



15 September 2019

Dear North Cray Resident Association Members, Neighbours and Friends

INVITATION TO THE NORTH CRAY & DISTRICT RBL 'STANDARD DEDICATION SERVICE'

The Officers and Executive Committee of the newly formed North Cray & District Branch of the Royal British Legion would like to invite you to a very special Service to 'Dedicate' our Flag, which is formally known and referred to as the Branch Standard. This Service has to take place before the Standard can go into Service and is therefore a very important event for the Branch.

The Service takes place on: Sunday 22 September 2019, 3pm.
At: St James Church, North Cray.
Then afterwards at: Geoffrey Hall, Leafield Lane, North Cray.

We confirm that the Worshipful the Mayor of Bexley, Cllr Geraldene Lucia-Hennis has confirmed her attendance and we hope to invite many other dignitaries, neighbours & supporters to celebrate the newest RBL Branch in the Borough of Bexley.

We hope you can join us and, just to give you an understanding of the importance of the Standard to the Royal British Legion, they state:

The Standard is a constant symbolic reminder to members of the Legion's motto, 'Service not self'.

The crosses of St George, St Andrew and St Patrick symbolise unity, chivalry and our loyalty to our Sovereign, community and nation.

The blue indicates loyalty and fidelity and the gold signifies service - 'as gold is tried by fire' - and reminds us of all those who gave their lives for our country.

Standards are dedicated before use, and are laid-up in sacred or public buildings after service.

The Standard's colours are blue and gold. In the upper-left corner (for the observer) is the Union Flag, which is composed of the crosses of St George, St Andrew and St Patrick. The branch name appears below The Royal British Legion name in the central gold band.

We would be grateful if you could RSVP as soon as possible so that we can ensure place/s are reserved for you and your guests in the Church. Email – Otter1stNorthCray@outlook.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

John Harrington (Branch President)

David Jones (Branch Chairman)

Nicola Coppen (Branch Secretary)

Chris Moon (Executive Committee Member)

Bob Chapman (Vice Chair & Standard Bearer)

Andrew Hill (RBL Chaplain & temporary Treasurer)

Alison Scrivener (Executive Committee Member)

Ed Chadwick (Executive Committee Member)