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STAPLE HILL & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Covering Bromley Heath, Downend, Emersons Green, Fishponds, Frenchay, Lyde Green, Mangotsfield and Staple Hill



The Coronation of our new King takes place in May and we plan to celebrate in style!

We have a fantastic party organised with the Mickey Finn band at the Page Community Association and on the Sunday our members will join with the community in Page Park for the 'Big Lunch' organised by the fantastic Friends of Page Park.

Some of our members have been lucky to have been invited to the veteran enclosure on the Mall and to the concert at Windsor Castle; well done to them and we can't wait to see the pictures.

Welcome to our community newsletter!

Wherever you are and whatever you're doing, enjoy this historic event! I will be on the Mall watching the events and eagerly awaiting the awesome flypast of the Royal Air Force over the palace!

Later in the year we will be commemorating the anniversary of the Korean War with a special service of remembrance.

On a personal note, it has been wonderful to see so many new members join us recently. We have been an important and integral part of the local community for almost 100 years and as we approach our second century we adapt to keep our branch fun and engaging.

If you are interested in what we do and what we get up to, feel free to pop along to

one of our socials and speak to us. We're a friendly bunch and there's always something fun happening.

This newsletter will continue being produced every quarter and will be delivered around our community to keep you informed about what we are up to.

I hope to welcome you at one of our events soon!

Jan

Ian Campbell - Branch Chairman



We meet on the first Friday of the month at the Page Community Association at 7pm.

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2023 - The Year So Far

The first quarter of the year has been jampacked with socials, trips and branch activity, the rest of the year is looking very much the same...

We began January at our County Conference. This is always a great opportunity for local branches to get together and share what we have been doing and once again our branch won several awards for outstanding achievements!

As well as our monthly socials and meetings, we have plenty of fun trips booked and February saw members travel to Birmingham for the International Tattoo. They were treated to the some of the best seats in the venue and spectacular music and acts from around the world.



Jo from the Space Detectives was back with us again this year, this time she took us on an adventure to discover alien worlds. We are very fortunate that Jo has invited the branch to her observatory in Exmoor next year to

view these worlds with our own eyes! Our vice-chairman, Scott completed his fundraising efforts in undertaking 2,100 squats and raised an amazing £353 for the Royal British Legion.

Finally, we travelled to Leighton, as we do each year, to commemorate ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) day and remember the Australian airmen that died whilst training during the first World War.

That is only a snapshot of what we have been upto so far this year but as you can see, we are a very busy branch and we are always organising fun and interesting things for our members.

If you are interested, please pop along and see what we are about and consider joining us as a member.



Join the Royal British Legion for FREE: A Perfect Opportunity for Young People

Are you a young person or local cadet looking to make a meaningful contribution to your local community or to give back to those who have served their country? Look no further – joining the Staple Hill and District Branch of the Royal British Legion is the perfect opportunity. And the best part? It's free!

If you're a young person living in the local area, joining the Staple Hill and District Branch of the Royal British Legion is an excellent way to get involved in your community and meet new friends. By becoming a member, you'll have access to a wide range of events and activities that are focused on supporting those who have served in our armed forces and their families as well as our monthly events locally.

At our branch, we're committed to providing a supportive and inclusive environment for all members, regardless of age

or background. Whether you're interested in attending fundraising events, volunteering as a standard bearer, or simply socialising with like-minded people, there's something for everyone at our branch.



Our branch is committed to building on our youth element and working with local youth groups and cadet units and parents/guardians.

If you're interested in getting involved, we encourage you to visit our website or contact Scott on staplehill.vicechairman@rbl.commnity us for more information. By joining the Staple Hill and District Branch of the Royal British Legion, you'll be taking the first step towards making a positive impact in your community.

Just a bit of fun...

An off-duty soldier took a train. When the train reached its first stop, a general walked in, and the soldier stood up.

The General said, "At ease soldier, sit down." The train reached its second stop, again the soldier stood up, and the General once again said, "At ease soldier, sit down."

When the train reached its third stop, again, the soldier stood up. This time, the General looked at him and said, "You don't have to salute every time we reach a stop."

The soldier replied, "I want to get off, I missed my stop 2 stations ago."



MAY

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CORONATION PARTY EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Friday at 7.30pm.
Page Community Association.

£10pp includes food

Call Lynn on 07919151866.



MAY

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BRANCH BREAKFAST GUESTS MUST PREBOOK

Saturday 10am.
The Lamb Inn, Mangotsfield.

Only £5 for a full English with tea or coffee.

Call Jodie on 07833262389.



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BRANCH QUIZ

Friday at 7pm.
Page Community Association.

Buffet & raffle tickets available on the night!

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BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

Why should you join our branch?

- We like to have fun whilst serving our beneficiaries
- Throughout the year we have quizzes, guest speakers, meals and games nights!
- We support the Armed Forces, veterans and their families locally
- We have several exciting trips away

But to do all of the above, we need you to join us.

So, what are you waiting for?

Pop along or call Aileen on 07787733970.



BRANCH BREAKFAST Only £5_{PP}

Booking is essential - call 07833262389

First Saturday of every month
at the Lamb Inn, 10am

If you're a veteran, serving member or widow(er) and can't afford the breakfast or need transport, please let us know as we may be able to help.

BRANCH QUIZ

CASH PRIZE!

7pm Friday 2nd June
Page Community Association

Only £2 per person - Teams of up to 6

Teams must register with
Lynn on 07919151866

Can you help us support our veterans?

We are helping several veterans at the moment, but we need more volunteers to join us as telephone befrienders and home/hospital visitors. Full training is provided.

If you feel you could help and spare a couple of hours, please contact Jodie on 07833262389.



POPPY APPEAL 2023

In 2022 we raised over £42,000 in our area! A big thank you to everyone that helped us achieve this.

This year, we need more volunteers than ever to help at our supermarket locations.

We are hosting a Poppy information day on **Saturday 17 June 2023 at the YouF Centre, Page Road. 12pm-1pm.**

Whether you have volunteered for us before or you would like to start, anyone is able to come along and find out about the Poppy Appeal and this year's timetable.

Please visit www.staplehill.org.uk/events or call 07950104450 to register.



Coach Trips 2023/24

27 MAY - PORTSMOUTH NAVAL YARD
£14pp for the coach (does not include entry to the venue).

29 SEP - 2 OCT - BATTLEFIELDS TOUR
Includes 3-nights accommodation with breakfast and coach travel.
More information on our website - www.staplehillrbl.org.uk.
From £379pp



11 NOV - FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE
Royal Albert Hall, London.
Register your interest now. Branch members get access to early tickets.

27 JAN - EXMOOR OBSERVATORY
See space through a telescope with the Space Detectives.
£45pp (includes travel, the event and a meal)

11 FEB - BIRMINGHAM TATTOO

More info to follow.



For more information or details of other 2023 trips, please contact our Social Secretary, **Lynn Chilcott** on 07795035929 or visit our website.

Useful Numbers

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