

# What's Going On?

The Social & Fund-Raising Team Reports

## DIARY OF EVENTS

The date of the next Branch meeting is

# November 14

17 Oct Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning, Harborough Theatre

3 Nov Lunch at the Angel

21 Nov Remembrance Concert Baptist Church

**8 Dec** December Branch Meeting - **REVISED DATE**

**2010**

5 Jan Christmas Lunch, with RNA and RAFA

**19 Mar** Branch Anniversary Dinner - **REVISED DATE**

### Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning - 17th October

Les Moore (MH 463112) is in need of bric-a-brac, tombola and raffle prizes, cakes, jam and pickles. He will need help setting up and manning the stalls.

**Please assist Les in any way you can.**

### SUPPORT YOUR BRANCH - GET INVOLVED



## Lunch at The Angel

**Tuesday  
November 3**

*We meet in the  
bar at Noon*

**Reserve your  
place now with  
Wendy Osborne  
on 01858 467636**

### MENU

#### Roast Loin of Pork

*With sage & onion seasoning & apple sauce*

#### Beef Casserole

*With a hard scone and roast potatoes*

*Both served with selection of vegetables*

#### Baked White Fish

*With mashed potatoes, parsley & dill sauce*



#### Vanilla Baked Cheesecake

*With mandarin segments*

#### Fresh Fruit Salad

*With vanilla ice cream*

#### Warm Apple Pie

*with custard*

**Only £7**

*Join us and enjoy good food in congenial company.*

## The Royal British Legion Market Harborough Branch

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Meetings are held on the Second Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Function Room at the

Conservative Club, Fairfield Road, Market Harborough.

The Committee meets in the same room on the

Thursday preceding the Branch Meeting at 7.00 pm.

## In Touch

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# The Royal British Legion

## Market Harborough Branch

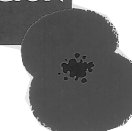
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THE ROYAL BRITISH  
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## Festive Season Lunch

We will be joined on **Tuesday, 5th January**, at The Angel Hotel by Members of the Royal Naval Association and the Royal Air Forces Association. Accommodation is restricted to 60 places, so it is essential that you make your reservation as soon as possible with **Frank Thurgood on 01858 433857**. The strict cut-off date is 17 December.

### The Menu

Three Courses £11.50

#### Homemade Leek and Potato Soup

*with Feta Cheese Croutons*

#### Chilled Melon

*with Mulled Wine Fruits of the Forest Berries*

#### Chicken Liver Pâté with Cumberland Sauce

*with a Wedge of Rustic Bread*  
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#### Succulent Oven Roasted Turkey

*accompanied by Traditional Festive Trimmings*

#### Baked White Fish on Crushed New Potatoes

*with a Dill and White Wine Sauce*

#### Roast Loin of British Pork

*with Sage, Apple and Onion Stuffing, Gravy & Roast Potatoes*

*All served with a Medley of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables*

#### Vegetarian Option

#### Roasted Herb Vegetables

*with a Cheese Crust, Tomato Sauce and Mashed Potatoes*  
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#### Christmas Pudding

*with Brandy Sauce*

#### Meringue Roulade

*with Compote of Fruit*

#### Fresh Fruit Salad

*with Vanilla Ice Cream*  
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#### Coffee and Mints



Tuesday 29 September, saw the repatriation of **Acting Sergeant Michael Lockett MC**, 29 from Angus, Monifieth, of the 2nd Battalion The Mercian Regiment, Operational Mentoring & Liaison Team (OMLT) Battle Group who was killed on 21 September 2009. Hundreds of Royal British Legion veterans, shopkeepers and residents lined the streets to pay their respects - as has become customary after such repatriations.

The Wootton Bassett tributes were started spontaneously two years ago by Legion members pausing to salute the cortege from nearby RAF Lyneham, used to return all those killed on operations. Since then, the repatriation ceremonies have grown to involve the entire town and have earned widespread praise and attention.

We will always  
remember  
them

The repatriation cortege of a soldier recently killed in Afghanistan took place on Thursday 1 October, seen here passing through Wootton Bassett at approximately 1.30pm. **Private James Prosser**, 21 from Cwmbran, of the 2nd Battalion The Royal Welsh Regiment, was killed on 27 September 2009.

Wootton Bassett Branch was recognised with a special award at this year's Annual Conference, in appreciation of 'the outstanding service given by the branch in honouring the fallen servicemen and women'.

"No one organised it, no one requested it," explained the Legion's National President, Lt Gen Sir John Kiszely. "It happened because it was the right thing to do, and our members stood ready to give these fallen heroes the honour they so richly deserve."

