



Welcome to the Fourteenth edition of the Journal. Someone asked me the other day what the distribution of the Journal is and I had to say that I had no idea. I send it out to Federation delegates, the RFA Association and some other people and I know it is on one website, but I have no idea who forwards it on. If it has come via someone else then I hope you enjoy our small publication and find it informative.

The journal is not only for the officers of Associations but also Association members so we ask you to give it as wide a distribution as possible to members and anyone else you think might be interested.

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## PAST EVENTS

### Launch of RBL Torpoint's Poppy Appeal

As usual the Torpoint RBL and the Lions Club put on a good event for the start of their Poppy Appeal on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at St James Church Torpoint. The concert consisted of performances by the Kessenyan Singers, Carbeile School choir who stole the show, the Torpoint Lady Singers and the Rame Peninsula Male Voice choir. There was also a very well received contribution by the Devonport Royal Navy Volunteer Band under the leadership of Colour Sergeant Simon Nicholls.

After the interval there was the act of Remembrance when the many standards, probably about 30, were lead into the church by the Corps of Drums of the Plymouth Division of the Royal Marine Volunteer Cadet Force and very good they were. The Standard assembled in front of the Altar and there followed a moving service.

### Ceremony for Captain Henry VC - Ford Park Cemetery

There were six standards at this event and a good contingent of cadets to commemorate the life of this VC from the Crimea. We all marched from the main area of the cemetery down the road to the lower part of the cemetery and halted on

the road next to Captain Henry's grave where the citation was read out and a wreath laid with the last post being sounded.

We then marched to the bottom of the cemetery where a wreath was laid at the war memorial before we returned to the tea room for an excellent buffet.

I have not received any reports regarding the Ivybridge RBL launch of their Poppy appeal on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> October or the Saltash Festival of Remembrance on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> October

## FUTURE EVENTS

<b>Thus 07 Nov</b>	<b>Crown hill Fort Burma Star ceremony</b>
<b>Thus 07 Nov</b>	<b>Plympton RBL Annual Band Concert - St Marys Church 1900</b>
<b>Fri 8 Nov</b>	<b>Remembrance Festival 2013 - Plymouth Pavilions 1930</b>
<b>Sun 10 Nov</b>	<b>Remembrance Day Plymouth Hoe – Citadel 0930 for 1100</b>
<b>Fri 22 Nov</b>	<b>Thanks Giving Flag Raising - Guildhall 1030 for 1100</b>
<b>Sun 01 Dec</b>	<b>North Corner Wreath laying - Steam Packet 1030</b>

## HMS GANGES ASSOCIATION CHARITY NIGHT



Following a chat with Aden Vets attending our Black Tot Bar-B-Q we discovered that Dan Johnson the son of one of the Vets had recently been medically discharged from the Royal Marines and was currently involved in raising funds for Combat Stress and The Royal Marines Association so we agreed to run a Charity Social to help raise some cash. The evening went very well with entertainment provided by Ganges member Graham Fulcher who sang some great songs in the style of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Glen Campbell etc. And we were also entertained by Don

Johnston himself and his partner who sang some lovely numbers including some written by Dan himself. Ganges Boy Geoff Palmer a veteran from the Falklands war who has experience of the help that Combat Stress can give gave a brief on his own experiences and the benefits from the Combat Stress organisation. Attendees were well fed with, Crisp, Sausages, Croquet Potatoes served with Peas Onions and Gravy followed by Peaches and Ice Cream & Cheese & Biscuits. Everyone had a good time and £245.00 was handed over to Dan for his Charities.



**GANGES CHEFS ? BAZ D-W & BRIAN HILL**



**CHAIRMAN MIKE PHILLIPS HANDING**

**CHEQUE TO DAN JOHNSON**

***Baz Downing-Waite***

Time I am afraid has beaten me so it is a shorter journal than normal, I hope it will be a bumper edition next month