

Report from Wrentham & District British Legion Branch

Following the success of last year, the Wrentham Branch of the British Legion continues to flourish. We now have meetings every other month, and this includes coffee and biscuits.

In October Giles Stibbe, one of our members, gave an interesting talk on the Household Cavalry Foundation, which was well attended, refreshments were provided. We hope to try and hold at least two events per year and were in the initial stages of planning an event to coincide with Armed Forces Day this year, however, this has now been replaced with the party to mark the Coronation of His Majesty The King, which three members of the branch are organising.

We were extremely grateful to our Secretary, Beryl Banester, who ensured the flag was flown correctly during the period of National Mourning for Her Late Majesty The Queen. For the observant among you, this was not simply a case of lowering it to half-mast for the duration, as the flag had to be raised to full mast during the reading of the Proclamation, and then lowered again.

Our Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator had another successful year and beat her own record as we raised £2,382.77 for the Poppy Appeal in 2022.

The AGM was held on 23rd September and all officers were re-elected – these are Lucinda Hutson as Chairman, Rosie Carter as Treasurer and Beryl Banester as Secretary. Frank Pope also agreed to continue as our Standard Bearer for another year.

As a reminder, anyone can join the British Legion – you do not have to have served in the forces, so if you are interested in supporting the Legion, and therefore our servicemen and women, do please get in touch with Beryl.

Lucinda Hutson
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