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Lest we Forget

We regret to have to announce the death of fellow member, Percy Shannon. Poor health prevented Percy from attending meetings and so he was not well known in the Branch. He served in the RASC from 1941 to 1947.

We extend our sympathy to his

More Cups for Market Harborough Branch!!



At the recent County Standard Bearers Association Competition, George Fleming was placed second overall and also received the award for "Best Turnout". Congratulations, George! You have given us all yet another reason to be proud of our Branch.

Achievement of second place means that George will be the Deputy County Standard Bearer and so will carry the County Standard at ceremonies where the Queen's Colour is present (and carried by the County S.B.).

Battle of Britain Service

It was encouraging to see from the size of the congregation that the debt we all owe to "The Few" is not forgotten. The Branch was well represented by our Standard Bearer and several other members. For our Chairman, Mrs Constance Halsall and husband, Bernard it was a particularly memorable occasion because their son, Group Captain Martin Halsall took the salute as the parade marched past after the service.



I am sure he will have been impressed by the smartness of those in the parade especially the ATC cadets led by their band.

Subscriptions

If you have not yet paid please do so quickly or you risk losing your membership!! Send or take £6.50 to Treasurer, George Fleming, 11 Watson Avenue, M H, LE16 9NA. You are advised not to send cash by post. Any queries, call him on M H 462711 (after 6pm).

Legion Organisation

At the June, 1998 Branch Meeting our East Midlands Regional Organiser, Dave Greenway spoke about some of the proposed changes at Region and County levels. Dave has now become Internal Auditor, Northern Region. East Midlands Branch and Club matters will be taken on by the Eastern R O, but membership matters will still be dealt with by the Nottingham office secretary.

Well Done, Andrew!

Andrew Marriott's recent achievements do not add to the Branch's score of trophies, but they deserve our hearty congratulations. He has realised a long held ambition to enter the Fire Service and is now engaged on an arduous training course. We wish him well in his new career. The other major venture he has undertaken is matrimony. Jayne and Andrew, we wish you every happiness.

Apologies from the *In Touch* Production Department (me!) for the error in the September Issue. The date of the AGM should have

The AGM

This the most important meeting of the year will be at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 10th November**. It is when you can influence the way in which your Branch is run. You have the duty to elect those who for the next year should have the responsibility of leading the Branch on your behalf. Included with this newsletter is a Nomination Form with instructions for its completion. Please note that any person you nominate must give his agreement to stand for election to the position indicated.

Remember, that only those present at the AGM can vote - no proxy voting- so do try to attend on the 10th November. For your effort you will be rewarded with an "AGM Special" buffet!

Beer and Skittles!!

It is unlikely that any of the nine of us who went to the Railway Inn, Kibworth on 17th September, will be selected to play in the Long Alley Skittles League (is there one?) but lack of skill did not prevent us having a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Please can we have another session soon? I'm not keen on the mushy peas but I could develop a liking for faggots - would more of them improve my aim with those curious lumps of wood you hurl at the skittles which seem



More food!!

The Branch Christmas Luncheon will be on Tuesday, 7th December, 12.45 for 1.15pm, at The Countryman Great Bowden, price £9.00. To book, see Bob England at the AGM or phone him before then.

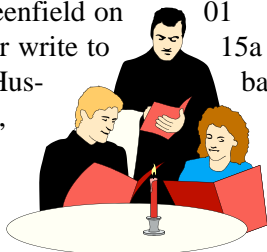
1999 Annual Dinner

"Good food, pleasant surroundings and congenial company - what more could one ask?" This is how one member summed up the evening on 15th October at the Market Harborough Golf Club, a sentiment surely shared by the other 66 people present.. Our Guest of Honour was Cllr. Roger Fewkes, Chairman of Harborough District Council accompanied by Mrs. Fewkes. We were delighted to have a party from Desborough Branch which gave rise to many wise-cracks about crossing the County Boundary. Husbands Bosworth was represented but not in their usual strength. Music was provided by John Glen and the dance floor was well populated. To add a note of dignity to the occasion the standard was prominently displayed and was ceremoniously dipped for the Act of Homage before the meal and again when the National Anthem was played following the Loyal Toast. The Branch Trophies were also on display. A raffle and an auction of a Commemorative Airborne Beer & Goblet pack, raised about £150, enough to cover the overhead costs of the occasion.



You are invited

by Husbands Bosworth Branch to their Annual Dinner on 19th November at Kilworth Springs Golf Club. Details & Tickets @ £11.50 from Neil Greenfield on 01 858 880719 or write to 15a High Street, Husbands Bosworth, Lutterworth, Leics. LE17 6LJ. If you intend to attend, please tell John Cox (MH 434983). Given sufficient numbers transport might be arranged.



Coffee Morning

23rd October. Harborough Theatre.

This is in aid of the Poppy Appeal, so it is particularly important to raise a lot of money. Thanks to those who have volunteered for duty or have given or promised items for the Tombola, Cake & "For Sale" Stalls & the Raffle. Others who wish to help or can give things for the stalls please come to the Theatre by 9am. What is most needed is a good turnout of the public, all in generous mood! Be sure to persuade your

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| 23rd Oct. | Coffee Morning - Harborough Theatre from 9.30am till noon |
| 27th Oct. | Branch Committee Meeting |
| 30th Oct. | Festival of Remembrance- de Montfort Hall
Pick-up for ticket holders 6.15pm outside the Conservative Club. |
| 30th Oct. | Poppy Appeal House- to House Collections start. |
| 5/6 Nov. | Poppy Appeal Stall in Market Hall |
| 8th Nov. | Quiz Night at The White Horse, Nelson St. |
| 9,12,13 Nov. | Poppy Appeal Street Collection |
| 10th Nov. | Branch AGM followed by a buffet. |
| 11th Nov. | Acts of Remembrance
10.15am Welland Park Memorial
10.50am The Square |
| 14th Nov. | Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service |
| 19th Nov. | Husbands Bosworth Annual Dinner |
| 24th Nov. | Branch Committee Meeting |
| 7th Dec.* | Branch Christmas Lunch -See panel left. |

* Ring Bob England (MH 464288 between 4.30pm & 8pm) for details & to book.