



# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Stamford Branch

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## Branch Newsletter – January 2025

Welcome to the January edition of the Stamford RBL newsletter. Happy New year! We hope you had a great festive period and a peaceful start to the New Year.

### St George's Day Sausage & Mash Dinner

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April sees the branch hold its annual St George's Day Sausage and Mash Dinner. The event has been held for the past few years, with the move last year to The Danish Invader.

This year we have moved the event from a Monday (which is a bank holiday) to a Friday, to enable the many members who may struggle to attend these events during the weekdays.

Arrive from 6.30pm for a 7pm sit down. Sausage and Mash will be served to you at the table, along with the dessert. Tea and Coffee will be available from the bar after the meal.

Alan Jackson, a vintage singer, will perform two sets, one set during the meal and another after the meal. Feel free to get up and dance!



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**St George's Day**  
**SAUSAGE & MASH NIGHT**

**£14**

*2 courses, coffee and entertainment*

**Friday 25th April**  
6.30pm for 7pm  
Danish Invader,  
Stamford

*Alan Jackson*  
Vintage Singer

Contact: Ali  
stamford.treasurer@rbl.community

To book your place contact the branch treasurer at:

[Stamford.treasurer@rbl.community](mailto:Stamford.treasurer@rbl.community)

Ali will provide you the BACS details should you wish to pay by this method.



### Armed Forces Day 2025

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June sees the Country commemorate the Armed Forces with Armed Forces Day. Stamford RBL will be hosting a stand in Stamford High Street to showcase the work of the Armed Forces and the RBL.

If you can spare time to join us on our stand, you would be most welcome. We hope to be joined by some serving members and maybe some military equipment. Watch this space.....



### Padre to Retire

In March, Peter Stevenson, our Branch Padre retires from full time stipendiary ministry and moves away.

Peter has been a great supporter of the Royal British Legion and has worked fantastically hard for the benefit of the local branch and the people of Stamford. It has been a great honour and privilege to have known Peter and I'm certain you all join me in wishing him the very best for the future.

Peter hopes to join the branch at the March social night on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March. It would be fantastic if as many of you as possible could attend, to ensure Peter receives the send off he truly deserves.

He has also asked me to distribute an invite to join him on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March for Worship at 10:30hrs at the Stamford United Reform Church, Start Lane. Refreshments are available following the service between 12:00hrs and 14:00hrs at the United Reform Church Hall on Broad Street. (Please contact Anne Thompson if you wish to attend: [thompson8434@outlook.com](mailto:thompson8434@outlook.com) or 07814 734 881)

### Members Birthday

Please join me in sending our best wishes to those that celebrate a birthday in January:

- Paul Bell
- Serena Brunning
- John Chappell
- Graham Cooke
- James Gardner
- Breda-Rae Griffin
- Matthew Parkes
- Roy Prentice
- Mark Seymour
- Elliott Spicer
- Nigel Stephens
- Robert Webster

### National Annual Conference 2025

Annual Conference 2025 will take place at the Harrogate Convention Centre from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th May.

Registrations will open Tuesday 14th January for delegates and visitors, with the registration link available on the Annual Conference webpage.

Delegates and visitors can attend Annual Conference virtually or in-person, however, please note that those attending online will not be able to propose or second a motion or view the evening entertainment.

For further information, please refer to the FAQs on the [webpage](#). Further details about Annual Conference will be released as they become available.

### CHAPS presentation

Stamford RBL have been invited to a presentation by the Collyweston Historical and Preservation Society (CHAPS).

On 3rd March Brian will be giving a talk about the little known RAF Station of Collyweston (now subsumed into RAF Wittering).

Free for CHAPS members and £5 for non-CHAPS members.

Contact Brian for more info:  
Email [becoleby@hotmail.com](mailto:becoleby@hotmail.com),  
Mob: 07966 365956



### SUMMER OUTING

12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025

£38

### Ebletchley Park

LEARN HOW THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT WENT ON HERE THAT HELPED SHORTEN WW2.

