



In Touch, Too



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Lest we forget.

It is with sadness that we have to report the death of Ken Dickins. We extend our deep sympathy to his widow and family.

The Branch Standard was carried in his honour at his funeral which several of his fellow members

Virtuoso Coffee Morning

The performance at the Harborough Theatre on Saturday morning, 18th July was a great success. Joan McMillin had composed and orchestrated the work and under her baton, her band of volunteers performed superbly. The overture "Fifty Pee a Cup" featured Connie on the Till and Mary and Terry on Kettle and Tea-towel. The fast tempo of some passages of "Cake Stall" was challenging and the fortissimo of "Nought, five, double nought" was handled generously by the Tombola Section.

Thank you Joan and all those who helped. It was a wonderful effort which raised over £200 for branch funds (50% Social, 50% General). Thanks too, to Members and friends who had given generously to the Cake Stall (manning it was a mouthwatering experience!), and to the Tombola Stall part of which resembled a well stocked Off-licence, and to everyone who parted with their cash in a worthy cause

And what is more, it was fun!!.

Variation on a Theme

The Coffee morning on Saturday, 29th August, is being held to help another Charity, the Sir Andrew Martin Trust for Young People. The Trust was set up as a memorial to Sir Andrew's great interest in and support for young people, especially the cadet forces. He was also a keen Legionnaire and for some years was our County Patron.

The Trust has already given help to a number of youngsters in Leicestershire but if it is to continue to do so its endowment fund needs to be increased. All Legion branches in the County are being asked to run fund raising events specifically for the Trust. Here is a small way in which we can give something to the youth of today upon whom the Legion will depend in the future.

So, we need another mountain of cakes & preserves, books, bric-a-brac and anything which will sell on the bring and buy stall, and tempting prizes for the raffle. Please phone me on MH 433108 to say what you can contribute and if you need it collecting. Otherwise bring it along to the Theatre before 9am on 29th August. In any case, come along with your friends during the morning.

In Touch Stories Spread

The number on our Web site is growing & with our agreement, two items, "Pills" and "Youth at the Menin Gate" have appeared in the County Circular.

Open Harborough 98

"A day of entertainment and attractions" is how the Chamber of Trade and Commerce describe this year's event which will focus on "traditional shopping in a relaxed market town atmosphere". Saturday, 26th September, should see more people than usual in the town and would provide another opportunity for the Branch to present the Legion to the public.

We shall be "Open" at the Coffee Shop in the Settling Rooms where we hope to have displays which will encourage visitors to learn more about what we do and why they should join us. The emphasis will be on stimulating interest not on fund raising.

I would like suggestions and offers of help to ensure this event is a success.

August Lunch

Tony Johnson has arranged a different venue for lunch at 12.30, Wednesday, 26th August - The Staff of Life, at Mowsley. If you wish to join the party, ring Tony on MH 440501. Previous occasions have

WW1 Photographs

A friend of Stan Woofenden, is writing a book about the Leicestershire Regiment in WW1 and is appealing for photos of members of the Regiment in uniform. Any photo would be copied and quickly returned to you. Please let me know if you can help.

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Poppy Factory Visit

2nd September.

A few seats still available @ £6.00.
Non members, especially
Poppy Collectors welcome.
Pick-up in MH. Time to be notified.

Husbands Bosworth Branch Flower, Fruit & Vegetable Show

Sunday pm, 30th August

Husbands Bosworth Village Hall

**53 Classes of exhibits, raffle,
etc.**

**An interesting Sunday after-
noon
outing which supports our Le-
gion friends.**

Our Branch members are in-

Clipston Branch Barbecue & Raffle

Saturday, 12th September.

**East Farndon Village Hall
6 to 9.30pm.
Bar applied for**

Tickets £4 Adults, £2 Children

Ring Michael Hignett, MH 525230
or Trevor Burnham, MH 462923

Duck Races

**Sunday, 20th September
The Neville Arms, Medbourne**

**The Lions Club fun event with
generous cash prizes.**

Details and entry forms from

(Nearly) Full House

The August Meeting was the best attended for a long time. We welcomed RBL visitors from Husbands Bosworth & Wigston, the latter also being a member of MH RNA. The business part of the meeting dealt mainly with forthcoming events which are reported in these pages and followed a talk by Mark Hudson on some unusual aspects of his service in the Royal Navy.

Although classified as an Electrician and a Submariner, he spoke of taking photographs from the open door of helicopters, of helping with a study of glaciers in Spitzbergen, of sub-terranean Gibraltar, of intelligence activities during the Gulf War, including driving VIP's around the back streets of London, monitoring nuclear radiation in submarines and on land and computer security.

Thank you, Mark. It sounds as though the Navy rivals Heinz for variety!

The Next Branch Meeting

It is hoped to show two video films of events in which branch members have been involved.

Samachara

This, the Newsletter of the Gurkha Welfare Trust, graphically describes how the trust is helping to provide ex- soldiers and their families in impoverished rural Nepal, with what we regard as basic necessities of life. The donation we made last year was in a very good cause.

Reminders

- 26 Aug. Branch Lunch (p1, col 3)
- 26 Aug. Committee Meeting
- 29 Aug. Coffee Morning (p1,col2)
- 30 Aug. H Bos. Flower Show(left)
- 2 Sept. Poppy Factory (left)
- 9 Sept. Branch Meeting (above)
- 12 Sep. Clipston B B Q (left)
- 20 Sep. Battle of Britain Sunday
- 20 Sep. Duck Races (left)
- 26 Sep. Open Harborough (p1,c3)
- 26 Sep. RAFA Coffee Morning
- 2 Oct. Anniversary Dinner(right)
Festivals of Remem-
brance
- 24 Oct. Dergate Theatre
- 31 Oct. De Montfort Hall

Festival of Remembrance De Montfort Hall

Saturday, 31st October

Seats to be booked

by **1st September**

Ring

Andrew Marriott **now** on MH434805

Muster of 300, Remembrance Service
Entertainment by Syston Band, Choir
of Guthlaxton College & Vince Hill
Tickets £6.50 & £4.00

75th Anniversary Dinner

Friday, 2nd October, 1998.
Market Harborough Golf Club

Menu

Melon Boat or Prawn Platter

Lemon Sorbet

Chicken Breast with White Wine
& Mushroom Sauce, or
Roast Contra fillet of Beef Dubary*

Selection of Sweets or
Cheese & Biscuits

Coffee & After Dinner Mints

Price £12.50

*A fish or a vegetarian dish can be
provided if specially ordered.

If you have not already booked
and wish to do so, please phone
Tom Jeacock on MH 466829.

Say if you need help with transport

Battle of Britain Sunday

20th September

Market Harborough Parade & Service
organised by 1084 Squadron ATC

Parade assembles at Old Swimming
Baths, 10.15 am
Service at Parish Church, 10.45am

Appeal Street Collection 18/19 Sept.
Offers of help please to Jim Lloyds,
MH 463174