

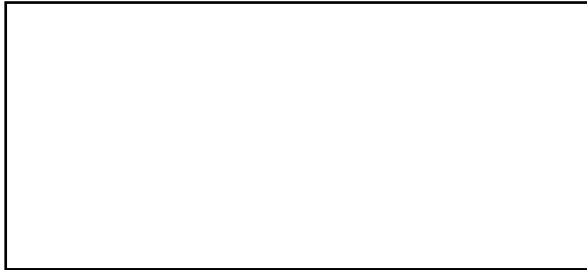


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Annual General Meeting

For the past several years the FAGM has replaced the normal November Branch Meeting but this year due to our Millennium Week, the AGM was in October.

Despite the unavoidable absence of several of our "regulars" there was quite a good turnout of 40 members including many of those who had joined most recently. The agenda followed the usual pattern with reviews of the year by the President, the Chairman and Welfare Officer, the presentation of the Annual Accounts and the election of Officers and committee members. The results are given on the right. A buffet followed & was well received.

In his report, President, Peter Wilson spoke of matters at national, regional and county levels including action to avert a financial crisis in the General (Membership) Fund. He also appealed for members to give the new Poppy Appeal Organiser, Tom Jeacock maximum support.

As Chairman, Con Halsall dealt with the many achievements of the Branch during a very active year. She was grateful for all the support she had received and thanked all those who had made the year so successful. The hard work of the Millennium Committee was specially mentioned, as were the efforts of the Social Committee in fund-raising and providing such enjoyable social events.

Election Results

All Branch Officers had agreed to serve again, no alternative nominations had been made and each was duly elected. Five of the seven on last year's Committee were willing to be re-elected and five other members had been nominated. As this would result in a committee within the permitted maximum number, all were elected. Thus, for the Year 2000 - 2001, you Officers are,

President	Mr. Peter Wilson	MH 464585
Vice President	Mr. Ken Stimpson	MH 545820
Chairman	Mrs. Constance Halsall	MH 465314
Vice Chairman	Mr. Tom Ashmore	MH 433108
Hon. Secretary	Mrs. Betty West	MH 434923
Hon. Treasurer	Mr. George Fleming	MH 462711

and the Committee Members are,

Mrs. Irene Blissett	MH 431789	Mr. Mark Hudson	MH 434436
Mr. John Cox	MH 434983	Mr. John Liddell	MH 465003
Mrs. Vida Edwards	0116 279 3729	Mr. Andrew Marriott	MH 434805
Mr. Bob England	MH 464288	Mr. Sam Shutt	MH 461632
Mr. Charles Freer	MH 467167	Mr. Barry Thorpe	ex-directory

The first meeting of the new Committee will be on Wednesday, 25th October, at 7.30pm at the Conservative Club.

The reputation of the branch had been enhanced with the award for the second time of the Jack Quain trophy, with George Fleming's success in the October, 1999 County Standard Bearers' competition, with our hosting of the County Half-year conference, the continued high quality of the Newsletters, the success of the Website leading to the Branch being seen as a source of IT expertise and by the high regard in which the branch is held both within and outside the RBL.

A full review of the year will appear in

Subscriptions.

The Subscription year started on 1st October. **Have you paid your £8?** If not, please do so ASAP. Send a cheque payable to Royal British Legion to George Fleming, 11 Watson Avenue, MH. LE16 9NA. Cash should not be sent by post but any Committee member will pass it to George for you.

Why £8? As you know an increase of £1.50 in the Affiliation Fee to £7 was agreed at Annual Conference. This is the amount paid to HQ to run the Membership side of RBL. The £1 is retained as a (small) contribution to the cost of running our branch.

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Your comments and suggestions are welcome

Millennium Week

6-12 November.

The Garden of Remembrance

Monday 6th. 7.30pm - ACF Band give a short public concert in the Parish Church, then at 8.15pm March to the Memorial Gardens for an Act of Remembrance, Wreath Laying and "Sunset", in the presence of invited guests and the general public. The Gardens will be floodlight. Each evening Tuesday to Saturday at 4pm Sunset Ceremony.

The Book of Remembrance

Wednesday, 8th - **7.15pm (Note earlier time!!)** Branch Meeting (usual venue, Conservative Club) 8.00pm Presentation of the 6 volumes of "The Book" to the Harborough District Council Chairman in the presence of invited guests including the Keeper of Harborough Museum who will accept "The Book" for safe keeping and permanent public access for reference and research.

This is a most important occasion and you are urged to make every effort to attend so as to emphasise that "The Book" is a gift from the Branch as a whole not just those involved in its production. As part of our Millennium Week, the event can do much further to enhance the reputation of the Branch. (If transport is a problem, please ring Betty West (MH 434923) who may be able to help.)

Although it is a special occasion, medals should **not** be worn.

Remembrance Concert

Saturday, 11th 7.30pm The Harborough Band play at the Baptist Church. Tickets cost £3.50 from R D Jeacock Ltd., Coventry Road. Please publicise

Coffee Morning

Harborough Theatre, 28th October

This is another reminder that helpers and contributions for the Tombola, Cake & "For Sale" Stalls & the Raffle will again be needed. If you can help on the day or have any items you can provide, please contact Bob England (MH464288) ASAP.

This is a particularly important fund-raising event as all proceeds are for the Poppy Appeal. Please help to make it a great success.

Another Cup!!

Our award winning Standard Bearer has done it again. George Fleming was runner-up in the recent County Competition (only one point behind the winner) and so retains the honour of being Deputy County Standard Bearer. Congratulations, George.

Poppy Appeal

Have you already told Tom Jeacock you will help with deliveries, with Collecting, either House-to-house or in the street? If not and can spare a little of your time, please ring him on MH 466829. Also, Mark Hudson needs volunteers for the Market stall. Please call him (MH 434436).

Remembrance 2000

de Montfort Hall, 4th November

This is a new name for Leicester's Festival of Remembrance. There are changes in administration, timing and format but much of the same will be familiar to those who have attended in previous years. A mini-bus is taking a party of members and may have spare seats. Check with Betty West on MH 434923 for details but ring ASAP!

CANCELLED

DIARY

25th Oct.	Branch Committee Meeting
27th Oct.	Desborough Branch - Corby Choir Concert Tickets £3 from John Freeman (01536 710319)
28th Oct.*	Coffee Morning - Harborough Theatre Poppy Appeal Collections start
4th Nov.*	<i>Remembrance 2000</i> - de Montfort Hall
6-12 Nov.*	Millennium Week:-
Monday	7.30pm ACF Band at Parish Church, then march to Garden of Remembrance
Tuesday	Poppy Appeal Street Collections & stall in Market Hall 4.00 pm Sunset Ceremony
Wednesday	4.00 pm Sunset Ceremony 7.15pm Branch meeting-----
Thursday	8.00pm Presentation ceremony RBL Exhibition opens in the Museum 4.00 pm Sunset Ceremony
Friday	Poppy Appeal Street Collections & stall in Market Hall 4.00 pm Sunset Ceremony
Saturday	Poppy Appeal Street Collections & stall in Market Hall 10.15am Remembrance - Welland Park 10.55am Remembrance - The Square 4.00 pm Sunset Ceremony 7.30pm Band Concert
Sunday	Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service 10.00am Parade assembles - Commons Car Park 10.45am Service - Parish Church & Wreath laying Please be seated by 10.30am Poppy Appeal stall in Market Hall
17th Nov~	Husbands Bosworth Annual Dinner
Date TBA	Branch Committee meeting
13th Dec	Branch Meeting + social event
15th Dec**	7.30pm Christmas Dinner

N.B. earlier time

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