

# Royal British Legion Kyrenia



KYRENIA BRANCH

## Winter newsletter

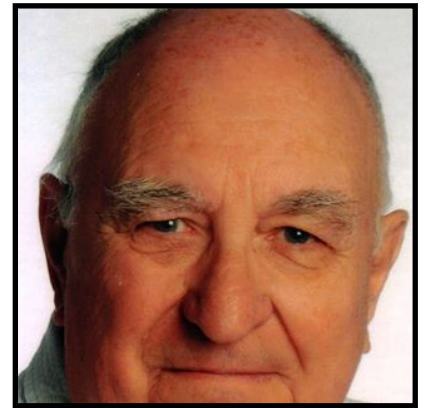


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## CHAIRMAN'S WINTER REPORT

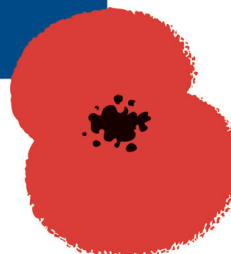
### Happy New Year !

In wishing all members & supporters a very Happy New Year, the Committee also trust you have all come through the worst North Cyprus winter in years, in good shape. Constant reports indicate that many of us have suffered from colds & influenza in the past weeks, as we have experienced almost continual heavy rain, hail, a little snow & low temperatures.



Some have reported that they have been diagnosed with C.O.P.D. which, for some, has meant spending time in hospital. C.O.P.D (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) is a dangerous condition; elements of bronchitis, emphysema, asthma & a heavy cold can conspire to cause real trouble, especially with maturing folk who have, or who are still, tempted by tobacco. So for the foreseeable future, keep safe & warm until that beautiful & welcome North Cyprus sun & spring arrives.

## IN SUPPORT OF



## Poppy Appeal 2018 Results

In the continuing absence of our treasurer Ian Smith, to whom we send our best wishes (he is in the UK recovering from serious illness), former Treasurer Lillian White continues to 'hold our financial fort' and has produced results to the end of January 2019. Following audit, the accounts will be presented for adoption at the next Branch Meeting on 25th March (15:00 hrs. venue to be confirmed).

Special thanks are due to Lilian, who is also unwell following surgery in the UK; moreover she is currently in a local hospital recovering from yet another medical procedure. Get well soon Lilian.

In the meantime, it is pleasing to report that in the region of £13.5k has been forwarded to London. This is a huge contribution from our small branch in an unrecognised country & reflects the huge effort that has been made by the the Membership, Committee and willing volunteers over the past year. Thank you to you all, with special mention for Appeals Secretary Jill Bell & her band of helpers. (This sum does not include monies which have been retained by the branch for local purposes such as Welfare etc).

Our latest cash submission to HQ brings the total amount sent since the branch was founded in October 2011 to c. £103k. At the next Branch Meeting I shall be proposing a special vote of thanks & congratulations to all those who have made this landmark figure possible under the inspirational leadership & guidance of Past Chairman Major Brian Thomas; it is a fine legacy for him!

## **Scrooge: A Christmas Carolling directed by Ian Chennell**

Anyone who took the chance to see this production at Kyrenia's fantastic newly refurbished theatre (near the Wednesday market site), could not fail to be inspired by the sheer dedication & hard work put in by the RBL Players. This was a seasonal show with a difference, concentrating on the conversion of Scrooge (Paul Jones) from being a mean old Dickensian skin-flint to becoming a caring benefactor, especially at Christmastide: no more 'Bah-Humbug', more 'Have a mince pie'.

An excellent production, with brilliant stage effects; all reflecting the professionalism of the players on stage (especially the children) and the skills of those backstage – set designers, special effects producers, costumiers, sound engineers & of course the front-of-house team. All conspired to raise 9000 TL for the RBL Poppy Appeal.

## **Next Branch Meeting 25 March 2019**

All members are welcome, if not expected to attend. You will receive Branch Committee Reports in advance of the meeting. Please be prepared for a short illustrated presentation on the History of the Royal British Legion, which contains quite a few surprising snippets.

## **Veterans Hearing Fund**

At a previous Branch Meeting, we received a presentation on the Scheme, designed to assist those who suffer hearing impairment following military service. Many of our members have benefited from this excellent programme; perhaps some are unaware of the new technology now available at minimal or no cost to RBL members; hence the presentation will be repeated at the March meeting, so please come along to hear (no pun intended), if you, or someone close to you, may qualify for assistance.

We are inviting members of the BRS to join us for this part of the meeting. We are grateful to David Connold for his initiative in this regard.

