



Stamford Branch of the Royal British Legion

# March 2020



## Stamford Branch Newsletter (SBN) Issue 3

### Events

#### February Social Evening

**Elvis has Not left the building.** The social evening in February saw the return of the very man himself (or a sound alike). Glenn Rawnsley was the 'Voice of Elvis' entertaining the RBL members and locals to a taste of the past. 'American Trilogy', 'How great thou art' and 'If you're looking for trouble' to name only a few of the famous Elvis songs Glenn sang.

The audience enjoyed a good sing along, tapping the table and tapping their feet to the music as it pounded out at Blackstone's Social Club. A great entraining evening and behold... The raffle raised £78.

#### Editor's chosen focus from the Royal British Legion Website

The Royal British Legion are working hard for families in all counties. They are concentrating on the emotional strain caused when mums or dads are out of area, often deployed to dangerous places. What can we do to help?

**"Children in Service families face some big challenges, such as emotional strain due to parents being deployed, frequent house moves and problems with admission into schools. We have explored these challenges and produced best practice guides looking at ways to support Service children in school. "check out the RBL website**



### MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Well can you believe we are here again. What a couple of months it has been! I hope that you enjoy looking at this months news letter and remember to get in touch if there is anything I or any other Legion Member can do for you.



Always remember that Life is not a dream it is a reality. However, within that reality, there is plenty of room to dream! (Quote DR)

Spring is in the air, the sun is beginning to brighten each day and the daffodils are looking wonderful. We have a lot to be thankful for.

My contact details are: [dbrawnsley@gmail.com](mailto:dbrawnsley@gmail.com). Enjoy your read and thank you every one that supports the Stamford RBL.



## Joyce Burton Trophy – Design a Remembrance Garden



### Winners were Malcolm Sargent School

The winners of the Joyce Burton Trophy 2019 went to Malcom Sargent School in Stamford. Their garden was voted the best overall and the immense work and skill they showed in the design was outstanding. Paddy went along to present the award to the school, speaking at their assembly, then popping out to the garden for a few photographs. Well done to Malcolm Sargent for their brilliant effort and outstanding garden.

### Runners up

Bluecoats school and St Gilberts were joint runners up in the competition. A valliant effort from both staff and pupils alike. Paddy went along to present certificates to both schools.



## Poem of the Month

Author Unknown. No Title.

He was getting old and paunchy  
And his hair was falling fast,  
And he sat around the Legion  
Telling stories of the past.  
Of a war that he once fought in  
And the deeds that he had done,  
In his exploits with his buddies  
They were heroes everyone.  
And although sometimes to his neighbours  
His tales became a joke,  
All his buddies listened quietly  
For they knew whereof he spoke.  
But we'll hear his tales no longer  
For old Bob has passed away,  
And the world's a little poorer  
For a soldier died today.  
He won't be mourned by many  
Just his children and his wife,  
For he lived an ordinary  
Very quiet sort of life.  
He held a job and raised a family  
Going quietly on his way,  
And the world won't note his passing  
Though a soldier died today.



Thank you to Roy and Marian for donating this poem for publication in the Newsletter.

Sausage and Mash

23<sup>rd</sup> April

St George is  
calling once  
again this year.

A great big thank you to Blackstone's Social Club for hosting the event. See the poster on the back page and register your name with Darren on mobile tel 07806228494, as soon as possible to secure your place. Bring a raffle prize and let us see if we can beat the last amount raised at the social of £78.

## MEMBERSHIP

If you want to use the club, please become a member. The price is very reasonable and you will get discounted drinks and also be helping to support the venue. Don't lose out, become a member the next time you are in the club.

# Your RBL Committee Members

- President-Col John Harvey
- Chairman - Mr Ray Beresford
- Deputy Chairman - Mr Bill Turner
- Secretary & Membership - Mrs Pat Thompson
- Treasurer - Mrs Pauline Rimmington
- Poppy Appeal Organiser - Mr Jim Jackson
- Community Support - Mr Brian Marsden
- Social and Events - Mr Darren Rawnsley
- Remembrance & War Memorial - Mr David Young
- Youth and Schools – Paddy Moore



## EVENTS IN YOUR AREA

16<sup>th</sup> March – Social meet and greet at Blackstone’s Sports and Social, Stamford (19.30). Drinks, chat and catch up.

6<sup>th</sup> April - Committee Meeting – Blackstone’s Social Club 7pm.

23<sup>rd</sup> April – Sausage and Mash at Blackstone’s Social Club 12.30 onwards.

8<sup>th</sup> May - VE and VJ Day celebrations – Bottom of Stamford Recreational Ground 1pm until 4.30pm.

21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Musical theatre ‘Godspell’ Directed by Darren Rawnsley at Barn Hill Methodist Church, 7.30pm start. Tickets on sale via the Stamford Arts Centre.

More events to follow as the year progresses.

Conceived and originally directed by John Michael Tebelak  
Music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Ink Contemporary Theatre Presents

# Godspell

at  
Barn Hill Methodist  
Church

21st – 23rd May 2020 at 7.30pm

Ticket prices: £14 Full, £13 Concession  
Family of four (2 adults, 2 children) £50

Tickets available from Stamford Arts Centre  
[boxoffice@stamfordartscentre.com](mailto:boxoffice@stamfordartscentre.com)  
[www.stamfordartscentre.com](http://www.stamfordartscentre.com)  
01780 763203

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