



When sitting outside at work I saw these bees buzzing around this particular flower. Bees are renowned for being proactive. This made me stop and think. We at Haughley are like bees, buzzing around ensuring tasks get done. Hey, maybe this is why we are a successful branch. I'll let you decide.

Hosting the annual Suffolk County Rally on the 2nd July was a highlight of our branches 70 year history. The rally was opened by Lady Clare Euston the Lord lieutenant of Suffolk. Lady Clare inspected the standards on parade and gave a short meaningful speech. She spent over 2 hours visiting stands, stalls and chatting with visitors. The afternoon saw local groups perform in the arena with Stowmarket boys brigade playing through a complete down pour. The afternoon was a sombre time with a drum head service which saw the standards and two bikers parade onto the arena for the service to remember the soldiers from Haughley and Suffolk who died during the Battle of the Somme. Mr Wilson from the village kindly flew over and dropped poppies overhead. Head to the website for more details.



*Photo: Lady Clare Euston*

As usual the adjudants kitchen, sorry I mean secretary's was a hive of activity a few days before preparing the food for the branches get together. Before the meal the chairman conducted a short but poignant service to remember the fallen from the village and at the meal Mo made a short speech on the future of the living. Everybody had a brilliant afternoon so thank you Margaret thank you. Until next year eh?!

Yes I know that it's ages away but it will be here before we know it! The Poppy Appeal doesn't just happen. The Poppy boxes need filling, people to knock on doors and the administration. The 29th October it all kicks off. Can you spare 60 min over that 2 weeks to help? Remember. You may benefit from the money raised one day. If you can help you know what to do.

The branch AGM will take place on the 14th October 2016. All positions are available so if your interested ensure the secretary has your nomination no later than the 30th September.

Our branch website has had a makeover from London. The graphics are now consistent with the main website. Some content may not look 'right' but this will rectify itself very shortly.. so take a look!



*L/cpl Alan Ager who is remembered on the village war memorial had a brother called Hugh who lost his left arm in WW1!*

### **Upcoming dates**

- ✓ 20<sup>th</sup> August is annual BBQ and quiz
- ✓ 8<sup>th</sup> Sept is the monthly branch meeting

It's confirmed! The Annual Suffolk County Rally raised a fantastic £1,365. The money raised will be split three ways: The branch fund, The county chairmans fund and Halsey House!

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