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(BR0106) of the Royal British Legion.

'Shoulder to Shoulder With All Who Serve'

**Next Monthly Branch Meeting
Wednesday
10 October**

Function Room, Conservative Club, Fairfield Rd, Market Harborough
7-30pm

Branch News Subscriptions

Are due on 1 October. The branch subscription is held at £2 and the Annual National Membership fee has risen by only £1. Please pay your subs (£15) to Myra Grewcock, 8 Holdenby Close, MH, LE16 8JE as soon as possible. If you don't yet pay by direct debit please consider doing so, it is so much easier for everyone.

County Festival of Remembrance

This takes place on Saturday 3 November in the De Montfort Hall at 7pm.

The entertainment this year is provided by the Band of the Royal Marines, Lympstone.

Tickets are £14 and John Morley is seeking to provide a small coach for transport which will probably cost about £6 p/person.

Numbers are required urgently so if you have not signed the list at the Branch meeting, please contact John on MH 419714 or by email at revjmorley@talktalk.net

War Memorials

HDC and the Hospital Trust are to seek the views of residents regards moving the Hospital Portico War memorial on the re-development of the site. Two likely sites to be recommended are either in the grounds of the re-developed St Luke's Hospital or the War Memorial Gardens. No doubt the arguments for and against each site will receive a good airing. Also HDC is to investigate cleaning the town War Memorial.

Remembrance Competition

At the branch meeting it was announced that his years competition will be a poster based on the 4 pillars of the British Legion.

The rules will be published in the Harborough Mail or can be obtained via e-mail from the *In Touch* editor.

Bomber Command Memorial

Unveiled by HM The Queen on 28 June the long overdue memorial to the those members of Bomber Command who died during WW2. The following photo was sent in by Patricia Walker who described the memorial as 'great detail even down to the wires on the radios and a worthy tribute to those who died in Bomber command



Welfare

If you are aware of any one who qualifies for, and who may benefit from, the Royal British Legion welfare services please contact

Betty Ramsay
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AGM

Enclosed with this edition of the newsletter you will find a nomination form for the Officers and Committee. We are still looking for someone to take on the organising of the branch social team, someone to take over as editor of *In Touch* and someone to act as recruitment officer, or just be a member of the Committee. Please take one step forward, and never mind what you were taught in the Forces ie 'never volunteer'.

The MOD reported the following soldiers killed in Afghanistan.

Sergeant Lee Davidson, aged 32 from Doncaster of the Light Dragoons killed on 9 September

Guardsmen Karl Whittle aged 22 from Bristol of 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards died 7 September from wounds received on 14 August

Guardsmen Jamie Shadrake aged 20 from Wrexham of the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, killed 17 August

L/Cpl Matthew Smith aged 26 from Aldershot of the Corps of Royal Engineers, killed on 10 August.

Lieutenant Andrew Chesterman aged 26 from Guilford of the 3rd Battalion The Rifles, killed on 9 August



Tuesday 2 October

Reservations before 28 August to Les Moore 01858 463112

All cancellations phone the Angel 01858 462702 before 10am on the day of the meal, otherwise you will be charged for the meal

Menu

Braising steak, vegetable & pedigree sauce and mashed potato

Supreme of chicken, mushroom & tarragon sauce, sautéed potatoes

White fish, paella with tomato sauce, onion rings

Chick pea, sweet potato & spinach curry, rice & naan bread

Sweet

Lemon torte, strawberries, clotted cream ice cream

Rich chocolate fudge cake & vanilla ice cream

Fresh fruit salad & fruit sorbet

Bakewell tart & custard

Coffee and mints

***£8-50 - pay on the day
Meet in the bar at noon***

What's Going On?

Forthcoming Events

- 6 Oct Poppy Launch Coffee Morning
Harborough Theatre from 0900 to 1200.
Volunteers need to help out.
- 10 Oct Poppy Awards Presentations at the Branch meeting
- 27 Oct Poppy Launch 11 am
- 3 Nov Festival of Remembrance. De Montfort Hall. Transport to be arranged for those who need it.
- 5 Nov Remembrance Garden to be set up.
- 10 Nov Swing Night by Harborough Musical Theatre at Welland Park.
40s/50s theme, dancing singing, buffet. £15. Profits shared with RBL
- 11 Nov Remembrance Day
- 12 Nov Remembrance Garden to be taken down
- 14 Nov Branch AGM (see enclosed papers)
- 2013 - a special year, the Branch is 90 years old. Ideas to celebrate this event welcome.

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