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**‘Shoulder to Shoulder
With All Who Serve’**

**Next Monthly Branch Meeting
Wednesday
11 Jan**

Function Room, Conservative Club, Fairfield Rd, Market Harborough
7-30pm



Air Cadets Win National Band Championships

On November 20th 2011 the Band of 1084 (Market Harborough) Squadron made its way down to RAF Halton to compete for the fifth time in the Air Cadet National Band Championships.

In 2009, (the 2010 competition was cancelled due to heavy snow) the band finished 3rd behind 135 (Reigate & Redhill) Sqn and winners 1855 (Royton) Sqn.

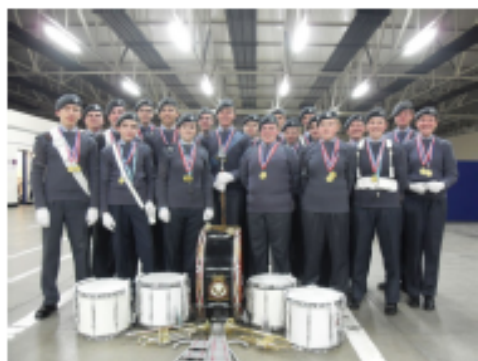
This year the band faced both these squadron again in addition to 93 Sqn (Bath) who have won the competition many times in the past.

The band was last to perform and they were very nervous having seen the previous bands excellent displays. However this didn't deter them and they performed an excellent display routine to the delight of the crowd, to take the top award by 6 points from 93 Sqn with 1855 a close third.

The day was rounded off by the band being awarded the trophy for the best turned out band and Sgt Tim Monk was runner up in the Best Drum Major Section.

Flt Lt Smith paid tribute to the band 'I am very proud of what they

achieved, they played so well, arguably better than the previous time they won this competition in 2003. Very few play music outside the squadron band, and the effort they put into their music reflects great credit on them all as they take a full part in all the squadron activities as well. The Band Master Mr David Standish and his Assistant Band Master Lauren Bickley deserve full credit for their hard work in training the band .



Christmas Spirit

A young child attending their first carol service demanded in a loud voice when the collection plate came round "you mean we have to pay for this as well!"

Welfare

If you are aware of any one who qualifies for, and who may benefit from, the Royal British Legion welfare services please contact

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Christmas 1914

In 1914, there was an unofficial truce between German & British troops. Soldiers on both sides spontaneously began to sing carols & stopped fighting. The truce began on Christmas Day & continued for a short while. The British Generals took a hard line and although attempts were made in 1915 to do the same thing it never happened. There were football 'matches' between the opposing armies and tradition has it that the British 'let the Germans win 3-2'
Troops fraternizing during the Truce



The MOD reported the following soldiers killed in Afghanistan.

Sapper Elijah Bond, Royal Engineers, aged 24 from St Austell died in the UK on, 8 December 2011, as a result of wounds he sustained on 6 December 2011.

Rifleman Sheldon Steel, The Rifles, aged 20 from Leeds was killed on Sunday, 27 November 2011.



Tuesday 10 January Late Christmas Lunch

Reservation to
Pat Middleton 01858 445827
with menu choice

Menu

Starter

Ham Hock Terrine with potato salad

Smoked haddock fishcake on mixed leaves with chive dip

Main

*Turkey with trimmings
Baked white fillet of fish, Mediterranean vegetables in tomato sauce*

Roast leg of lamb, roast potatoes, vegetables

Vegetable risotto, vegetable spring rolls sweet chilli

Sweet

Christmas pudding, bandy custard

Lemon tart, ice cream wine infused berries

*Fresh fruit salad with cream
Coffee and mints*

£12-50 - pay on the day
Meet in the bar at noon

What's Going On?

Subscription Renewals.

Hope you have all renewed your subscriptions, we wouldn't want your membership to lapse.

Forthcoming Events

- 7 Jan County conference
Broughton Astley
Village Hall
- 10 Jan Late Christmas Lunch.
The Angel
- 18 Feb Party with the Young
at the Conservative
Club. Reserve the
date and more details
next month

- 9 Mar Annual Dinner at the
Golf Club

Note No Committee
Meeting in January
and Branch meeting
is on Thursday 19
January



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