There will be a complimentary buffet available as the meeting comes to a close.

## **St George's Day Luncheon (s): 23rd April 2019**

Watch out for further details of two fundraisers, one in the west & one in the east to celebrate the Feast Day of England's Patron Saint, who was a soldier.

## **Memorial Health Care Group: Royal British Legion – Kyrenia Branch.**

Established in 2000, the Memorial Healthcare Group aims to become a world-class healthcare brand with pioneering practices in medicine. With qualified & competent staff, the business complies with all appropriate international quality standards as it strives to maintain a satisfaction-orientated approach to patient treatment & service

With eleven hospitals throughout Turkey (three in Antalya), Memorial is the first Joint Commission International accredited hospital in Turkey; 21st in the world.

In addition to providing emergency treatment Memorial have specialised clinics & departments including an organ donor transplant department.

The Memorial Healthcare group has agreed in principle that RBL members will be entitled to:

1. The first consultation by a Memorial Doctor or medical specialist will be free whether conducted at a Turkey mainland location or at a clinic in the TRNC. Additionally, any member currently under medical treatment will be able to take their medical reports to the Memorial specialists for their opinion.
2. Any diagnosis by a Memorial specialist requiring further medical procedure will be itemised; treatment costs will be a fixed price; no additional fees unless identified by a medical practitioner as being required and necessary at the time of treatment. Memorial group are offering a 25% discount for treatment & further state that fees for RBL members will be competitive, or cheaper than discounted treatment at TRNC hospitals. Patients will be provided with a full & verified Curriculum Vitae of the Doctors or Specialists conducting treatments.
3. Agreed treatment needed to be undertaken at a mainland Turkey facility: Patients will have assisted travel arrangements. Patients will pay for flights; travel to and from the airport will be provided by the Memorial group as well as special entry and exit through airport passport control and security.  
The nearest Memorial hospitals for treatment from the TRNC are located at Antalya and Istanbul.
4. Fees can be paid in Turkish Lira, Euros, Dollars or GBPs.
5. All hospitals and facilities will provide English speaking assistance.
6. Hospital accommodation standards vary according to budgetary constraints; however, 24hour medical care is guaranteed in all facilities.
7. The Memorial group will consider medical costs for hardship cases put to them by the RBL Committee.

8. The memorial group has access to an air ambulance facility for more serious cases which will be available to RBL members if required.
9. An Istanbul residential rehabilitation centre is available to RBL members; this can be used for extensive treatment whether following treatment at a Memorial facility or for long term injury.
10. Relatives of patients undergoing treatment in Turkey may avail themselves of reduced rates at nearby hotels. Book through your Memorial contact..
11. Memorial group will shortly arrange specialist clinics at consulting rooms in Nicosia; additionally a free diabetic check-up day will be available soon.
12. Memorial Healthcare Group is to be invited to address an RBL Branch Meeting during which members will be able to question executives on matters of concern or interest. TBA.

Memorial Healthcare Membership Cards are now available for RBL Members. Please collect from the Lambousa market stall on Saturday mornings; or Credit West Bank at Çatalköy between 10am & noon on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month.

Kind Regards

*Keith*



## LOTTERY RESULTS

Here are the results from the last 2 months' lottery games. The winning number is the one drawn on the UK National Lottery each Saturday. Each number costs 2.50TL and there is a weekly prize of 100TL. The balance from all numbers sold will go to the RBL Poppy Appeal. Could I ask you wherever possible to pay your bonus ball at least 1 month in advance.

01 DEC 18	57	ROLL OVER	N/A
08 DEC 18	17	DICK BEALER	200 TL
15 DEC 18	19	SUE ROBERTS	100 TL
22 DEC 18	30	DOT RODGERS	100 TL
29 DEC 18	28	JENNY TYLER	100 TL
05 JAN 19	6	GORDON HAYES	100 TL
12 JAN 19	26	PAUL & SUE SHAW	100 TL
19 JAN 19	45	ANNE LLOYD	100 TL
26 JAN 19	45	ANNE LLOYD	100 TL

Many Thanks for your continued support... Jenny Tyler

**\*\*FROM THE 2 LOTTERIES THE RBL RECEIVED 200 TL\*\***

Jenny Tyler will be collecting payments each Wednesday at the Olive Press Bowling Club, Lapta between 10.30am to 12 midday. Payments can also be made at any RBL function or at the RBL stall Lambousa. Should you wish to go onto the waiting list for a Bonus Ball number - she only uses 49 numbers so if numbers 50-59 are drawn it is a roll over for the next week. - please contact Jenny on 0533