

# ROYAL SIGNALS ASSOCIATION

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## BEDFORD BRANCH

### NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2019



**Our Chairman –Robert Major Esq.  
and all the Branch Officer's  
Wish you all a  
Happy New Year for 2019**

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**PAST EVENTS**

**County Poppy Appeal Launch  
On 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Following a request from Beds R.B.L. Michael Luke attended the above at Wrest Park, with a thanks to 'Taff' Gorrige who drove him there at short notice

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**SERVICES of REMEMBRANCE.**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Organized by Bedford Pipe Band at the mass grave of Highlanders in Bedford Cemetery on Foster Hill Road Bedford. Good turnout of Standards, Michael Luke carried our branch, a Deputy Lord Lt. from Scotland came down and a new memorial stone was opened along with a Spruce fir tree planting a momentous occasion

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE  
11<sup>th</sup> HOUR - 11<sup>th</sup> DAY - 11<sup>th</sup> MONTH  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Combined due to the exact date being a Sunday at Bedford War Memorial on Bedford Embankment, our wreath laid by Les Pearce and standard carried by Michael Luke, with myself due to osteoarthritis just watching, when calling back later in the day with my daughter Julie we counted over 50 wreaths had been laid along with individual crosses and painted stones, a large crowd covered the area to honour the fallen, a very good service. Tony Ager, John Dunning and Mike Taylor attended the London Cenotaph parade with our Royal Signals contingent and passed a wreath over to be laid on behalf of Bedford Branch

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**BEDS & HEARTS REUNION PARADE  
KEMPSTON BARRACKS  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

The Royal Anglian Regiment Association, Beds & Herts branch, always an honour for our branch seeing some members cap badges with 'Jimmy' who served with the Beds & Herts Regiment, Michael again carrying our Standard

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**Police Service  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
St Paul's Church,  
Bedford at 14:30hrs.**

A Police Service to commemorate those that gave their lives during WW1. I received a request at short notice again from the National Association of Retired Police Officers Secretary Lionel Stewart asking for our Standard to attend, I gave a lift to Michael Luke and we attended Formed officer and Bedfordshire Police Museum Curator Keith Jackson organised the event, after tracking down family members of the officers who went to war.

**ANNUAL BRANCH DRAW**  
**THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

Another great success again, a total of 38 prizes, 35 of which all donated by members and friends, special appreciation to Mrs Zoe Brown and her sister in remembrance of Lt. Col. Geoffrey Davis and Mrs 'Taffy' Parrott in remembrance of Norman, both passed members of our branch.

425 books sold out of 450, I am aware of the missing 25 books, due to problems with and failed postage. I will chase up those who did not return to comply with the lotteries legislation

Members, families, and friends gave a brilliant turnout of about 40 enjoyed an excellent evening, a nice buffet was served, and the club always extends a warm welcome for any members who would like to join the club. A full list of prizewinners is enclosed and all have been contacted, thank you again to make it a worthwhile evening

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**BEDFORD BRANCH SUBSCRIPTION**  
**£5.00 renewable as from 1ST JANUARY 2019**

Thank you to those who included with your Draw counterfoil, This leaves just a few of you left to pay Please make all cheques payable to 'Royal Signals Association Bedford Branch' NOT ME thank you

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**FUTUER EVENTS**

**DATES FOR 2019**

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**Next Monthly Meeting**  
**29<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

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**BEDFORD BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**  
**2000 hours**

The year-end annual reports from the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, suggest future events, discuss the proposals for meetings and elect your new committee for the forthcoming year

If you would like to send in any items for the agenda and suggestions, please make sure they reach me by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019, agenda and nomination forms enclosed We look forward to seeing you there, a Free buffet at close of meeting

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**74<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**ROYAL SIGNALS ASSOCIATION - SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019**

The 74<sup>rd</sup> RSA AGM will be held in the Carisbrooke Hall of the Victory Services Club, 63/79 Seymour Street, London W2 2HF on Sat 16th March 2019

All RSA life members invited to attend, coffee, tea and biscuits on arrival, luncheon following

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**BEDFORD BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER**  
**SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019**

At

Bedford and County Golf Club  
Green Lane  
Clapham  
Bedford  
MK41 6ET

**Cost per person to be - £27.50**

Booked for 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019, this is always a good time of year for all of us. The date and venue

has been discussed and those present at meetings still enjoy the club and the prices they charge.

Last year it was an excellent meal and great company.

Menu and attendance forms included with newsletter.

