



### **Bewdley Branch Royal British Legion**

As with many other national charities the Bewdley Branch of the RBL had an exceedingly difficult past year raising funds during the pandemic. Our biggest fund raiser, 'The Poppy Appeal' had to be cut back with only 20 shops and pubs having a collecting box out of our usual 100 and no street collectors. Although the Remembrance Day parade was cancelled a two-minute silence was observed in front of the town centre War Memorial with a few wreaths being laid alongside the 35 wreaths laid earlier in the week. Our Standard was lowered, and Last Post and Reveille played through a loudspeaker provided by our friend Chris Goode. Wreaths were also laid at All Saints Church in Wribbenhall.

In total the Branch raised £3,626 against the usual £8,000 to £9,000 of previous years. We look forward to when this pandemic is finally over so that we can hold our fund-raising Bingo evenings and concerts again to help those veterans in need.

Thank you to our committee of:

Jeff Styles. President.

Mike Winspur . Vice Chairman.

Angie Pitt. Secretary.

Keith Thompson. Treasurer.

Carol Gittins. Poppy Appeal Organiser.

Alan Winspur who lays fresh flowers on the War Memorial each week.

Standard Bearer Janine Albert-Styles

Although we are a small group, we will ensure that there will always be a Bewdley Branch of the Royal British Legion to remember those who gave their tomorrows for our today.

Paul Gittins MBE

Branch Chairman.