



Update from the Royal British Legion – Compton, IIsleys and Norreys Branch

As the Legion approaches Remembrance time of the year, we are preparing to launch the Poppy Appeal locally and making plans for the **Remembrance Sunday parade and service on 8th November, this year being held in West IIsley**. The Branch knows that this event will be well supported by members, local government representatives, youth groups and supporters – so please do come wherever you live. The service begins just before 1100hrs at the War Memorial situated in the West IIsley church grounds. All those wishing to parade should be ready to set off from outside the Harrow Pub at 1030hrs.

As regards the Poppy Appeal, we are pleased to report that David Shepherd has agreed to become the Poppy Appeal Organiser (PAO) for Aldworth following Mel Sitch's death earlier this year.

In Compton, we are looking for a volunteer to organise and manage Poppy Appeal collections in the village. Peter Whitworth is the present PAO incumbent. The Legion is looking for someone to support Peter this year with a view to taking over from him in 2016. **Would any reader willing to consider taking up this role in Compton please contact the under signed.** The PAO does not have to be a member of the RBL but they must support the aims of the Legion – to help the serving and ex serving community.

Our annual charity lunch, to launch this year's Poppy Appeal, will take place on Friday 23rd October. We are very pleased to announce that Richard Benyon MP has accepted an invitation to attend as guest speaker. The event will take place at the White Hart in Hampstead Norreys gathering at 12 noon and sitting down at 12.45pm. Tickets to this event – a two course lunch and a glass of wine - will cost £17. We expect seating to be subject to high demand, so anyone wanting to reserve a place should contact one of the undersigned as soon as possible.

The Branch has recruited several new members since our last update. You do not have to be ex services (or a senior citizen!) but only supportive of the charity's objectives. The membership annual subscription is small at £16. To join, please contact one of the undersigned. Steve Allison tel 07812 991013 email steveallison1888@aol.com or David Norbury TD, tel 07770 326128 email davidnorbury@btinternet.com