



Haughley Royal British Legion Newsletter September 2015

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They tell me that time goes faster as you get old. I knew I was getting there when last autumn I was gathering apples from our tree when the voice of our granddaughter shouted out 'grandad, get down from there, you are too old for climbing trees'. Yes ma'am! Blimey, I thought that when I had a teenage daughter it was almost like having a second wife, now there are three!

It has been my painful duty to attend no less than eight funerals this year and I do not look forward to winter. Listen; there are lots of lonely people out there, including members. Please do your christian duty and spare someone a few minutes today - we all know tomorrow never comes. Ok - enough doom and gloom; what's going down (apart from the sun).

August 15th saw the annual BBQ and quiz. If you weren't there, why? I told you about it in June. As always, lots of fun was had and the winners? The village hall and Bacton.

What's coming up?

- The village fair was a success from our point of view with some fine weather. Veterans day was, as always, well attended by some fifty veterans and their families and a super day enjoyed.
- We hear from tiny Westhorpe, asking via our website, for advice on a war memorial rededication service. (See the website really works.) Anyway, we were invited to attend which we duly did and following a super little service in which Woody done you proud with his standard bearing, we enjoyed tea, coffee and homemade biscuits and cakes and made yet more new friends.
- The County rally this year was at Woodbridge where we attended in the company of Bacton. An enjoyable afternoon on a fine, sunny day!
- Now! Pin your ears back , I shall say this only once or six times in the next few months . We, the branch, have been asked to organise next year's County rally, and trust me for a small branch such as ours this is one hell of a feather. We are looking at 2nd July, that is 100 years since the somme. Ok, watch this space!!

- Onwards Thursday 8th October is the branch AGM. 1945 at the football club. As normal all positions up for grabs. Nominations to the Hon. Sec. by end of September please.
- Saturday 24th October we have our variety show for the Poppy Appeal. This promises to be a superb production, you will regret missing it, and of course the branch will be 70 years old. Can't make it? The at least try to sell a few draw tickets. There is a serious list of prizes, starting with £100 cash.
- Friday 6th is remembrance service for the pre-school and Crawford's, where the children plant their homemade poppies at 11am in the church - please support!
- November the 8th is Remembrance Sunday. it's 10.30 at the post office if you are marching. The service starts at 10.45 in church. The service is followed by lunch at the Cedars, Stowmarket. Booking for lunch is essential.

Membership Update

Membership subs will be due gain. If you pay by DD there will be no change. If you are a cash payer there will be options. If you have a problem, don't panic but contact the Hon. Sec. or me on 01449 770353 and we will help. What it does mean we don't have to spend hours and days door knocking.