NEWS IN BRIEF

Legion's £20,000
THE Copythorne and District branch of the Royal British Legion has raised more than £20,000 for their Poppy Appeal.

The branch announced the news in their newsletter, thanking all those who were generous enough to give to their cause. Last year the branch raised £28,000.64 and hopes to top this with their 2016 efforts.

Festive concert
ROMSEY Methodist Church is holding a Christmas Concert from 7pm on Sunday, December 18 with conductor Jamie W Hall. Tickets can be bought on the door for £3.

Children under 16 go free. A retiring collection will be held in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Christmas crafts
KING John's House and Heritage Centre is to host a day of Christmas crafts later this month.

The centre, on Church Street, will be holding the event on Saturday. It will run from 10am to 2pm. All materials used are included with the entry price, which has not been disclosed.

Mayor enjoys a cuppa with hospital friends

THE Romsey Hospital League of Friends welcomed town mayor John Parker and his wife to its annual coffee morning in the town hall.

Cllr Parker spoke of the range of services on offer at the outpatients and that some, such as podiatry, should be more widely publicised. Romsey residents say they are thankful not to have to trek into Southampton for many services such as X-rays and eye examinations.

The league thanked all those who gave generously for an excellent set of raffle prizes and some delicious festive cakes, pastries and sweets for a cake stall. They took £925.85.

They are always looking for new volunteers and were glad when two ladies came forward. Contact Sylvia Roverso on 0794 5380 085 orroversoiteacal.co.uk

Prescriptions reminder over festive break

ROMSEY residents are being reminded that local pharmacies across the area have restricted opening hours over the festive period.

They are being advised to make sure they don't get caught out over Christmas and New Year period.

While some pharmacies are directed by NHS England to open on Christmas Day, others may open voluntarily, and patients are advised to check by phone if the pharmacy is open beforehand.

To find details of the nearest pharmacy to you please go to www.nhs.uk

People can order and renew prescriptions through the NHS Online Service provided by NHS England.

You can find out more about this service by visiting www.nhs.uk.

If you value your local paper, help to save it

By Romsey Advertiser editor in chief Ian Murray

IT has been a fairly typical few weeks for the Romsey Advertiser.

The paper, in print and online, has reported on a variety of items.

We have told of plans for an £11 million care home for Romsey and how the town's sports facilities are set for a multi-million pound boost.

We also told how a lack has started to breed again in the Barge Canal and how Test Valley Borough Council was joining forces with other local councils to form a Heart of Hampshire authority.

We have revealed that a pensioner had to wait more than an hour for an ambulance after collapsing in the town centre and how plans to create hundreds of new jobs at a business park have been thrown out by the High Court.

There have also been plenty of photographs of the winter carni- val festive event and of course we give to their cause. Last year the

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