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For many of us youngish ones, the Falklands Conflict was the first time we experienced our nation at war with another country. From April through to June 1982, the UK was at war with Argentina.

We will dedicate those months in 2022 to remembering the Falklands Conflict, with individual remembrances from across the services and the residents of the Falklands Islands themselves.

In May we are hopeful for a short parade from members of the Woking Royal Naval Association. The WRNA Standard Bearer is a regular attendee at BLP ceremonies.

Belgian Embassy in July

In July we have members of the Belgian Embassy joining us for a ceremony commemorating Belgian involvement in conflicts, particularly the people that worked with the British Special operations Executive during the Second World War.

Last year the Belgian Defence Attaché joined us for our 80th Anniversary ceremony in July along with dignitaries from Woking Borough Council, including the Mayor of Woking.

Multi-faith Ceremony in August will see a number of faiths come together to remember those lost. We usually have around six faiths represented.

BLP Merchandise

We have a limited amount of BLP merchandise in stock which you are welcome to purchase. Any profits are used to further the reach of the association.

If there is sufficient demand, we will order some new merchandise.

We have ties, polo shirts and fleeces available. If there is an item that you think we should stock, please talk to someone at a ceremony or email info@brookwoodlastpost.org.

To make a purchase, find the Treasurer or Chairman at any ceremony.



Forthcoming Ceremonies

May Last Post 1 May

- Woking Royal Naval Association

June Last Post..... 5 June

- Dedicated to the Falklands Conflict

July Last Post..... 3 July

- Belgian Embassy

August Last Post..... 7 August

- Multi-faith ceremony

September Last Post 4 September

October Last Post..... 2 October

If your family or group would like to attend, please get in touch.

Individual Remembrances

Over the previous six months, the following individuals were remembered during the Individual Remembrance section of the ceremony:

- Private Francis Maracle
- Gunner Thomas Troy
- Lieutenant André Bloch
- Private Maynard Allen Paul
- Lt Marcel Mathieu Rene Leccia
- Private A.F. Griffith Williams
- Capt. John Kenneth Macalister
- Capt. Clement Marc Jumeau
- Lt Michael Cartwright
- Major Philip Frank Chamier

More detailed write ups may be read on the corresponding ceremony page of our website.

Get Involved

If you or your group would like to be involved in a ceremony, please use the contact form on our website.

We are happy for people to lay a wreath during the ceremony, and if you would like to remember a member of your family as part of our Individual Remembrance section, please get in touch.

Please note, we do not supply wreaths for the ceremony.

BLP Membership

Please seek out a member of the Association at a ceremony or use the form on our website if you would like to join. Thank you.

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Previous Ceremonies

In October we were honoured to be joined by members of the Intelligence Corps and the Canadian Intelligence Corps. Col Fox (Retired) talked about the work of the Intelligence Corps and we remembered several members lost.



Woking District Scouts joined us in November with around 150 uniformed young people and leaders attending to listen

to County Commissioner Joe Rogerson talk about Private A.F. Griffith Williams, a Scout Troop Leader lost in WWI. The 1st Claygate Scout and Guide Band led a parade and a lone piper from Gordon's School played the Pipers Lament.



Woking District Scouts have held their annual Remembrance ceremony since 2015 with us and we wish them luck later this year when they parade at the Menin Gate.

In December we welcomed many members of the Leccia family.



We remembered Lieutenant Marcel Mathieu René Leccia. Lieutenant Leccia was a member of the French Army

and a prisoner of war during the second world war. After escaping, he ended up in the UK and joined the Special Operations Executive where he was parachuted into France in April 1944. Captured and deported to Germany, he was executed (hanged) at Buchenwald concentration camp on 12 September 1944. He is commemorated on Brookwood's Memorial to the Missing 1939-1945.

In January we heard a very detailed biography of Private Maynard Allen Paul of the Royal Army Canadian Medical Corps who had died exactly 80 years ago on the day of the ceremony. Paul McCue delivered a fascinating Individual Remembrance along with documents detailing Private Paul's brief life.



In February the Gordon's School Pipes and Drums paraded as we remembered Gunner Thomas Troy and Lieutenant André Bloch.



After most ceremonies, we often 'pop' round to the Trench Experience for refreshments in the recreation Belgian / French Estaminet. It's where the stories of Remembrance continue but in a more relaxed environment.

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