**Please Return no later than 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**

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**Concert by Coldstream Guards Band**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**

At Bedford Corn Exchange for St Georges Day celebrations. Details to follow

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**BLANDFORD REUNION**

~~21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2019~~

**Correction of dates received from H.Q.**

**14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 = 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

We usually travel on the Friday morning, for the evenings get together in Sergeants Mess Nothing has been published as to date, but you can get your names to me if interested. This will not be the same as previous years, as preparations and ideas are being practised ready for centenary celebration 2020, but once details are given, suspect at the H.Q. A.G.M. 17<sup>th</sup> March, more will be known

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**FLAG RAISING DAY**

**For the Start of Armed Forces Week**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019**

**Bedford Borough Hall at 0900hrs TBC**

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

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**ARMED FORCES PARADE**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – details to follow**

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

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**NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM**

**ALREWAS STAFFORDSHIRE**

**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

Date and Details to follow when known, for the Annual Memorial Service held at the Corps Memorial in the presence of the R.S.A. H.Q. staff. The aims of the event are to: Bless the Corps site. Families of recent bereavements are invited to attend and lay wreath's and take part in the service

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**PROJECT NOEL VIII (10)**

**FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**

A weekend of events for the Regular, Reserve & Retired members of the Royal Signals held at the Britannia Adelphi Hotel Liverpool. Details to follow

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**OBITUARIES**

None known off when going to print

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## **ANNIVERSARY**

As a matter of interest – come this September our “reformed” Bedford Branch will celebrate its **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, when the inaugural meeting was held in the old Drill Hall, Ashburnham Road, something to look forward to

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## **DATA PROTECTION**

### **New March 2018**

A big thank you to all who have returned their form of agreement to hold personal data. Under the new Government Data Protection Regulations (D.T.R.) which came into force in May 2018, we need your personal consent to retain and use your e-mail address and other details for this Association only. If you do not sign we will not be able to communicate with you by email. Please sign the form and return to the Honorary Secretary A.S.P.

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## **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

### **LAPEL BADGES**

I still have a few of these so make the Branch known and purchased our own Bedford Branch RSA lapel badge which sells at £5.50 each; contact me if you would like on

### **ROYAL SIGNALS ASSOCIATION**

### **CAR STICKER**

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

## IMPORTANT REMAINING FOR DIARY DATES 2019

### BEDFORD BRANCH SUBSCRIPTION £5.00 renewable as from 1ST JANUARY 2019

Next Monthly Meeting	<u>29<sup>th</sup> January 2019</u>
Bedford Branch Annual General Meeting	<u>26<sup>th</sup> February 2019</u>
74 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting – R. S. A.	<u>16<sup>th</sup> March 2019</u>
<b>Bedford Branch Annual Dinner</b>	<b><u>Saturday 30<sup>TH</sup> March 2019</u></b>
<b>Blandford Reunion</b>	<del>21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019</del>
<b><u>Note Change --</u></b>	<b><u>14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019</u></b>
Flag Raising Day for the Start of Armed Forces Week	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
Armed Forces Parade Details to Follow	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
National Memorial Arboretum Alrewas Staffordshire	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Project Noel VIII (10)	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 to Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2019

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#### **WEB PAGE**

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See all our photos under 'Branches' 'Bedford' site

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

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#### **BEDFORD BRANCH**

of

#### **ROYAL SIGNALS ASSOCIATION**

**Branch Meeting's always Last Tuesday of each Month**

With the exception of JULY and DECEMBER

@ 2000 hours

North End Social Club

60 Roff Avenue

Bedford

MK41 7TW

**Telephone number if required = 01234 21035**

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#### **LORD KITCHENER MEMORIAL HOLIDAY CENTRE**

#### **LOWESTOFT**

Very recommendable, pleasant helpful staff, on the sea view front south of the harbour and bus stops nearby. Good rates for Retired, Regular and Reservist for men and women who have served in the armed forces including the non- service widows and widowers of ex-service men and women service. Open April – October = 01502 573564 – [enquiries@kitchenerslowetoft.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@kitchenerslowetoft.co.uk)

