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From and For
Members



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Rounding off another successful and enjoyable year was the Christmas Meal at the Wagon and Horses at Beckhampton, again well organised by Errol and Gill (though who plays the major role in this I don't know). In all 34 attended, members and guests, and the usual raffle raised £59.00 and June's Christmas Cake raffle raised a further £37.15, giving a total of £96.15 though the cost of Gill's flowers is to be taken out.

After the meal the usual various little bits and pieces were played out but one slightly more serious item was the display of the group's certificate from the Spirit of Great Britain Vulcan preservation group acknowledging the group's donation to assist in the maintenance and flying of our last 'V' bomber.







June's Christmas Cake





Gary's Action Man had a Christmas present too!

An Item from Jenny which will be of interest to some :-

Howard Harding a 1940's re-enactor will be attending certain events this coming season and will be thankful for some assistance and/or support. The dates may be worth noting and will also be added at the end.

Sat/Sun 21 -22 June - 'Weymouth at War'.

Sat/Sun 5-6 July North Somerset Show Ground Mixed event



Sat 2nd /3rd August - 'Blitz Buddies ' Event at Lacock. Also 'Battle Proms' at Highclere Castle , where Howard will be manning the ROCA Post display for Neville (contact Neville for Details)

July 11,12 and 13 is of course Fairford and the ROC Heritage Group have applied for space there so volunteers may be needed but Jenny will update.

12th **January** was of course the group's AGM which was attended by 13 members. All existing committee members were re-elected for another year and more importantly subs were left at last years level.

Note From Brian (our President and Social Secretary) to the effect that due to member demands there will be a repeat visit to the LMA Display at Cosford 20 th July. The 'Curry Night' will be held again at probably the same venue, but again to be confirmed and the Canal Evening Trip with supper is to be another evening event probably in June but subject to booking availabilty.

On a couple of weekends in January, Gary, June, Errol, Paul and Jake spent time at the post site to first of all remove the inner of the two fences and then to fill in a gap left in the boundary fence and remove vegetation from the exposed area which will give approx an extra area of 40ft x 4ft. So a bit more circulation space for this years BBQ. (See pics at end of newsletter)

Maurice's Dinner is to be held **Fri 4**th **April**, you should all have received details from Maurice, if not, contact Maurice..



The Wharf,



All former ROC members and friends are invited to the dinner (please pass a copy of this menu on to any ex ROC who might be interested) The cost per person is £20-00

Please send a cheque for full payment or a deposit of £10-00 made payable to The Bell to

Maurice Mullings, 'Rough Close' 13 Park Lane, Seend Cleeve, MELKSHAM, Wilts SN12 6PT Gary's exhibition this year will be on Sat 12th April at new venue, the Gt Bedwyn Village Hall and his theme this year, being 2014, will be WW 1. The exhibition is planned to be open from 10:00 to 16:30 at £3:00 with under 16's free with paying adult. The general exhibition will then be closed and starting at 17:00 a talk and question session by Steve Williams (a WW 1 re-enactor and historian) followed at 18:30 with a 'Dug Out' Supper, all for £10:00 (pre-paid with day time access included). Tickets already selling well so contact Gary or June to secure your 'place at the table'



Steve Williams and his Son.

One Sat mid January when entering the post site, June found a note ,wet through but readable, from a Matt and Helen Bruton . They are Cold War enthusiasts from the Oxford area, and seeing the excellent condition of the Post Site expressed an interest in a closer look. June met them 2nd Feb and showed them round which they must have found interesting as they left a £20:00 donation towards group funding for the post upkeep. This is just what preservation is all about and Matt has promised a bit of an article for a later edition of the Newsletter.

Diary Dates: -

April 4th - Maurice's Dinner at Lacock

April 12th - Gary's Exhibition at Gt Bedwyn Village Hall

June 21st/22nd - Weymouth at War

July 5th/6th - Digging for Victory and UK Military Vehicle Show at the North Somerset Showground July 11th,12th and 13th - Fairford.

July 20th - Large Model Aircraft Flying at Cosford (glad to see wont be mixed with Fairford traffic)

Aug 22nd/3rd - 'Blitz Buddies' at Lacock.

VV atch out for Canal trip info and Curry Night details. It's not too late to put forward any other possible social functions or visits to Brian though time moves on.

Junes Record of Work Party at Post Site

