

NEWS FROM AYLESBURY INC HIGH WYCOMBE BRANCH 357

GENERAL INTEREST

Hello to all members, March, I hope that this finds you well and looking forward to Spring, when nature wakes up. We hope for a good and safe year.

This year is the 80th Anniversary of the end of WWII. Do you remember any of the celebrations ?

Last year I visited a Living History Museum, many exhibits showing life during the 40's which brought back many memories.

As a little girl growing up in the country, people adapted to the life of hardship and sacrifice, they pulled together and shared their joys and sadness.

Going shopping with my mother when food rationing came into force. We were introduced to evacuees, and as men were called up, women came to the forefront to take over their work in factories, agriculture and many more important roles, some taken into the secret service never revealing their true work.

Then prisoners of war arrived and went to work in factories and agriculture and when the war ended many decided to stay in this country and their families came here to join them. On a Scottish island there is a RC Church built by Italian prisoners of war.

Times were hard, communities pulled together, got on with life and made do and the country became the healthiest it ever was.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

36 members and friends enjoyed the Branch Christmas Lunch at Chiltern Forest Golf Club, who kindly gave us a raffle prize, afternoon tea for 2 at Chiltern Forest Golf Club.

I would like to thank everyone for their kindness for my lovely chocolates and M&S Vouchers.

Sadly Rita Stubbins (AY Tpst) died in January. Rita worked nights for many years at Aylesbury Exchange.

Many will remember Margaret Wilkins (AY supv) who died 2 years ago. She gave a donation to the RNLI who have advised they will be naming a life boat in her memory.

Remember this month we hold our AGM, when we require members to stand as Officers so the Branch may continue. Please come to the meeting 26th March at Viney House TA Centre, Oxford Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8RN. Gates open 10.00am, meeting starts 10.30am then 30th April and 28th May free parking.

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