This story appears on the Royal British Legion website - [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)

Visit the Legion's "[We will remember them](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)" site for a list of recent casualties from Afghanistan.



## THE FINAL INSPECTION

*The Author is Unknown*

The soldier stood and faced God,  
Which must always come to pass.  
He hoped his shoes were shining,  
Just as brightly as his brass.

'Step forward now, you soldier,  
How shall I deal with you ?  
Have you always turned the  
other cheek ?  
To My Church have you been true?'

The soldier squared his shoulders  
and said,  
'No, Lord, I guess I ain't.  
Because those of us who carry guns,  
Can't always be a saint.

'I've had to work most Sundays,  
And at times my talk was tough.  
And sometimes I've been violent,  
Because the world is awfully rough.

'But, I never took a penny,  
That wasn't mine to keep -  
Though I worked a lot of overtime,  
When the bills got just too steep.

'And I never passed a cry for help,  
Though at times I shook with fear.  
And sometimes, God, forgive me,  
I've wept unmanly tears.

'I know I don't deserve a place,  
Among the people here.  
They never wanted me around,  
Except to calm their fears.

'If you've a place for me here, Lord,  
It needn't be so grand.  
I never expected or had too much,  
But if you don't, I'll understand.'

There was a silence all around  
the throne,  
Where the saints had often trod.  
As the soldier waited quietly,  
For the judgment of his God.

'Step forward now, you soldier,  
You've borne your burdens well.  
Walk peacefully on  
Heaven's streets,  
You've done your time in Hell.'

**Poppy  
Appeal  
2009**

**Appeal Organiser  
Dave Pryor  
01858 545612**

### The Launch

**The Appeal will begin on The Square, Market  
Harborough, at 10am on Saturday, 24th October.**

Once again, Pipers from the Northampton Pipe Band will be in attendance, along with standard bearers from local organisations.

The trio of wheelbarrows will set off to deliver trays and collecting tins to town centre shops, and poppies will be on sale from static points.

It is hoped that plenty of members and friends will be around to show support for the Appeal.

### Help!

Volunteers are still requested to come forward to sell poppies at the market stall and various points around the town centre. There are also vacancies for door-to-door collectors.

Please tell your friends who are not members of the Legion that any assistance they are able to offer in this very worthwhile cause will be most welcome and much appreciated.

### BRANCH MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

We welcome two new members:

**Myra Grewcock**, 7 Gapstile Close, Desborough,  
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**John R Faulks**, 24 Great Bowden Road, Market  
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### A Message from the Editor

You may be as surprised as I was to learn that this is the eightieth issue of *In Touch* that I have produced.

I plan to retire after next February, which will be the seventh anniversary of my taking over in 2003.

I hope a successor with fresh ideas will come forward soon to continue this enjoyable task. I shall be pleased, of course, to offer every assistance.

## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Set up the Garden of Remembrance. Help will be needed and volunteers are requested to meet at the Garden at 8-30 am.

*(Please remember 60p for parking on the Tesco Car Park if you do not have a blue badge.)*

## Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November.

There will be a short Sunset Ceremony led by the Branch Standard Bearers at 4pm.in the Garden of Remembrance Your attendance at this moving ceremony will be most appreciated. *(It is hoped to have two young trumpeters to play the last post and possible a piper at one of the performance. This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> year that we have carried out this ceremony and we must try to keep it going for as long as possible.)*

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November, Remembrance Day Remembrance Service and Parade.

You are invited to join the parade to the Parish Church, assembling at 9.15am on the Tesco car park *(free parking Sundays)*.

The service will commence at 10.00 am, but those not on the parade are requested to take their seats in the church by 9.30am.

Following the service wreaths will be laid at the War Memorial in the Square.

# Programme of Remembrance

## Market Harborough November 2009



“We will remember them”

Compiled by George Fleming

## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

10.15am sharp – The Act of Remembrance at the Welland Park Memorial in the Welland Park, the entrance, is to the left of the school on Welland Park Road.

10.55am – The Act of Remembrance in the Square by the Memorial Garden Gates, followed by Two Minutes Silence and Wreath laying ceremony.  
*(A Maroon will be fired to signal the beginning and end of the silence.)*

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

8.30am - The volunteer working party will commence the removal of the display in the Remembrance Gardens. It is hoped that the work will be completed by about 10.30am. *(60p cash for parking should be sufficient.)*

## Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

The Branch Remembrance Concert with the Harborough Band will take place at the Baptist Church on Coventry Road commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets price £5 are on sale at ABC Music in St Mary's Road, Jeacock in Coventry Road and at the Church prior to the performance.

### **Please Note:**

*There will be no Festival of Remembrance at the de Montfort Hall, Leicester, this year.*