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# Winchcombe
# Branch News Update

Dear Member,

May 2013

Since my last newsletter we have lost three members, Edward Lawson-Kimberley who was our Welfare Officer; he was a good friend and a professional soldier with many years of service. Barry Fletcher a former WO2 in the Parachute Regiment and Ted Adlard who served in the Hussars, all are sadly missed. My particular thanks go to Maurice Fletcher who carried the Standard at their respective funerals and our President Major Tom Hancock for once more taking the role of Welfare Officer, being assisted by Mandy Clements-Hunt.

The Remembrance Service and Parade went well with an excellent turnout, the weather being good. We had some problems at the club with the room not being open and the bar not being stocked! Richard Lane has offered to liaise with the club committee, to make sure this does not happen again this year. My thanks to all you that supported our Poppy Appeal Concert, Chairman's Christmas Lunch, the Big Quiz at Winchcombe School and the Lent Lunch.

Mandy Clements-Hunt our Poppy Appeal Organiser has been an inspiration to us all, raising a record sum for the Branch, which so far amounts to over £9500, a wonderful achievement.
Michael Stewart-Richardson is constructing our Branch Website, which will be up and running soon. Plans are already in hand to commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War One in 2014.

The Branch has been busy coping with the many changes at County and National level with the reorganisation of all the offices and staff.
Reg Collings has kindly offered to help with the workload, and is now the Assistant Secretary, which is a great help. Reg has a sound knowledge of computers and is actually helping me to put together this newsletter.

We have a Branch Outing to **RAF Museum Cosford on Tuesday 23rd July**, a Castleways Coach has been booked. The costs for the day will be **£15 inclusive of entry**. There is a Restaurant and Cafeteria on site if you wish to have some lunch. Those who have been tell me it is well worth a visit and an excellent day out. I hope you will give this your support, details are included.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes *John*

**John M Welch**
**Chairman / Secretary**
**Winchcombe Branch**
**The Royal British Legion**

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To John Welch, 4 Greystones, Gloucester Street, Winchcombe, GL54 5NA, 01242 602223
Please reserve me _____ places for the visit to the RAF Museum, Cosford 23rd July 2013

I enclose a cheque for £_____ payable to the RBL Winchcombe Branch

Name _____ Address _____

Tel. No: _____

If you require further information do not hesitate to call me on **01242 602223**

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ROYAL AIR FORCE museum COSFORD

## Our facilities

### Visitor Centre

The glass fronted Visitor Centre is fashioned on the shape of a bi-plane. Here, you will find all the amenities you require for the start of a visit and our team of staff are available at the Admissions Desk if you have any questions. You can purchase a guide book for your visit at just £2.95.

## Make your visit special with a Guided Tour

and learn the history of the Cosford aircraft Tour Options »

We look forward to welcoming your group visit to Cosford. An exciting display of aircraft and annual events programme means the museum is popular for coach operators, groups and scout troops. There is ample space on site for groups of all sizes and designated coach and mini bus parking which is free of charge.

A choice of catering packages are available at discounted prices in the Refuel restaurant. Sample a two-course lunch for just £8.25 per person or indulge in an afternoon tea of scones with jam and cream. Coach drivers for pre-booked groups receive a voucher for a free main meal and drink during their visit to the museum.

A team of volunteer guides can be pre-booked for tours of the museum. A standard tour gives takes in all the hangars or can be focussed to one area such as the National Cold War Exhibition. Guided tours cost £20 per guide for a group of up to 12 people.

For those passing through on route, the museum makes for an unusual and unique refreshment stop. With Free Admission and Free Coach parking, Cosford truly is an accessible location for that all important comfort break. For those who love coffee why not sample the delights of Costa Coffee, now available in the Refuel restaurant?

## Information

**Office opening hours**
9am - 5pm Monday to Friday

**Additional information**
Minibus and Coach parking Free of Charge. For smaller groups car parking charges apply.

**Contact us**
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