



# NEWSLETTER

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM AND FOR MEMBERS

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Here we go again with the second year of the Heritage Group, as such, and hopefully another good year for the post restoration funding, and our outings.

## Jan 8<sup>th</sup>

This was the AGM at the Wagon and Horses Beckhampton. Fifteen or sixteen members attended (depends on whether Malcolm arrived before or after I counted heads).

As none of the committee members expressed a desire to stand down, all were re-elected 'on block'.

It was decided that the annual subscription for members stay the same, £12.00, so no inflation there even with a site rent review coming up.

A long discussion ensued regarding the Public Liability Insurance to protect members etc in the event of a mishap at the post site and an ensuing claim. This has now been settled and insurance purchased. (see ROCA News)

Possible venues for visits were put forward and any further items should be passed to committee.

## Feb 8<sup>th</sup>

### ROCA News

This was the ROCA meeting at Eastleigh.

14 Group ROCA membership currently stands at 98

Finances are reported to remain healthy as are the members as there were no welfare claims reported in the last year. It is important to remember that there is a fund for any member suffering any form of hardship e.g. following an operation and the need for special equipment to aid mobility. This is backed up by the national fund.

I did pass on details of Gary' forthcoming coffee morning, for the programme of events.

There was a request for a repeat of the canal trip as several members could not make the last, so if not on our itinerary then a ROCA event will be organised..

The committee voted in favour of a £100.00 donation to the Great Bedwyn ROC Heritage Group towards the cost of the Public Liability Insurance.

Please check diary of events for dates of known events etc.

**Items from Members.**

This item from Len Ingram (thanks Len)

The pictures show a B17, returning from a raid over Tunis, that had been damaged by a German fighter while on bomb run. It returned safely to base in UK with no injuries to crew and only when on the ground did the tail section collapse. That's luck !



Here we have Brian in his quality control mode checking new fence posts manufactured by the 'Monday Gang' for the fence around the church at Bratton.



This is the latest addition to Gary's collection of military figures. Col H Jones of 4 Para.



A pic of Gary and June on one of their 'jaunts'



One of my pics from a visit to Hanging Langford Reserve



### **Diary of Events**

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup>** meeting at Beckhampton.

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>** Coffee Morning at Gt Bedwyn British Legion 10:00 to 12:00. **Cakes Required..**

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>** Gary's Exhibition

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** Dedication of Alrewas Memorial (tickets required and form via Jenny Morris)

**August 10<sup>th</sup>** Gt Bedwyn BBQ

**August 18<sup>th</sup>** Car Boot in Winchester ROCA Stall

**September 1<sup>st</sup>** Opening of the Battle of Britain Museum at Bentley Priory.

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** Remembrance Day

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** ROCA Christmas Lunch

**Date was not set for ROCA AGM.**

**A Thought : -**

When a man opens a car door for his wife , its either a new car or a new wife .

Prince Philip 1921.