

Royal British Legion - West Dereham Branch No 3689
Meeting 12.00 am Sunday 10 June 2018 in the Village Hall

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1.15 pm - Lunch at Bedingfeld Arms

All members of the Royal British Legion West Dereham Branch are invited to attend the next meeting in the Village Hall on Sunday 10 June 2018. This meeting will be followed by lunch in the Bedingfeld Arms, Oxborough. The cost of lunch will be £17.50 per person for two courses (pay Nick on the day). A raffle will be held after lunch.

AGENDA

1. **Chairman's welcome.** (v 4 of Robert Laurence Binyon's poem 'For the Fallen')
*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them. (repeated by all)*
2. **Minutes of last meeting held 18 March 2018.** *Minutes have already been issued and no comments have been received.*
3. **Matters arising from minutes of 18 March 2018 meeting.**
(i) Item 3 – 'The Battle's Over, Beacons of Lights' and update on the brazier by Bonnett's.
4. **Secretary's report (NC).** *(i) Membership – Gary Younge of Stoke Ferry is no longer a member of RBL. (ii) Mike Mahoney, Allotments Liaison Officer – is now a potential member. (iii) Royal Albert Hall Festival of Remembrance, Sat 10 Nov - tickets.*
5. **Treasurer's report (LH).** *To receive an update on the Branch's financial position – end of financial year 30 June 2018.*
6. **GP 90: 5-8 Aug 18 – TF and HF are branch reps in Ypres.** *To receive an update: TF & PK's fund-raising fish & chip supper evening Fri 30 Mar and fund raising coffee morning on Sat 28 April. The action now required for the message on HF's wreath.*
7. **Centenary of the conclusion of WW1 - The last 100 days.** *Our branch meeting on 9 September and a commemorative event.*
8. **Commemorations** *(i) 15 Jul 1918, the 5th and final German offensive begins, attacking the Champagne District in France (fails). (ii) 8 Aug 1918, the Allies attack – the battle of Amiens ("The Black Day of the German Army") & the last 100 days offensive by the Allies. 8 August 2018 – Commemorative Service at Amiens Cathedral. (iii) 12 Sep 1918, first attack of WW1 led by US Forces near Verdun. (iv) 29 Sep 1918, Bulgaria signs armistice with Allies. (v) 24 Oct to 3 Nov 1918, the collapse of the Austrian-Hungarian Empire and foundation of new State of Czechoslovakia. (vi) 4 Nov 1918, poet William Owen killed. (vii) 9 Nov 1918, Kaiser Wilhelm II exiled in Netherlands. (viii) 11 Nov 1918, Canadian forces fight way into Mons with Private George Price killed by German sniper moments before armistice at 11.00 am. 11 Nov 2018 – Commemorative Service at St Symphorien Cemetery, Mons in Belgium where first and last soldiers killed in WW1 are buried. 888,246 British & Commonwealth soldiers lie dead. Church bells will ring out across UK. 1,400 new bell ringers are being recruited – the number who died in WW1.*
9. **Diary dates.** *(i) Sat 30 Jun - Armed Forces Day; (ii) Sun 9 Sept – next branch meeting.*
10. **Any other business.**