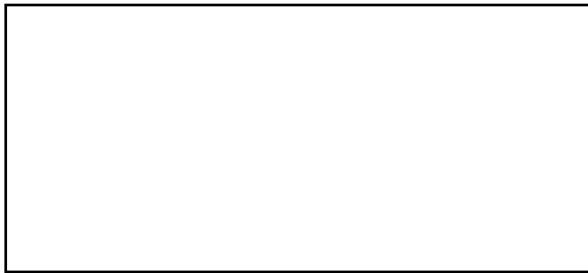


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## The Market Harborough Branch Bimonthly News Sheet

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### Annual General Meeting

Your chance to influence  
how your Branch is run.  
Do try to attend.

Ground Floor Function Room,  
Conservative Club Building.  
Wednesday, 11th November. 7.30pm

### NOMINATIONS

Nomination Forms and Notes on the  
Conduct of the AGM were distributed at  
the last Branch and Committee Meet-

*The purpose of the forms is to produce a  
list of those who are prepared to serve  
as office holders or as branch committee  
members.*

*To nominate someone for an office,  
enter his or her name opposite the  
appropriate office.*

*To nominate someone for the  
committee, enter his or her name in any  
of the committee boxes.*

*You must have the approval of anyone  
you nominate.*

*Election is on the basis of votes cast by  
those present at the AGM.*

***IF YOU ARE WILLING TO TAKE AN  
ACTIVE PART IN MAKING THE  
BRANCH MORE EFFECTIVE,  
ENJOYABLE & USEFUL, PLEASE  
PUT YOUR NAME FORWARD.***

If you wish to make one or more  
nominations but do not have a Form,  
please ring Andrew Marriott (434805) or  
Tom Ashmore (433108).

### Poppy Appeal

Plans for this year's collections in the  
town were outlined at the Branch  
meeting last Wednesday.

**37** House-to-House collectors have  
been mobilised but a few areas of the  
town are not adequately covered. If you,  
or anyone you know, would be willing  
to help fill in one of the gaps, please  
ring Dick Fulford (431515). "Door  
knocking" starts on Friday, 23rd  
October.

**114** Trays and collecting boxes are  
ready for distribution to pubs, clubs,  
shops, offices and factories by the  
**8** Member volunteers.

**29** stalwarts are sharing the job of Street  
Collecting on Tuesday, Friday and  
Saturday of the week ending 7th  
November. Dick would like more offers  
of help for Friday.

As in previous years, members will man  
a Stall in the Market Hall all day on  
Friday, 6th and Saturday, 7th. If you  
have not already offered and can spare  
a couple of hours on either day, please  
ring Tom Ashmore (433108).

Ken Stimpson is again organising the  
appeal in the villages and would  
welcome offers of help. Please ring him  
on  
(MH 545820).

All the preparation involves a  
tremendous amount of work by all those  
involved. Especial thanks are due to

### Remembrance Sunday Parade & Service

10.45 am Sunday, 8th November  
The Parish Church of St. Dionysius

10.00 am Parade assembles in  
Commons Car Park. Please take part if  
you can so that there is a good  
contingent from the Branch.

10.30 am Members not in the Parade  
please assemble outside the Church and  
enter with your colleagues who were.

After the Service there will be a March  
Past as the Parade proceeds to The  
Square for a Wreath laying Ceremony.  
The salute will be taken by the Council  
Chairman and Deputy Lieutenant.

### 11th November

Members are urged to take part in two  
simple ceremonies to which members of  
RNA and RAFA have also been invited.

•At 10.30 am, in Welland Park, at the  
memorial near the old keeper's lodge.

•Before 11.00 am, on The Square in  
front of the Memorial Gates for the Two  
Minutes Silence the start and end of  
which will be signalled by the firing of  
a maroon.

At both locations Standards will be  
dipped and Wreaths laid. Dress is op-  
tional but the wearing of Blazers and  
Medals is encouraged.