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	<b>TICKET NUMBER</b>	<b>WINNERS NAME</b>	<b>PRIZE NUMBER</b>	<b>PRIZE</b>
1	592	Helen Crisp c/o John Lynn - Rushden	1	£100.00
2	879	F. Farmer - Bedford	2	£75.00
3	324	Les Pearce - Woburn Sands	3	£50.00
4	1664	Alex O'Dell c/o M Luke	4	£25.00
5	477	Mrs D O'Dell - Watford	12	£5.00 Sainsbury Voucher
6	1585	Malcolm Ware - Beeston	17	Snowflake Carrier bag
7	33	Alan Cruse - Bromham	31	Dairy Box Chocs.
8	1790	Ariana c/o Taff - Clapham	29	Mulled Wine
9	468	Mrs D O'Dell - Watford	38	Robin Wrapping prize ***
10 *	479	Mrs D O'Dell - Watford	11	1/2 Bott. Glenmorangie ***
11	1321	Christine Neal c/o A Burrige - Clapham	36	Snowflake Bottle bag
12	1251	Graham Chapman - Carlton	13	Conttevedo CAVA
13	887	Paul Gardener c/o Larry	35	Red Stripped Bottle bag
14	1472	Aran Barker - Kempston	30	Shiraz Wine
15	1448	John Bavister - Luton	33	Fold Up Trolley
16	263	Jeff Ryan - Rushden	37	Cream Bottle bag
17	1496	Tony Ager - Arlsey	25	Brandy 1503
18	169	Jim (Snr.) Wakefield - Burton Latimer	21	Roses Chocolates
19	1756	Caroline Smith - Wollaston School	19	Glenfiddick Whisky
20	981	Jeff c/o Larry - Bedford	24	Nio Red Wine
21	1385	Mrs Susan Burke - Kempston	34	Cuddly Toy
22	1323	Christine Neal c/o A Burrige - Clapham	20	Special Reserve Bells Whisky
23	1504	Tony Ager - Arlsey	26	Snowman wrapped prize
24	69	Sarah Trolley - Eaton Socon	23	Prosecco
25	13	Andrew c/o A Wheeler - Clapham	32	Talisker Whisky
26	1783	Mike Taylor - Buckingham	8	Red Stripped Bottle bag
27	369	Mrs Kathy Naughton - Nr. Skegness	6	Prosecco ***
28	852	John Gill - Derbyshire	22	Bells Whisky ***
29	982	Jeff c/o Larry - Bedford	9	Diamond Crystal Tumblers
30	482	Mrs C Corfield - Bedford	14	£10.00 Voucher
31	1433	Roger Baynes - Bedford	28	3 x Bottle Beers
32	1586	Malcolm Ware - Beeston	7	£10.00 Voucher
33	1337	Loraine Such c/o A Wheeler	16	M&S Shortbread
34	1363	Hugh Burns - Milton Keynes	15	£5.00 Sainsbury Voucher

35	530	J & I Simpson - Bromham	10	Roses Chocolates
36	1510	Tony Ager - Arlsey	5	Celebration Chocs.
37	1088	Ted Billington - Bedford	18	Victoria Biscuits
38	558	Samuel Wicks c/o R Major - Rushden	27	Scotch Wrapped prize
	<b>On behalf of our President, Chairman, Secretary and committee many thanks for your support, all prizes from and including number 4 donated</b>			
		<b>Winners marked thus *** have been sent Cheques or Vouchers</b>		<b>These Prizes will be Raffled off at later Branch Meetings - January &amp; February 2019 - with the exception of Nr. 10</b>



**ROYAL CORPS of SIGNALS FORTHCOMING DIARY of EVENTS**

15 March 2019	RSA Central Committee Meeting	VSC London
16 March 2019	RSA AGM	VSC London
17-20 May 2019	3 Div. Signals The 70's – 10th Annual Reunion	Warwick
19 May 2019	Eden Camp Parade	Malton North Yorks
<del>21-23 June 2019</del> 14 -15 -16 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Corps Weekend	Blandford Camp
29 June 2019	Armed Forces Day	National
25 August 2019	11th Gathering of the Clans	Rovers Quoit Sport & Social Club. Easington Road, Hartlepool TS24 8JZ
7 September 2019	NMA Memorial Service	National Memorial Arboretum Alrewas
16 October 2019	RSA Central Committee Meeting	TBC
7 November 2019	The Opening of the Field of Remembrance	Westminster Abbey London
10 November 2019	Cenotaph Parade	Whitehall London
29th November – 2nd December 2019	Project Noel X - <a href="#">see this site for details</a>	Liverpool
13 March 2020	RSA Central Committee Meeting	VSC London
14 March 2020	RSA AGM	VSC London
27 June 2020	Centenary Review	Blandford Camp
5 September 2020	NMA Memorial Service	National Memorial Arboretum Alrewas
5 November 2020	The Opening of the Field of Remembrance	Westminster Abbey London
8 November 2020	Cenotaph Parade	Whitehall London

