

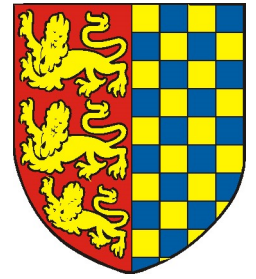


The Royal British Legion Stamford Branch

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Affiliated with : 2 Squadron (Stamford Detachment), Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force, 2005
: 2071 (Stamford) Squadron, Air Training Corps, 2007



Legion Airs – February 2023

St George's Sausage & Mash Supper

For the reasons set out below, we have not followed up the arrangements for organising our annual St George's Sausage & mash Supper, or other Branch activities, as we had hoped.

As a result we have still not yet been able to finalise the arrangements or the cost. We hope to do so early next month.

Nevertheless we still hope that you will all join us in this, one of our longest-running events in our annual calendar. Cost and booking details later.



RBL Membership Services

The membership services team are significantly short-staffed at the moment for a number of reasons, including staff illness and vacancies. They are working through a backlog of enquiries, so please bear with them if it takes a little longer for them to process your request. They are doing all they can to bolster support for the team and appreciate your support and patience while they go through this busy period.

Wheelchairs

Members will be please to hear that the two wheelchairs which were on offer last month have been snapped up by a local voluntary group and are already in use.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 6 March, 7.30pm - Blackstones Social Club

CENTENARY EVENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, 2 March, 7.30pm - Blackstones Social Club

BRANCH SOCIAL

Monday, 20 March, 7.30pm - Poppy Appeal Presentations, Blackstones Social Club

Monday, 17 April, 7.30pm – St George's Sausage & Mash Event, Blackstones Social Club

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, 6 May - Coronation of King Charles III

Fri – Sun, 19 – 21 May - National Conference, Torquay

Saturday, 24 June 2023 - RBL Stamford Branch Centenary/Armed Forces Day Celebration

Sunday, 17 Sept 2023 – The Battle of Britain Parade & Service.

The Coronation

We are looking at ways to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday, 6 May. RBL Head Office will send us guidance about this shortly.

Meanwhile we would welcome any ideas from you on what you would like us to do.

Charity Stall

The December edition of *LegionAirs* appealed for volunteers to help to man a charity stall which we hope to mount this Spring. It would be nice if we could have another volunteer. Surely you could give us a couple of hours?

Helen

Many members know that Helen, my daughter and the wife of Rob Bidwell-Bonde (our Branch Secretary), died in her sleep on 6 February as a result of a heart attack.

Rob and I have been overwhelmed by the kindness, the sympathy and the support which Branch members have showered on us during this tragic and difficult period. It is in circumstances such as this when the Legion comes into its own and is at its best in supporting its members in their distress. Rob and I thank you all deeply from our hearts.

Helen's funeral will take place at the Marholm Crematorium at 12.00, Friday, 24 March, followed by a wake at 2.00pm at the Bluebell Inn in Belmesthorpe. Everyone is welcome to join us as we say goodbye to our dear wife and daughter.

