



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Stamford Branch

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Branch Newsletter – September 2024

Welcome to the September edition of the branch Newsletter.

Charity Concert

The Waterloo Band & Bugles of The Rifles present a
Charity Concert in aid of Stamford Royal British Legion

Tuesday 1st October
7pm

Stamford Corn Exchange Theatre

Tickets £12 each
www.stamfordcornexchange.co.uk or 01780 766 455

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Charity Concert

Late August I received an e-mail from the Warrant Officer from the Waterloo Band & Bugles 7 Rifles to offer their services to the Royal British Legion, aiding any fundraising for the branch.

Sourcing a suitable venue was a challenge, with some charging as much as £600+. Although there were cheaper venues, the dates were unsuitable for the band. Luckily the Stamford Corn Exchange were able to offer their venue at a cost of £395, which I accepted.

In an attempt to ensure high attendance to the event, the prices were deliberately set low at £12 with a £1 booking fee. It was hoped that this would attract people to support the event and in turn the work of the British Legion.

To date our attendance figures are low and I'm appealing to you to all help to advertise this event so we can sell as many tickets as possible, thus ensuring that the costs are covered and that as much money is raised to support the Legions work.

Tickets can be purchased from the Corn Exchange at:
www.stamfordcornexchange.co.uk

Lincolnshire Poppy Appeal Launch

The Lincolnshire Poppy Appeal Launch is scheduled for Saturday 26th October at the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre, East Kirkby, Spilsby at 11:00hrs.

All Legion members, family and friends are invited to attend with admission being free on this day.

This event gives us the opportunity to say thank you, for all the work that is undertaken on behalf of the Legion by those who help in anyway shape or form to raise funds

The magnificent sight of our Branch Standards on Parade is always something spectacular, and to those who carry them are a certainly a credit to their Branches, the County and the Legion.

Hopefully weather permitting; the famous Lancaster Bomber "Just Jane" will carry out a taxi run. The Aviation Centre opens at 9.30am and closes at 5pm, with many interesting exhibits to have a look at. Refreshments may be purchased from the NAFFI and there is adequate supervised car parking.

Should you wish to attend please **let me know by Thursday 3rd October** if you wish to attend as I need to let the organisers know for seating arrangements.

Branch Events

Our website is kept updated with all branch events; the address is at the top of the newsletter. However, for ease please see below the activities currently planned:

Monday 7th October - `Branch AGM` - Blackstone Sport & Social club, 7.30pm
Monday 21st October - `Bingo Night` - Blackstone Sport & Social club, 7.30pm
Saturday 26th October - Lincolnshire Poppy Appeal Launch - Aviation Heritage Centre, 11am
Saturday 2nd November - Dedication to Garden of Remembrance - War Memorial, Broad Street, 11am
Sunday 10th November - `Armistice/ Remembrance Day` - War Memorial, Broad Street, 11am
Monday 11th November - `Armistice/ Remembrance Day` - War Memorial, Broad Street, 11am
Monday 18th November - TBC (guest speaker) - Blackstone Sport & Social club, 7.30pm
Wednesday 18th December - `Christmas Ball` - The Danish Invader, 7pm for 7.30pm start

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Saturday 25th January - County Conference - Horncastle, 11:30am
Thursday 8th May - 80th VE Day Commemorations - Stamford, TBC
Friday 15th August - 80th VJ Day Commemorations - Stamford, TBC

MERRY Christmas DINNER

RBL Branch Christmas Ball
Wednesday 18th December
Danish Invader, Stamford
19:00hrs for 19:30hrs sit down
Price includes 3 course meal, port, crackers and entertainment.
Smart dress required; miniatures may be worn.

Interested in attending?
Darren Rawnsley on 07806 228 494
e-mail: dbrawnsley@gmail.com

£20

Prawn Cocktail
Chefs Soup
Pate
xxx
Turkey or Beef,
Seasoned Vegetables
xxx
Christmas Pudding
Cheesecake
Cheese & Biscuits
Vegetarian and Vegan options also available.

Do we have your contact details?

All of your communication details are provided by membership services, extracted from your membership application form.

Recently it appears that some of the information that the branch receives is not up to date, many with missing contact details, such as e-mail addresses. E-mails are the preferred method of communication as they enable timely contact and reduce postage costs.

In order to maintain effective and timely communication is you have an e-mail address please email stamford.secretary@rbl.community so we can check your records and ensure they are correct.

Members Birthday

Please join me in sending our best wishes to those that celebrated a birthday in September:

Dawn Barrett
Karen Carter
Tony Futter
Tina McKean
Heidi Presland
Arthur Stacey
David Thompson
Tracy Travis
Martin Vines
Matt Wade

Play your Cards Right

Monday 16th September was the branch host their usual members social event, this time on the old TV favourite ... play your cards right.

Thanks go to Darren, who hosted the evening and provided the cards to ensure the event was a success. I'm sure the chocolate, as a prize for getting across the board, was well received.

The raffle raised social funds to enable us to plough some money back into branch social events such as the sausage and mash night, the Christmas party or day trips.

It was also great to see so many members. Let's see if we can continue this upward trend and have a good turn out for the AGM and the October social night – BINGO!



Battle of Britain

Sunday 15th September saw Stamford commemorated the Battle of Britain with a service held at the town War Memorial in Broad Street. Attended by RAF Wittering, Stamford RAF 2071 Squadron (air cadets) and the Stamford Royal British Legion; supported by the town band, civic officers and many members of the public. The Stamford British Legion was joined by the Barnack & District Branch standard, along with the Australian. There are a multitude of images available on Lincs [Online](#) and many social media outlets such as Rutland & Stamford Sound. Some of these images are provided below.

Our thanks go to all that attended.

(Photos: Chris Lowndes)



Branch Annual General Meeting

You should have all received your convening notice for the Branch Annual General Meeting.

As mentioned previously, we do need to fill the following positions:

Branch Chairman

Branch Vice Chairman

Branch Secretary

Branch Treasurer (expression of interest due to this being appointed and not elected)

Branch Committee member

To date there has been little response. **I cannot stress enough that without the Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary being appointed the branch will fall under county administration.** It is up to you, the membership, to prevent this from happening.