**ROYAL SIGNALS ASSOCIATION**  
**AGENDA**  
**For**  
**BEDFORD BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Chairman's Welcome

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minuets of Previous Bedford Branch Annual General Meeting
- 3 Matters Arising
- 4 Presidents Address
- 5 Chairman's Annual Report
- 6 Secretary's Annual Report
- 7 Treasurers Annual Report and Accounts as approved by Auditors
- 8 Matters Arising from Treasurers Annual Report
- 9 Contributions H.Q. & Others
- 10 Election of Branch Officers
- 11 Royal Signals Association A.G.M. March & Representative Meeting  
Branch Attendees ==
- 12 Proposals (If any)
- 13 Conclusion of Branch Annual General Meeting & D.T.N. Bedford Branch  
A.G.M. Business  

A fill up and comfort break as required by Chairman? Buffet normally taken here

Commence Regular Monthly Reports
- 14 Secretary's Monthly Meeting Report and Mail
- 15 Visiting Officer Monthly Meeting Report
- 16 Annual Dinner Report – Guests- Menu Names & Numbers
- 17 Events & Outing proposals for year ahead
- 18 A.O.B.
- 19 D.T.N. Branch Meeting

**BEDFORD BRANCH of the ROYAL SIGNALS ASSOCIATION  
NOTICE**

**For  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Dear Member, The Annual General Meeting of the above Branch will take place on:

**TUESDAY  
26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

**At  
2000 hours (8-00pm)**

Please find your enclosed nomination form to be returned before the commencement of proceeding please, should you wish to vote.

You are not obliged to fill in all the positions marked, only those you would like to nominate. Please ask the Nominee's before entering names

TEAR HEAR -----				
Committee	Role		Serving Member 2018	Nominee Name 2019
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CHAIRMAN	!		Mr R. Major	!
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VICE CHAIRMAN	!		Mr M Taylor	!
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SECRETARY	!		Mr Trevor Holyoake	!
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TREASURER	!		Mr R. Major	!
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VISITING OFFICER	!		None	!
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COMMITTEE MEMBER	!		Mr J. D. Wakefield	!
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COMMITTEE MEMBER	!		Mr R.A.D. Gorringe	!
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COMMITTEE MEMBER	!		Mr Alan Welch	!
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COMMITTEE MEMBER	!		Mr E Isaac	!
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COMMITTEE MEMBER	!			!
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STANDARD BEARERS	Nr 1	!	Michael Luke	!
	Nr 2	!	None Elected	!
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AUDITOR		!	Mr Arthur Wheeler	!
			(Associated Branch Member)	
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AUDITOR		!	Mr Robert Sheridan	!

Name of Proposer (capitals please) \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_



**19 in Association with the Bell @ Odell**

**Royal Signals Association Bedford Branch Annual Dinner**

**30<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Proposed menu**

**Starter**

Homemade cream of Tomato Soup

Chicken Liver and Whisky Pate

Smoked Fish Salad with Horseradish Mayonnaise

**Main Course**

Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding

Poached Loin of Cod in Parsley Sauce

Mushroom and Tarragon Risotto

**Dessert**

Lemon Tart

Warm Chocolate Brownie with Ice Cream

Fresh Fruit in Brandy Snap Basket

**Followed by**

Cheeseboard & Tea/Coffee

**£27.50 per person**

# ROYAL SIGNALS ASSOCIATION



## BEDFORD BRANCH ANNUAL BRANCH DINNER

**30h March 2019**

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ Number of places for the ANNUAL DINNER at = **£27.50 – per person**

Being a total sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ and enclose a cheque/cash of £\_\_\_\_\_ a deposit of £10.00 per place each, (full payment accepted if you choose) Full balance payment by – **2nd March 2019** please

**Cheques payable to 'Royal Signals Association Bedford Branch'**

**Your cheque number = \_\_\_\_\_ amount = \_\_\_\_\_**

Name (Capitals please): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and indicate your choices from the enclosed menu, abbreviations accepted

Mr/Mrs/Miss & Initial & Surname	: STARTER	:	MAIN COURSE	:	DESERT
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

**Please add more if required**

**1930 hrs for 2000 hrs**

**Dress: Lounge Suit**

Thank you very much for your assistance

**Please Return no later than 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**

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