



# The Royal British Legion Stamford Branch

## ‘Legion Airs’ Bi /Monthly Bulletin May 2018

### **Dates for your Diary:**

- 12<sup>th</sup> May – RAF Wittering Open Day (details below)  
12<sup>th</sup> May - Freedom Parade (details below)  
15<sup>th</sup> May, Committee meeting.  
21<sup>st</sup> May - Social Evening at Blackstone’s Sports and Social Club  
24<sup>th</sup> June – Mayoral Sunday: Armed Forces Week  
16<sup>th</sup> September – Battle of Britain Sunday

### **What you missed.....**

*The ‘Revue’* held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March in the Arts Centre Ballroom was a brilliant evening of song, poetry and dance to commemorate the ending of the first World War. Bill Turner and Darren Rawnsley were the lead organisers for this event, and Stamford RBL have a sub committee working with them and the Town Council on other events to be held throughout this special centenary year.

*St George’s day sausage and mash lunch* – 30 people enjoyed this annual event, which was a very happy and social occasion.

### **RAF Wittering Open Day**

All RBL Members are invited to the open day on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 12 – 5pm.** There is no need to pre arrange, but be aware that you will have to report to the main gatehouse and obtain a pass on the day.

### **RAF Wittering Freedom March**

The RAF will parade through Stamford on the morning of **12<sup>th</sup> May.** There will be a RBL presence at the War Memorial, and anyone wishing to be part of this is to meet at the **War Memorial at 9.39am.** Blazers, medals, shiny shoes etc. Alternatively come along to the town around 9-10am and cheer on the parade.

**Our Chairman, Roy,** is awaiting major surgery on his knee at Stanmore Hospital in London and unfortunately suffered a setback on the due date and returned home without having the surgery. He is booked to go again on 21<sup>st</sup> May. He wishes, through this newsletter, to thank all those who sent good wishes and we wish him well on his next admission.

**Annual County Rededication**  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Wainfleet**

This years Annual County Rededication will be held in Wainfleet on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018, and it is hoped that members of the Legion from all the Branches within the County will come together for this and make it an event to remember.

Those wishing to participate in the Parade to assemble in Church Lane 14.15 hours County Rededication will take place at Wainfleet Parish Church commencing at 15.00

**Centotaph Parade 2018 – ticket application**

In accordance with HMG plans for this year's ceremony, the number of spaces on the Veterans' Parade will remain limited at 10,000 places. As already announced, DCMS will subsequently organise a second procession drawn from the General Public which will then file past the Cenotaph. Planning is already underway to ensure de-confliction and the area of Horse Guards Parade will remain the preserve of the Veteran community as in previous years.

Branches are asked to prioritise those who served on operations, both military and civilian, followed by others representing their remaining ex-Service membership and Bereaved Spouses.

We cannot guarantee your Branch will receive the number of tickets that you initially apply for. Our intent remains to seek as broad a representation of the veteran community as is possible

**All applications must be received by Monday 4th June 2018.** Any application received after this date will not be accepted. We will confirm ticket allocations at the end of June and we will then be required to collect each individual's accreditation information.

**If anyone wants to apply for tickets for the Veteran's Parade, please contact the secretary (Pat) in the first instance.**

Some of you may be aware that there is a secondary procession planned to made up of the general public.

Applications for this will not be done through RBL and you should look online for further information.

**Royal Albert Hall Remembrance:** I usually get the application forms for tickets to this in June or July. The branch is allocated four tickets. The branch application is done on a first come first served basis, so if anyone is wishing to apply, please let me know. Priority will be given to those who have not been before.

**Membership Newsletter**

Do you receive directly the emailed membership Newsletter issued quarterly from the County? If not you can register your interest to do so.

**Best wishes to you all,**

**Pat Savory,**

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