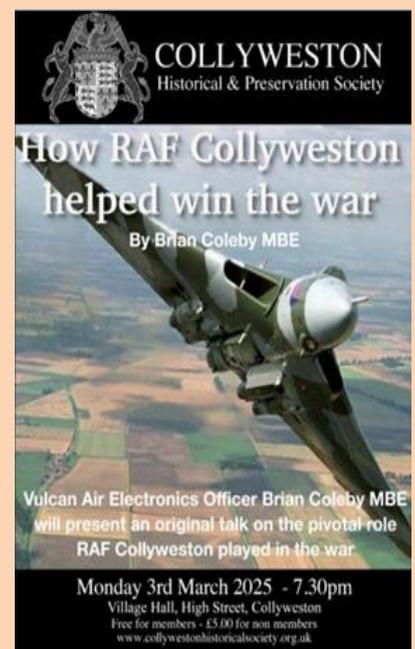
A DAY OUT TO THIS HISTORIC HOUSE AND THE LOVELY GROUNDS.

ENJOY HAVING A BITE IN THE CAFÉ OR BRING A PICNIC TO EAT

Contact E.Penney Fleet & District RBL tel 01406709998



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## Lincolnshire County Conference – January 2025

On a sunny Saturday in January, 5 representatives from the Stamford branch committee attended the County conference in Horncastle. They were joined by many other local branch representatives from Bourne, Pinchbeck and Boston along with the many other branches throughout the County.

Following the Act of Homage the County President, Mr Gary Headland DL, gave his opening address. Gary spoke warmly about youth, their perception on remembrance and how the organisation can impart knowledge about its work in the community. The County Treasurer presented the County accounts and was followed by the County Chairman, Mr John Johnson, report.

Following a brief stoppage for lunch the afternoon resumed with a presentation from Mr Anthony Baines OBE (executive director of services for the RBL). Anthony spoke about the work involved around financial income (legacies, donations etc), membership (issues with third party organisation) poppy appeal (production, costs and distribution) and re-confirmed the commitment that the RBL is a membership organisation with the Trustees and executive team listening to all the feedback that has been received.

Anthony went on to discuss income and expenditure and that the RBL has used financial reserves to support its charitable work when donations decreased but this cannot be sustained moving forwards. A number of `Branch Standard` awards were presented before the conference was brought to a close with the National Anthem.

Overall, it was an interesting and informative conference which provided the opportunity for us to forge relationships with fellow branch representatives.

### 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:

#### 2025

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Games Night, Blackstone Sport & Social club, 7.30pm

Monday 17 March – Graham Cook – Speaker on drawings / painting  
– Branch bids a fond farewell to Peter Stevenson

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April – St Georges Day Bangers & Mash Dinner, Danish Invader, 7pm

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May – 80<sup>th</sup> VE Day Commemorations – Stamford, TBC

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – TBC

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Race Night, Blackstone Sport & Social club, 7.30pm

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Armed Forces Day, RBL stand, Stamford High Street.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Stamford Big Day Out, Stamford Meadows, RBL stand from 10am

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Rock on the Rec, RBL stand.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July - TBC

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August – 80<sup>th</sup> VJ Day Commemorations – Stamford, TBC

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August – VJ Commemoration Summer BBQ, location TBC

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Battle of Britain Parade, Broad Street, Stamford, 10.30am

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September – TBC

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Branch Annual General Meeting, Blackstone Sport & Social club, 7.30pm

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Opening of Garden of Remembrance, Broad Street, Stamford, 10.30am

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Parade, Broad Street, Stamford, 10am

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Armistice Day, Broad Street, Stamford, 10.30am

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November – TBC

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Branch Christmas Dinner, Danish Invader, 7pm for 7.30pm)

**Remember:** these events are provided for your enjoyment and an opportunity to socialise with people from similar backgrounds and interests. It's up to you, the branch membership, to support these evenings and make them into the success they should be. It's your branch and the committee are keen to hear your views. Social events provide an opportunity to do this in a supportive manner.