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Good afternoon,

I write to you as the Branch Secretary of Felsham & Gedding Royal British Legion (BR0808)

You may or may not be aware that Drinkstone once had a thriving Royal British Legion Branch (BR 0802)

Unfortunately, as the number of Members decreased, mainly owing to their age and lack of new Members, the decision had to be made as to whether to close the Branch or merge with a nearby Branch.

Felsham & Gedding Branch were contacted with a view to taking on the administrative and financial aspects of the Drinkstone Branch.

Felsham & Gedding Branch agreed to this proposal and Drinkstone effectively became a sub Branch of Felsham & Gedding a number of years ago.

Under the rules of the Royal Charter, by which all RBL Branches have to conform, ALL sub-Branches were disbanded and those that had become a sub-Branch were then re branded as a County Supported Branch. This action affected Drinkstone Branch and the Branch finances and administration are currently carried out by the Suffolk County Committee with myself and Karen Fynn, Chairman of Felsham & Gedding being listed as points of contact for Drinkstone Branch.

Yesterday (31st January) Karen and I attended the Suffolk Annual County Conference and were amazed and delighted to discover that Drinkstone Branch has been awarded the trophy for the most increased Membership numbers, pro rata, in the County for 2024/25 and, the trophy and certificate were collected on Behalf of Drinkstone Branch, currently remaining in my care. (See attached images)

This action invokes a double effect.

Firstly, I feel that the trophy and certificate ought to be **SAFELY** displayed within the village of Drinkstone, somewhere where the likelihood of theft is at its minimum. (The cup would need to be returned to the County Committee at the end of 2025 for re-issue in 2026)

Secondly, Widespread knowledge of this achievement within the village, coupled with the increase in Membership, could possibly lead to a revival of the Branch within the village. Should this prove to be a possibility, Members of Felsham & Gedding Branch would be more than pleased to assist with any guidance required in this area.

Should I not hear anything to the contrary, the cup and trophy will be situated with all of the Felsham & Gedding regalia within the restaurant area of Felsham Six Bells.

Your comments and observations would be most grateful and, should you prefer, I can be contacted on 07707524722.

I look forward to hearing further from you in due course.

Kind regards and congratulations,

Norman Plumpton,
Branch Secretary,
Felsham & Gedding Royal British Legion.

