



The Royal British Legion Stamford Branch 'Legion Airs' Bi /Monthly Bulletin August 2018

Dates for your Diary: Note our social evenings have reverted to starting at 8pm.

16th September – Battle of Britain Sunday

17th September – Social Evening. W/C Maxey from RAF Wittering will talk to us about current operations on the air base.

4th October - WW1 event – Joint Schools Choir – details to follow.

15th October - AGM

2/3rd November – ‘Suicide Squad’ a play by Darren Rawnsley – details to follow.

18th November - Thanksgiving Service- 5pm All Saints Church – details to follow.

10th December - Poppy Appeal Party

WW1 Exhibition - Wilsthorpe

From information obtained, research undertaken and with associated documents, photographs and artifacts, an exhibition has been put together which will be open to the public on Saturday 18th August from 10am to 5pm and on Sunday 19th August 11am to 5pm at St Faith's Church. Refreshments will be served on both days and any donations will be shared between The Royal British Legion and St Faith's Church.

Remembering the end of WW1

You will see that several events are coming up organised by our Branch. There is a lot of hard work going on behind the scenes! The committee are pleased to say that Stamford Town Council have very generously given a grant of £300 to help with the expenses of remembrance. Please support these events as they happen.

AGM! AGM! AGM! October 15th

Dud you know that in Stamford we have 183 members. Where are you?? Why did you join the RBL?? Did you know that Stamford comes second in the county for the amount raised during the Poppy Appeal and an awful lot of you help towards this, but the branch can only keep running in Stamford if there is a committee willing to keep things ticking over. Remembrance is only one of the aims of RBL. Others are Comradeship and Welfare. What do you want the branch to be doing? Fundraising used to be a big part of the RBL in Stamford, money to be used for the welfare needs of service and ex service people. We have less than 6 people who go monthly onto the local bases to inform and point in the right direction, service people in need of help. Alan Patrick mans a 'Drop in' at the CAB premises every Wednesday morning – he would love to have help. It also has to be said that the age of the committee members is not young! If the branch is to continue in Stamford it needs younger (only of slightly!) people to step up. You do not need to be service or ex service. Think about it! Imagine an AGM where there was a need for a vote because there was more than one nomination for a committee position!

The nitty gritty.

The nomination sheet, agenda and minutes from last year will be displayed on the notice board at Blackstone's Sports and Social Club (near the pool table), from 6th September for 4 weeks prior to the AGM. Or have a chat with Ray Beresford or any committee member about being more involved.

We regret to announce the death of two of our members, Mr David Nalson and Mr Howard Evans. Our sympathy to both families.

Update on Poppy Appeal 2017-2018, Poppy Appeal 2018-2019 and Legion Fundraising

Last year's Poppy Appeal has reached £47,448 and I will be collecting All Year round Boxes in next week so we will be over the £47,500. This year's Appeal is now being organised and Volunteers are being asked to fill in vacancies at Supermarkets and other Venues (see below). This year Alan Patrick is Morrison's again, Peter Wharam Sainsbury's and Jim Jackson Waitrose. Dates are as follows:

Tuesday 23rd October 1400 hrs sorting boxes at Blackstones Club – Help required please

Thursday 25th October 0915 hrs Town delivery, meet at R J Scholes. Help required please

Monday 29th October to Saturday 10th November 2018 – Poppy Appeal Fortnight.

Saturday 3rd November 1045 hrs; Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance, Broad Street.

Friday 9th November 1000hrs - Noon; Coffee Morning in the Courtroom, Stamford Town Hall
Friday 9th November and Saturday 10th November. 1000-1500hrs, Poppy Appeal Stall in High Street.

Sunday 11th November. Remembrance Sunday. Form up in Star Lane 1030 hrs, march off 1050hrs.

RBL Fundraising;

Thank you to Lt Col Steve Lumley, Major Marty Hales and Captain Mark Thompson all of 20 Works Group Royal Engineers stationed at RAF Wittering. They took part in the London Cycle Event and raised over £2,000 for the Royal British Legion. Thanks also to Stamford Branch member Clare Morley who will be taking part in the Great Northern Run on the 9th September raising money for the RBL. So far she is ranked 538th in the top fundraisers and she would like to reach at least 500th position. This is remarkable as there are 57,000 runners. If you would like to sponsor her then go to the Justgiving website, look up Clare and make your donation, thanks. Last year Clare took part in the London Marathon also for the RBL and raised £2700. Well done Clare and thank you. Both 20 Works Group and Clare volunteer their services to the Waitrose Rota during the Poppy Appeal.

Jim Jackson PAO

How do I buy a ticket for the Festival of Remembrance?

Members of the Legion (Including the Women's Section) can purchase tickets by phone and online from our ticket agency, which has been nominated by the Royal British Legion and Royal Albert Hall. There will be a dedicated phone line and private web link in which tickets can be reserved. Full details to be released in July in the Legion Magazine, Yammer, e-newsletter and via MSOs.

When do tickets go on sale?

Tickets for both the afternoon and evening performance will go on sale to all members **Monday 23rd July** and will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Cenotaph Parade

In 2018, for the end of the First World War Centenary Commemorations, the Government is organising for an additional 10,000 members of the public to march past the cenotaph after the Legion organised march has finished. Details on how to apply to the ballot for the public march past will be released by the Government later in the year.

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