PERSONAL DETAILS – ROYAL SIGNALS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Title		Initials		Surname	
First Name				Former Surname	
Preferred Name				Date of Birth (dd mm yy)	
Post-Nominals					

Note: Please include academic qualifications and professional memberships (i.e. MBE, BSc, MIET)

Address Line 1					
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Town/City					
County		Post Code			
Country (if not UK)					
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Telephone Number		Mobile Number			

SERVICE DETAILS

Service Number		Date of Joining (dd mm yy)			
Rank		Date of Leaving (dd mm yy)			

DATA PROTECTION

The HQ Royal Signals database holds personal information in order for the Royal Signals Trustees Limited (RSTL) and HQ Royal Signals to provide support for its serving and retired members. We use the information to contact you about the Charity and Corps events, process requests for Benevolence and other related Corps activity. For those serving we will use the information to administer your Days Pay Giving and Adventurous Training Grant. The RSTL comprises of the Royal Signals Institution (RSI), Royal Signals Benevolent Fund (RSBF) and The Royal Signals Association (RSA), and so data is shared between these related organisations in order to conduct its business. HQ Royal Signals and the RSTL are legally bound by the General Data Protection Regulations to ensure that any data it holds on individuals is relevant, accurate and not excessive. Additionally it must be fairly and lawfully processed, held for defined purposes, be accurate and up to date, not kept for longer than necessary, processed in line with your rights and must be secure. We will ensure that all data held on our database is treated in accordance with these principles.

Please rest assured that we will not be selling or misusing any personal data and we do not intend to contact you too often; we merely need your formal agreement for us to use your data to establish routine correspondence. To opt out at any time, please email enquiries@royalsignals.org or call 01258 482161 with your request.

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By signing this form I am giving HQ Royal Signals and RSTL explicit consent to process my information for the purposes I have agreed to on this form and I confirm that the details I have provided are correct.

I agree/disagree to the following statements	Yes/No
HQ R SIGNALS and the RSTL may hold my personal data and process it in order to advise me of news updates and events	
HQ R SIGNALS and the RSTL may hold my personal data and process it in order to process my memberships and subscriptions	
HQ R SIGNALS and the RSTL may hold my personal data and process it process it for any benevolence applications	

Signature		Date	
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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM (DB06RSA) PLUS CONSENT STATEMENTS TO:

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