



# The Royal British Legion

Morgan's Vale, Woodfalls & Redlynch Branch

## Centenary Celebrations May 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 Laying Up and Dedication of the Old and New Standards

### BACKGROUND

This event is a milestone for the community. It all started in 1922 with the forming of this Branch of the Royal British Legion, by those community members who had returned from the Great War of 1914 – 18. Many of them having left friends and family in Europe. To this day their memory stays with us as it does for the modern Armed Forces who continue with the defense of the realm, including humanitarian help and assistance in the World.

The Parade and Church Service will be a celebration, following along similar lines to our regular Remembrance Service. We have invited other RBL Branches and community organizations to join us for this celebration. As is normal on these occasions, the Branch will lay up the old Standard, and for the first time leave Church with the dedicated, new Standard which the community funded with its donations. Thank you.

### SUNDAY 15 MAY DETAILS

Work has gone well on the planning for this event. Summarised below is a timetable and action list to help you all plan your day. Some of you may wish to go direct to Church and that will be fine.

1. Sunday 15 May. Timing 13.15 to 15.45 approx.
2. Assembly area St Mary's Close, Postcode SP5 2PP.
3. Parking is available in the field opposite the Close. This will save congestion on the route to St Mary's Church. If possible please share transport and drop off at St Mary's before parking.
4. Those marching to form up at 13.15 for a step off at 13.30. We are hopeful for a good gathering. It will be a shortened march to Church aiming to arrive at 13.45.
5. The band will enter the Church first to set up for the service, at 14.00. Followed by the remainder. The Standard Bearers will be allocated an area within the Church.
6. Dress for the event is suggested as: smart casual as for Church attendance. Standard Bearers your usual Branch dress code. Other Veterans and Regimental organisations your mufti or as appropriate. Regimental head dress if possible. Decorations, Awards, Medals and Chains of Office, would be appreciated.
7. After the service refreshment will be available in the Redlynch Sports Club at 15.00. Please inform us if you will be attending.

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