**We will remember**

### Anniversary Dinner

“We must do that again”, was a comment often heard after the event at the Market Harborough golf club on 2nd October. From this and other favourable remarks we judge the evening to have been a great success. The excellent food, friendly and efficient service, attractive venue and enjoyable music, created an atmosphere which ideally suited the occasion. Tom Jeacock and I were relieved that members and guests enjoyed

### Branch Lunches

Wednesday, 28th October at The Countryman, Great Bowden, 12 noon, Good food, reasonable prices, great company! Ring Tony Johnson (MH 440501) if you can come.

Tony will try to arrange a Xmas Lunch if there is sufficient interest. Ring him if you would like to attend.

It has been pointed out that members who are not retired are rarely able to join these pleasant gatherings and that occasional evening meals should be arranged. Something for next year, Tony?.

### The Web Site

The latest development of the Site includes some excellent pictures, some from last year's Standard Dedication and Twinning Ceremonies. Those of Charles Freer's "VC" show the detail very clearly. His story has attracted interest from a medals collector and from his Regimental Association.

In the six months since the Site was launched it has been "visited" nearly 500 times. Each hit adds to the overall awareness of the Legion, the Branch and of Market Harborough. More and more people now have access to the Internet and they tend to be of the younger generations, some of whom we hope will be encouraged to become Legion members.

### Battle of Britain Sunday

The Market Harborough ATC Squadron are to be congratulated for arranging for the first time and at short notice, this year's parade and service. It was a good example of the way today's young people can maintain the traditions established by the ex-Service organisations and support their predominately ageing membership.

The Church had been decorated for the Flower festival and so looked most attractive. However, some of the displays caused anxious moments for the Standard Bearers who had to carry out a number of movements not in the Drill Manual in order to miss them!

Have you  
paid your  
subscription?

### Open Harborough

The organisers regard this town event as being a success. Certainly, in the centre there were lots of people and a happy carnival-like atmosphere. Where we were "open", in the Settling Rooms, the crowds were noticeable by their absence. Considering the amount of effort put into preparing the displays and the time given by members on duty throughout the day, it was very disappointing. However, some visitors read our leaflets as they drank their coffee and a few stayed to look at the exhibition, the display screens and mark Hudson's demonstration of our Web Site.

One positive outcome is that two ex-members from the now closed Houghton-on-the-Hill Branch have now joined us. Welcome Tom Harrison & John Townsend!

We are also most grateful to Big Dial Radio who generously donated the whole day's profit from the Coffee Shop, which more than covered our expenses.

### Information from HQ

#### Pilgrimage Visits 1999

A provisional programme is available from Andrew Marriott (MH 434805).

#### Hearing Loss

The War Pensions Agency states that if your hearing was damaged by noise during your service, any deterioration after service is not regarded as attributable to service factors. The Legion thinks for some individuals this may be unfair and urges them to appeal. Contact Welfare Officer, Ken Purdy (MH 440623) for details.

#### Pensions for Service Widows

In a bid to correct the unfairness under which many service widows are denied pensions earned by their husbands during their military careers, an application has been submitted to the European Commission on Human Rights.

If not, please let  
George Fleming,  
11 Watson Ave.  
have £6.50 ASAP

### Reminders

**Now - Poppy Appeal Collections**  
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**28th Oct.** Lunch, 12noon at The Countryman, Gt. Bowden. Ring Tony Johnson (MH440401) to book.

**28th Oct.** Committee Mtg 7.30pm

**31st Oct.** Festival of Remembrance, De Montfort Hall.

Some tickets may be available. Tel. 0116 239 3449

**7th Nov.** Concert by the Minden Band, Queen's Division, 8pm Braunston Civic Centre. Ring 0116 289 0045 for tickets.

**8th Nov.** Remembrance Sunday  
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**11th Nov.** 11-11-11 Ceremonies  
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**11th Nov.** Branch AGM 7.30pm  
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**27th Nov.** Husbands Bosworth