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OPERATION BOOKWORM

"Helping us all through the Great Isolation"

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Dear Whitchurch residents,

We hope you and you families are keeping safe and well.

Along with nearly every other society and club, the BMMHS had had to put all its normal activities on hold with talks unlikely to resume until September.

With time on the hands for many of us during the wretched COVID19 pandemic, this is the ideal chance to put together a few words about your own or a family member's experiences – military or civilian – in the military conflicts of the last 200 years.



Therefore we are launching ***OPERATION BOOKWORM and we need your help.***

We are looking ***to produce a book*** with profits to Blind Veterans UK comprising a bit of your own family history – it could be your own experiences, your Father or Mother's, your son's, your granddad's, an aunt or uncle's.





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Almost everyone has someone in the family with a tale to tell, and when you start asking or researching you will be surprised what you find out. From my family, we have an Uncle who landed on Gold Beach on D Day +1, a great Uncle who served in the Royal Artillery in WW1 and is buried in Flanders, two Aunts who were evacuees, and another Uncle who landed at Gallipoli in 1915, and another who served in the Royal Marines in Korea and Suez.

Somewhere in your bookshelf, your loft or family archives, you may well have the military records and papers and other memorabilia that would make an interesting story.

We only want a short article – from a couple of paragraphs to 3 pages ideally with some photos/documents – certainly not War and Peace or a lengthy, detailed history of a military career. Don't worry about spelling, grammar etc – we can amend documents – but ultimately they will be your words or maybe the writings of a relative or friend. Of course, you may have something written or even published already, so send it across.

For all articles, we would like your permission to publish then in all or part on our website, on Facebook and ultimately in a book.

If you would like to contribute, drop us a line at info@bmmhs.org and we can discuss your ideas.

Get researching and start writing – good luck, and of course stay safe and well.

And we look forward to seeing you again at our talks in September.

Jerry Cockeram

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