

Vice Chairman

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Christmas & the New Year*

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We will remember them

It is with sadness that we have to record the death of two of our members.

Don Osborn had been in poor health and during the last few months had several spells in hospital. He died in St. Luke's on 12th December, aged 75. We offer our condolences to his widow and family.

As befitted the funeral of an ex- serviceman - Royal Navy, '43 to '46 - the coffin was draped with the Union Flag, the Standard was carried and three other Branch members were present.

Bernard Page died on 14th December aged 85. One of the three surviving Harborough Japanese POW's, Bernard will be remembered by Harborians as their Town Crier (see In Touch Issue 21) and by members as a colleague who involved himself in the Branch as far as his health allowed. We extend our sympathy to his family.

Turkey & Xmas Pud

An excellent meal, paper hats, funny mottos (or did the wine make them seem funny?), congenial company - that was the branch Christmas Lunch at The Countryman, Great Bowden. Thank you Bob England for arranging it and getting these two celebrities to appear!



Millennium Plans

Most people know by now that to celebrate the Millennium in Market Harborough, each week of 2000 will have a theme with events arranged by a group or organisation. The Branch has agreed to be responsible for 6th to 12th November. A small team led by Tom Jeacock is planning an event for each of the 7 days. A "Garden of Remembrance" with a specially made cross planted for each person whose name appears on the war memorial and the memorial gates, a band concert, the Remembrance Day parade & service, a Beating the Retreat ceremony, the award of prizes for activities by youth during the year, are being con-

Reflection and Hope

Don't miss the Service and Parade of Standards in Nottingham being shown live on BBC1 at 2pm on New Year's Eve. This a R B L National event and part of a day long BBC world-wide hook-up. Our George Fleming will be there, so see if you can spot him amongst all the others.

Jack Quain Again?

Following the Branch Committee decision that the Branch should again enter the competition for the Trophy, a document setting out our case for receiving the award again has been prepared and submitted to County Office.

Poppy Appeal Latest

It was announced at the December Branch meeting, that the total raised to date was £11,527.43, over £1200 more than at the corresponding time last year. Peter Wilson thanked all those who had helped to achieve such a magnificent result and mentioned particularly, the work of Renie & Dick Fulford in handling, counting and recording the money.

Costly Pensions Advice

A company is advertising to help you get "Compensation" for medical conditions caused or made worse by military service. They do no more than the RBL does in helping you get a "War Pension", but charge for the service.

Royal Visits

Members saw H M the Queen arrive at the Station and a little later Prince Philip was at Welland Park School. These were just two of many glimpses into local history as recorded on cine-film and shown after the Branch meeting on 8th December by Market Harborough Movie Makers. Those who lived in the town at the time were able to recognise many of the individuals captured on film and the newcomers were fascinated to see something of the town's past.

Anyone interested in amateur film making, either cine or video is invited to contact Movie Makers Secretary, Peter Wilford on MH525372

Diary Dates

- 12 Jan Branch Meeting & Quiz
- 25 Jan Branch Lunch (venue to be announced)
- 26 Jan Branch Committee meeting
- 18 Feb Beer & Skittles evening

Other dates and events to be given nearer the time.

If you have not already returned the Social Programme questionnaire to bob England, please do so ASAP so that the Social Committee can start making firm arrangements.

Oh! in case you had missed the news, on 1st January, they are starting something called a New Millennium.