



# The Royal British Legion Stamford Branch 'Legion Airs' Bi /Monthly Bulletin October 2018

**Dates for your Diary:** Note our social evenings have reverted to starting at 8pm.

*15<sup>th</sup> October* - AGM

*27<sup>th</sup> October* - Launch of the Poppy Appeal at East Kirkby

*3<sup>rd</sup> November* – 'Suicide Club' a play by Darren Rawnsley – details below.

*3<sup>rd</sup> November* - Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance at the War memorial – 10.45am.

*9<sup>th</sup> November* - Poppy Appeal coffee morning in the Town Hall, 10 – 12.

*11<sup>th</sup> November* - Remembrance Parade and Service – War Memorial

*11<sup>th</sup> November* - Faure's Requiem – directed by Fergus Black at All Saints Church at 5pm.

*18<sup>th</sup> November* - Thanksgiving Service- 5pm All Saints Church – details below.

*10<sup>th</sup> December* - Poppy Appeal Party

## **AGM! AGM! AGM! October 15<sup>th</sup>**

In the last 'Legion Airs' there was an impassioned appeal for members to support the branch by getting involved. Please show your support by coming along to the AGM and voting for and getting to know your committee. Even better, by joining the committee!

### The nitty gritty.

The nomination sheet, agenda and minutes from last year will be displayed on the notice board at Blackstone's Sports and Social Club (near the pool table), from 6<sup>th</sup> September for 4 weeks prior to the AGM. Or have a chat with Ray Beresford or any committee member about being more involved.

## **Update on Poppy Appeal 2017-2018, Poppy Appeal 2018-2019.**

There will be a letter in the Stamford Mercury this week with final totals, thanks etc for the 2017/2018 Poppy Appeal. Last Legion Airs gave details for this year's arrangements. Just to say that the stall at Morrisons during the two week period still have slots to fill. If you can help please contact Alan Patrick.

## **Thanksgiving/ Remembrance and Rededication Service**

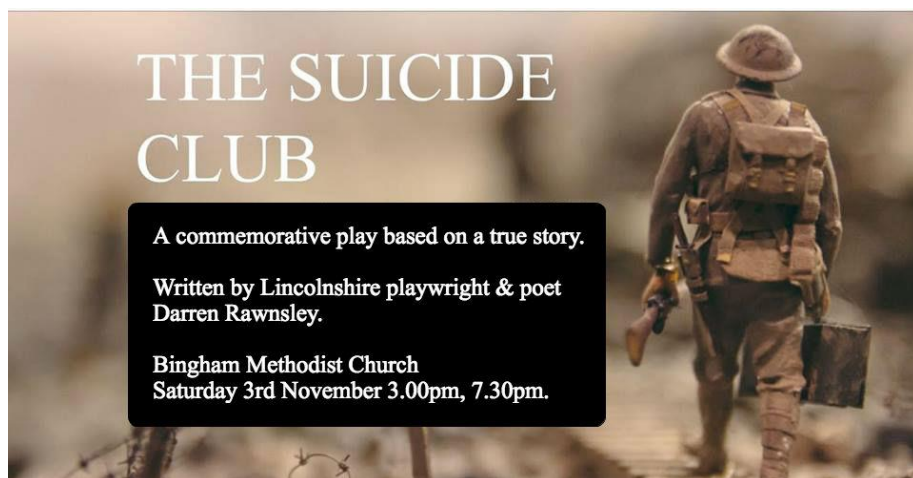
### **18<sup>th</sup> November – 5pm – All Saints Church.**

To mark the end of WW1 the RBL Stamford Branch are holding a service as above, to which local dignitaries and representatives of all civic, military and veterans organisations have been invited. Standards will be paraded and various commemorative acts carried out. All branch members are encouraged to come along, with other members of the public, to make this a truly outstanding occasion. Purely because of the limited capacity of the church this will be a ticketed event, free of charge. Tickets can be obtained, in advance, from the Town Hall.

**Goodnight Mr. Tom** – *the College Players* are staging a musical/narrative of this story at the arts centre from 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Details from the Arts Centre.

**Joyce Burton Trophy** –During the remembrance period you will see displayed in Ironmonger Street some of the work local school children have entered for the annual Joyce Burton Trophy – this year themed around WW1.

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#### About This Production

Bingham Theatre's next performance is 'The Suicide Club' a moving one Act play about a real-life local soldier to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1.

The play is based on the diaries of David Polley and was written by **Darren Rawnsley** (a Lincolnshire playwright and poet and member of the Stamford RBL) and Allan C .Mott (an historian and Grandson of David Polley).

Come along to commemorate the soldiers who fought for our country 100 years ago. We are thrilled to be able to bring you a talk at every show from the grandson of the focal point of our play – Mr Allan.C.Mott. You will then see this moving tale brought to life through the cast of Bingham Theatre Company. ...all of this is included in the same ticket price!

For tickets please email [bmtc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bmtc@hotmail.co.uk). Or look on BMTC Facebook Page.

**Price is £10 per adult and £5 per child.**

#### **Parliamentary inquiry into the provision of mental health care to Armed Forces personnel and veterans**

The House of Commons Defence Select Committee has launched an inquiry into the provision of mental health care in the UK to both serving personnel and veterans and their families. The committee is keen to hear from both current and former servicemen and women and their families on their experiences, both good and bad, of seeking and receiving mental health care.

If anyone is interested in knowing how they can participate please contact Pat and she will forward the full email received.

#### **Stamford Branch Chaplain**

Members will be aware that for many years the branch has been blessed to have the services of the Rev Dr Canon Gray TD, as branch chaplain. Rev Gray is no longer able to fulfil this due to ill health. The branch extends their heartfelt thanks to him for his services over the years. We are pleased to say therefore that Sqdn Ldr Rev Stuart Shaw, stationed at RAF Wittering, has agreed to act as honary branch chaplain as long as he is stationed there. He is willing to officiate at any branch funeral if needed and is willing to act as a parish priest for any of our members if they so wish.

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