

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
CLUB
BROADSTONE**



**"THE POPPY"
Newsletter**

THE CLUB – 2017

It's now been a year since our first edition of "The Poppy". (Where has the time gone and what has been happening in the Broadstone RBL Club?) The first thing which is noticeable is that the refurbishment of the Restaurant area has been completed with new furniture and seating, and very smart it looks too.

Both the Race Day and Fashion Show were a huge success with both events being well supported. The Christmas Draw was one of the best ever with 136 prizes given out. Many compliments were received by the Committee on how the Club was decorated at Christmas. Thanks to all those that helped put them up.

The annual Childrens' Party was also a success but volunteers are required to run it at the end of this year. Perhaps some of the parents can get together and carry on running this popular event. If anyone is interested please speak to the Bar Staff or the Club Secretary.

Our New Year's Eve party was also a success with Stevie Johns and Martin (our disco king) providing the music. Our entertainment program has now been arranged for this year. Please pick up a program at the end of the Reception Desk.

As a result of feedback and requests from many Members we now have a pool table which is situated in the main bar. This is not to everyone's taste but *it is* proving popular. We, the Committee, do listen to constructive comments from Members and try to cater for all.

At the recent AGM, where over ninety Members were present, a new Committee was selected with a mixture of new and established volunteers. A list of Committee members chosen are listed below.

Finally, as mentioned in the previous "Poppy" Newsletter, this Club was established in 1947, originally situated in two WW2 ex-Army wooden huts, so this year we will be celebrating our **70th Anniversary**. What an achievement and haven't we come a long way since then? This special anniversary will be celebrated throughout the weekend commencing Friday 15th Sept until Sunday 17th Sept with great entertainment for all. **Not to be missed.**

From the Committee – thank you for your continued support and may we wish you good health and happiness in 2017.

Entertainment Program

Live Acts every Saturday from 9pm

Mar

4th Gronya

11th Martin Maton

18th Fretworks

25th Stevie Johns

Apr

1st Mr. Wiseguy

8th New Era

15th Tony Adams

22nd Ben Lambert

29th Emma C

Quizzes

Sports Quiz

First Tuesday of every month starting at 8.30pm. Teams of 4 – Cash prizes

General Quiz

Last Thursday of every month starting at 8.30pm – Cash Prizes

Card Bingo

Every Sunday from 1pm - £1 per game Cash Prizes



Watch all your favourite Sports here at “The Club” and enjoy a pint or two

Coming Up??

Lee's Music and Entertainment Quiz Night

Easter Sunday 16th April

commencing at 7.30pm

£1 per person to enter

Teams of 6 max

Race Day out to Goodwood

5th August 2017.

Cost approximately £30

which includes coach and entrance to Lennox Enclosure. Names to be put on list by 31st Mar– See Notice Board

Eat and Meet

If you live on your own for whatever reason and want a place to go to meet and chat to others in the same situation, then come along to the Eat and Meet gathering, which (if you are a Member) includes a really nice lunch at a reduced price. They meet once a month, details of which are on the Notice Board opposite the Reception Desk. Or contact May Newman on [01202 383903](tel:01202383903) - email maytony2009@hotmail.co.uk.
You will be made very welcome.

Car Parking

The use of the Club's Car Park has now become a serious issue. Members and other Club users / visitors are unable to park their vehicles simply because unauthorised persons are taking up car parking spaces and not using the Club's facilities. Some of these vehicles are parked all day, which is not acceptable.

We are monitoring and policing this situation as much as possible but we would ask you kindly to only use the Club Car Park if you are using the facilities of the club at the time of parking. We wish to make it clear that we have no problem with those Members who have been drinking in the Club and wish to park their vehicles overnight rather than get caught for "Drink Driving".

Restaurant

Nella, who has been our Caterer for a few years now has joined forces with Audrey White and together they are now known as **"Poppy Caterers"**

Again by request from Members, the Restaurant will be opened at different times, as listed below and will provide all your catering needs including buffets for private functions, parties, wakes etc.

The Restaurant provides a very varied menu with homemade meals plus speciality dishes but should you require anything special just give Nella or Audrey a call on

07594468239 or 07809 884720

Times of Opening for the Restaurant are as follows:

Tuesday -	12pm to 3pm (Pensioners two course lunch)
Wednesday -	12pm to 3pm
Thursday -	12pm to 2pm and on Quiz Night 7pm to 8pm
Friday -	12pm to 2pm and 7pm to 9pm
Saturday -	10am to 2pm (Breakfast and Snacks)
also	7pm to 9pm
Sunday -	12pm to 3pm

Mothing Sunday Lunch 26th March – Bookings now being taken

**MEAT DRAW – EVERY FRIDAY AT
10.30PM**

Chase the Ace

Open to Broadstone Club Members ONLY who must produce their "Broadstone Membership Card" when purchasing draw tickets and collecting their winnings. Draw takes place every Friday evening. £1 per ticket. If your ticket is chosen by our random number machine the Club Member (no substitutes) then has the chance to try to select the Ace of Diamonds card from the Chase the Ace locked cabinet. If this card is chosen whatever has been accumulated as prize money can be yours.

Membership

As most of you are aware this past year has been, to say the least, challenging in that the RBL decided to change their method of collecting fees, which has caused great confusion amongst our members.

The RBL no longer collect the individual Clubs fees and it is for this reason that we at Broadstone decided to ask our Members to complete a form and pay £11 Club renewal fee separately. Members are then given a specific Broadstone RBL Club card which **MUST be carried when entering the Club. Door checks will be made.**

Your New Club Committee

President - Mr. Steve Baldwin Club Chairman – Mr. Colin Campbell
Club Secretary – Mr. Graham Young Treasurer – Mr. Peter Buchan
Vice-Chairman/Membership Secretary – Mr. Richard Everitt

Other Committee Members

Mr. Chris Burt, Mrs. Shirley Ewart, Mr Steve Gray, Mr Lee Hutchins, Mr Ken Middleton, Mr. Colin White, Mrs. Maggie Wilkins.

It is the intention of this Committee to carry on the good work done by the previous Committee and to ensure the Broadstone RBL Club remains a place where Members and guests can meet one another, as well as supporting the Poppy Appeal and other worthwhile charities in and around the local vicinity. Just be aware all Committee Members do this work on a voluntary basis so please be patient.

Don't forget you can find us on **FACEBOOK** or on our website broadstonelegion.co.uk

