

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 07423629660.



# 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.

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 call Ian Campbell, Poppy Appeal Organiser 07950104450 to register.



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# STAPLE HILL & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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

## Coach Trips 2023/24

**11 NOV - FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE**  
Royal Albert Hall, London.  
**FULLY BOOKED**



## 27 JAN - EXMOOR OBSERVATORY

Join the Space Detectives at their observatory in Exmoor and spend an evening gazing at the stars!  
Leaving at 4pm and returning home around midnight. This will give us maximum opportunity to see the night sky.  
**£50pp** (includes travel, the event and a meal)

## 11 FEB - BIRMINGHAM TATTOO

The Birmingham International Tattoo is Britain's biggest indoor tattoo (a type of military tournament) featuring marching bands, pipes & drums, field gun racing, dog racing, dance teams and much more including a spectacular Grand Finale with over 1,000 performers.

**Adults £51 / Seniors £49** (includes Platinum grade tickets and return coach travel)



For more information or details of other 2023 trips, please contact our Social Secretary, **Jodie Chilcott** on 07423629660 or visit our website.

## Useful Numbers

**Branch Chairman / General queries**  
**Ian Campbell 07950104450**

**To join the branch**  
**0800 307 7773**

**Branch Membership Queries**  
**Aileen Hulin 07787733970**

**National RBL Support (8am-8pm)**  
**0800 802 8080**

**Local Community Support**  
**Jodie Chilcott 07423629660**



## Welcome to our community newsletter!

As we approach the end of another successful and busy year for our branch, we look forward to 2024.

I would like to thank members of the local community for joining us in Page Park recently to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of the Korean War and the 20th anniversary of the start of the Iraq War. It was a wonderful turnout and we were honoured to have veterans from both wars with us.

The Poppy Appeal is here again and we are gearing up for a busy period with our fantastic volunteers. If you would like to join us at one of our

supermarkets, please do get in touch. The more the merrier!

Some of our members will be at the Royal Albert Hall again this year for the Festival of Remembrance. This is always a memorable event and one that continues to be a highlight for those attending. Members get early tickets, so if you were thinking about joining us as a member, this is one of the benefits.

On a personal note, it has been wonderful to see so many new members join us this year. 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 and will be delivered around our community to keep you informed about what we are up to. But for regular updates, please head to our website or Facebook page.

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

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

[www.StapleHillrbl.org.uk](http://www.StapleHillrbl.org.uk)

## 2023 - The Year Coming to an End

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...

This has been a great year for the branch. Our members celebrated with the community for the Coronation of Kings Charles III. We held our own party but also took part in the Big Lunch in Page Park and some members were invited to Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle!

Our regular monthly socials were a big hit again this year with quizzes, music and great food. We organised some brilliant and interesting speakers

for members and their guests including the Space Detectives and British Forces Broadcasting Service. We made sure we

had a fun time!

Coach trips have also been a key part of our growth and members enjoyed trips to the Historic Dockyards of Portsmouth, Bovington Tank Museum

and the Birmingham International Tattoo as well as others.

We travelled to Leighterton, 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. We also commemorated the Iraq War and the Korean War with a special service in Page Park.

As you can see, it's been a busy year and we are growing month on month.

If you are interested in what we do or becoming a member, please pop along to one of our monthly socials and speak with us, you are more than welcome.



## 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](mailto:staplehill.vicechairman@rbl.commnity) 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.

## Remembrance 2023

Details of this year's Remembrance Day services and parades have now been confirmed for Staple Hill and Mangotsfield.

Staple Hill Parade will form up on Page Road and leave at 1020am. The service in Page Park will then start at 1045am. led by the Salvation Army.

Mangotsfield's service will start at 1200pm at the War memorial.

Full details can be found on [www.staplehillrbl.org.uk](http://www.staplehillrbl.org.uk)



OCT

### POPPY BALL GUESTS MUST PREBOOK

Friday at 7.30pm.  
Page Community Association.

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£25pp includes three courses and live band! More info on our website.

Call Ian on 07950104450.



NOV

### BRANCH SOCIAL

Friday at 7pm.  
Page Community Association.

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Buffet & raffle tickets available on the night!

Feel free to come along and meet us on the evening.



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### CHRISTMAS MEAL GUESTS MUST PREBOOK

Sunday 12pm  
Rose and Crown, Pucklechurch

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Only £24.95 for two courses or £29.95 for three.

Call Jenny on 07809127809.



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Friday at 7pm.  
Page Community Association.

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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 £6pp

Booking is essential - call 07423629660

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.

# ANNUAL POPPY BALL

14 October 2023 7pm  
Page Community Association

Tickets £25pp

INCLUDES THREE-COURSE MEAL  
AND ENTERTAINMENT

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