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LEGION RACE DAY – FAKENHAM 18 May 2008

The Legion race day at Fakenham, which was publicised with the last issue of '690 News', took place on Sunday 18th May, and fourteen branch members were spotted among the crowds. Before racing commenced, spectators were treated to a march past of Legion standards, accompanied by the band of The Royal Logistic Corps, who had made the journey up from Surrey to entertain us. They performed again later in the afternoon.



Studying the form at Fakenham Races

The programme of races began at 2.20pm, and the main programme ended at 4.30pm. There were plenty of places for rest and refreshment, including a Legion coffee and tea tent, run by the Women's Section, and our passes also gained us admittance to the grandstand and its large (and crowded) bar! The Fakenham office staff manned a stand selling all kinds of Legion products and memorabilia, and the County Field Officer was in his element selling tickets for a large number of bottles of whisky, which were being raffled as batches of tickets were sold, during the course of the afternoon.

Several dramas were witnessed, including the jockey of the favourite, whilst in the lead, taking the wrong course, and looking over his shoulder to see the rest of the field streaming past him as he pulled his horse up in disbelief; another horse 'threw a wobbly' as only racehorses can, becoming very jumpy and having a 'prima donna' turn before the race, rearing spectacularly, and losing the jockey. They were withdrawn.

Despite being a very chilly day, it was good fun, and some members are known to have come home somewhat wealthier than before!

