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‘Shoulder to Shoulder With All Who Serve’

**Next Monthly Branch Meeting
Wednesday
14 March**

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

News from the Branch

The meeting held on February 8th was missing a few regulars no doubt due to the weather.

The Chairman introduced the new President of the Branch, Mr Andrew Granger DL and presented him with his chain of office. The President said how surprised he was to be asked to become the Branch President but also how honoured he felt by it. He will do his best to attend events and promote the aims of the Royal British Legion and the Branch.

The Chairman then asked him to undertake his first official duty to present Branch Certificates of Appreciation to the staff and crew of workshops 5 & 6 at HMP Gartree.

This was a small token of the Branch's appreciation for the work that was done to refurbish the Garden of remembrance crosses and arrange for their storage. There is little doubt that without the assistance of HMP Gartree the Garden would have stopped.



Paul Wade, the President, Mark Hudson A Branch Certificate was presented to Mark Hudson (Vice President) as

a mark of appreciation for his sterling work as Chairman over a period of 10 years. He had overseen many changes and developments in the branch which was the stronger and better for them. His work continues as Deputy Poppy Appeal Organiser and project officer for the Garden of Remembrance. All members showed their huge appreciation of the work done by Mark and HMP Gartree.

The Membership Secretary reported that for various reason 4 members had not renewed their subscriptions. The General Account stands at £2623, the Welfare Account £1759. A cheque for £224 had been received for the Poppy Appeal from Bulwick Church Council. The Poppy Appeal stands at £24,500 and the PAO was confident that the £30,000 target would be reached. He reported that £812 had been received from the Poppy Match at LCFC. Following the retirement of John Liddell a replacement is needed to look after the wreaths for the Poppy Appeal. Please get in touch with Dave Pryor if you can spare some time to help out.

The IT Editor apologised for the errors in last months edition.

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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01858 434923

Sid Read

I am sad to have to report that Sid Read a long standing member of the branch died peacefully in his sleep at Peaker Park on 6 February aged 92. His wife Dorrie, aged 91, had tragically died peacefully in her sleep the previous day, also at Peaker Park.

Both funerals were held at Kettering Crematorium on 14 February .

The Branch Standard was present

Daniel McInnes

This was sent in by John Black. Daniel was my Great Great Uncle, one of 8 children born to John and Grace on the Isle of Luing off the coast of Scotland in 1829.

Daniel went to Edinburgh when he was 28 and enlisted into the 71st Highland Light Infantry (71st of Foot) on 19 January 1858. He was paid a bounty of £1-10s, a further 2/6p for attesting. He was given the regimental number 161. He was told his pay would start on 28 January.

After training he was sent to India.

To be continued next month

The MOD reported the following soldiers killed in Afghanistan.

L Cpl Gajbahadur Gurung, Royal Ghurkha Rifles was killed on 27 January 2012. Aged 26 from Nepal

Signaller Ian Sartorius-Jones Armoured Brigade HQ died on 24 January 2012. Aged 21 from Runcorn



Tuesday 6 March

Reservations before

28 February to Les Moore

01858 463112

All cancellations phone the Angel 01858 462702 before 10am on the day of the meal. If you don't cancel as above you will be charged for the meal no matter what your reason

Menu

Main

Pork sausage, mashed potato, savoy cabbage, onion gravy

Roast shoulder of lamb, roast potatoes, vegetables

Breaded fillet of haddock, chips, garden peas

Sweet

Chocolate sponge, chocolate sauce, and cream

Strawberry cheesecake

Fresh fruit salad and ice cream

Lemon tart with Crème Fraiche

Coffee and mints

£8-50 - pay on the day

What's Going On?

Forthcoming Events

- 18 Feb Party with the Young at the Conservative Club. Tea Dance, beetle drive, sing song etc 4pm - 6pm. Light refreshments available. Tickets £2-50 and bring a friend. Disco will start 7-30, tickets £2-50. At tend both for £4.
- 25 Feb Coffee Morning. Help needed to stock r the cake stall. A new idea of a 'garden stall' Bring any garden related items eg plants, pots, seeds etc.. Usual raffle and tombola prizes needed
- 9 Mar Annual Dinner at the Golf Club. Contact Pat Middleton 7 Howard Way, MH for late bookings. Cost £17-50 cheques payable to MH Gold Club
- 25 Jun Flag Raising Ceremony for Armed Forces Day at the Council House
- 1 Jul Armed Forces Day event. Welland Park,

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