



In Touch, Too



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George is back!

It was good to see George Fleming at the Branch meeting on 14th April sitting in the Treasurer's seat once more. He admitted to having been subjected to a bit of "arm twisting" by our Chairman. He made the point that the difficulty of finding a replacement after his earlier resignation shows how important it is that in future there should be a deputy for such a key post. More "gentle persuasion", Madam Chairman?

The job of Membership Secretary remains with Branch Secretary, Betty West.

Tony steps down

Members who have enjoyed the Branch lunches last year will be disappointed to learn that Tony Johnson has decided that due to his other commitments he cannot act as "Master of Ceremonies" for such events in future. He has also resigned from the Branch Committee. However, the lunches will continue at nominally two-monthly intervals. It was announced at the Branch meeting that the first of those "Under New Management" would be on Tuesday, 20th April at the "Welland Lodge" Market Harborough.

If you had been looking forward to a repeat of Tony's successful "Day on the Canal", do not despair - enquiries are now being made for the last Branch cruise of the millennium! Demand is expected to be great so if you wish to secure a place please call Bob England now to register your interest.

The Social Committee

It has been agreed that this Committee formed at the March Branch meeting should be responsible for arranging Branch social events and some fund-raising events but not events at Branch meetings. The Committee is led by Bob England* who acts as Social Secretary. He also acts as Treasurer of a "Social Committee Account", the purpose of which is to facilitate providing a programme of activities for (and with) Members whilst at the same time generating an income for the Branch General Fund. The account will be open to scrutiny by the Branch Committee and Branch Treasurer to whom the account will be submitted for audit.

In its first two meetings the Committee considered ideas for outings and other events from which a programme covering a variety of interests could be prepared and which would spread throughout the year. The objective is to have something happening every month. This may sound ambitious but it can be done if there is sufficient demand, support and help from Members. Remember, the programme is for the benefit of all Branch Members, not the Social Committee!! Tell them what you would like them to arrange.

* Contact Bob on MH 464288 (between 4.30pm and 8pm please)

The Meetings Programme

The pattern established last year with the business meeting being followed by some other, usually informal, activity is to be continued. It has been agreed that during the course of a year normally there should be four buffets, no more than four talks, and at least four events in which members can actively participate. The job of organising a suitable programme has been given to the Vice Chairman (Oh! dear, that's me!) so I need to know what you would like me to arrange (no, not that!!).

Already in train are an exhibition of medals by an expert collector and in December a film show by Harborough Movie Makers. Other details later.

In Touch, Too is written and produced by Branch Vice-Chairman, Tom Ashmore
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***Your comments and suggestions
are welcome.***

WANTED

Helpers & Items for

Tombola

Cake stall

Raffle

Saturday

1st May

Harborough Theatre



Coffee Morning

Call Bob England on MH 464288
(between 4.30pm and 8pm please)
if you have not already pledged
your support.



HELP!

At the

CARNIVAL

12th June

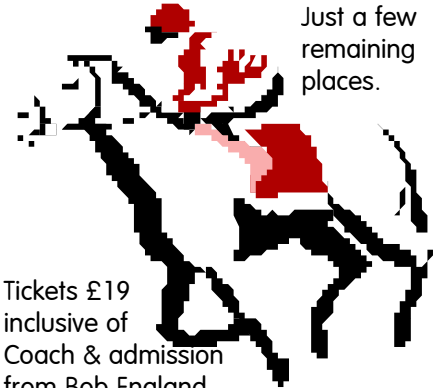
Please spare a couple of hours
on the Stall and / or
contribute items for
the Tombola.

More details next



Poppy Race Day Newmarket - 26th June

Just a few
remaining
places.



Tickets £19
inclusive of
Coach & admission
from Bob England

Payment due at or before 12th May
meeting. Make cheques payable to
Social Committee a/c

Seats not taken by members and guests
will be offered to the general public.

Hobbies Evening

12th May
after the Branch meeting

You are invited to bring along a
display to illustrate one or more
of your hobbies, interests or pas-
s-times.

Craft work? - show something
you have made or how you made
it.

Music lover? Records, tapes,
CD's

Photography? Subjects, tech-
niques

Cards? Unusual games or cards

Puzzles? Word, number, jigsaw

Holidays? Snaps, maps, bro-
chures

Sports? That you play

~~Sports? That you watch or follow~~

Royal Tournament

RBL Day, 31st July

There is insufficient interest for a
Branch visit but the County Standard
Bearers' Association plan to run a
coach at a cost of £10 per person
(exclusive of admission) and will
offer seats not taken by the Associa-
tion to other RBL members. For
details contact CSBA's Bob Hendry
on 0116 260 9296.

Festival of Remembrance

Royal Albert Hall

Two tickets are still available from
the Branch's allocation. Contact-
Betty West on MH 424926
for details.

Removal of Wreaths

You may have seen a letter in a recent
issue of the Harborough Mail in which
the writer deplored the very early
removal of wreaths from the town's
War Memorials. This is a matter on
which our Branch had previously ex-
pressed its concern to the District
Council. The result is that in future,
the decision on when the wreaths will
be removed will rest with this Branch.

Pilgrimages

A current Pilgrimages Department
brochure of Remembrance Visits is
available for loan or perusal from
Betty West.

OOPS!

My apologies for giving the wrong
date for the last Committee meeting.
I had overlooked the fact that at two
previous meetings the date had been
stated as 24th March instead of the
usual last Wednesday of the month.
In most months there are two weeks
between the 2nd and last Wednesday,
but this year there are three in March,
June, September and December.

DIARY

20th Apr.	Lunch at Welland Lodge - 12 noon
28th Apr.	Branch Committee Meeting
1st May *	Coffee Morning - Harborough Theatre -
12th May *	Branch Meeting & Hobbies evening
4th Jun.	Lunch - venue to be announced
9th Jun.	Branch Meeting & event to be announced
12th Jun. *	Carnival
26th Jun. *	Poppy Race Day at Newmarket
24th Jul.	Coffee Morning - Harborough Theatre
31st Jul. *	Royal Tournament
13th Nov. *	Festival of Remembrance - Royal Albert Hall

* See separate announcement on this page