

# Royal British Legion Report to the Annual Town Meeting 2018

The Royal British Legion (RBL) has a national membership of over 230000. Did you know that you do not have to have served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces to become a member, just a belief in the main aims of the RBL which are:

1. The nation's main custodian of Remembrance
2. Fund raising mainly through the Poppy Appeal
3. Comradeship and support within the wider community

Your local branch (Henley & Peppard) meets at 11:30am on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Christ Church Centre, Reading Road, Henley on Thames.

We always have a guest speaker and have enjoy talks on a variety of subjects ranging from:

History of medicine.

Life in wartime France.

Brief history of bio warfare.

Letters home from the Great War.

History of the Toastmaster.

William Morris (Lord Nuffield) cars and philanthropy

Each talk is followed by an excellent home-cooked 2 course lunch including a glass of wine and coffee.

INTERESTED?

Please contact our membership secretary Mollie Jeffrey (mobile 07768 851651) or branch secretary on 01189 722527

2018 being the centenary of the end of the Great War holds special significance.

\* Look out for the RBL stand in Market Place Monday 7th May

\*5-9 August Great Pilgrimage 90 (GP 90). To mark the centenary of the "last 100 days offensive" on the Western Front, the RBL are organising a mass pilgrimage to the Menin Gate in Ypres. More than one thousand Standard Bearers and Wreath carriers are expected to attend including the Henley branch Chairman and his grandson who will be wearing his great grandfathers medals.

\*10th November the renowned Aliquando Choir are planning a very special concert of music and readings at St Marys Church Henley.

\*11th November the traditional Remembrance service and parade will take place in Market Place. As always the general public are encouraged to attend this moving act of commemoration.

\*On Sunday evening 11th November Henley will light a beacon at Makin's recreation ground as part of a national event when it is expected over one thousand beacons will be lit across the country.

Time details of all the events mentioned above will be published in the Henley Standard and online through the Henley Herald