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On 6th February
this year Her Majesty the
Queen became the first British
Monarch to celebrate a Platinum
Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the
people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and
The Commonwealth.



Dates for your Diary

Herewith a reminder that the monthly meeting are on the 3rd Tuesday each month, and to advise/remind you of the booking procedure for the monthly talks and lunch, together with the schedule of dates for your diary.

- **Venue** - Henley Rugby Club, Menza Restaurant
- **Lunch** will consist of a delicious main course with an alternative vegetarian dish, scrummy pudding and coffee/tea.
- **Timings** - Talk at 11.30 (please be seated by 11.15) and lunch at 12 for 12.30.

You are welcome to gather at the bar for a drink from 11am before moving to the adjoining meeting room for the talk and lunch.

NB please note that in line with price rises across the board, the price of lunch is increasing to £18 from July onwards. This does not apply to our Jubilee lunch on Tuesday 21 June.

NB Booking & Payment must be made by the Thursday before the Tuesday lunch.

So please book with Karen in the first instance by email kcgrieve@btinternet.com or phone 07990 833241

Then pay £15 for the June lunch preferably by Bank Transfer to:

RBL Henley or by	Cheque made out to:
A/c 00027756	RBL Henley-on-Thames Branch
Code - 30-94-13	c/o Kathy Bardwell-Springett
Ref - Lunch	Branch Treasurer
	5 The Maltings, Hart Street,
	Henley-on-Thames, RG9 2FE.

PS Car parking is free if you are visiting the restaurant - but you must remember to collect a ticket from the bar and display it in your car.

Below are details of this year's lunches and you will see we have another excellent speaker for June.

Please note carefully there are 3 events on different week days !

***August a Saturday - *November a Sunday and *December a Monday**

Tuesday 21 June '22 – Platinum Jubilee Celebration Lunch – talk by Stephen Williams, Independent Researcher, D-Day Landings

Tuesday 19 July '22 – Kimble Earl, Volunteer Publicity Officer, Berkshire & Henley Branch of Remap's MakeAbility Service

***Saturday 20 August '22** – Visit to the Nemon Studio Museum & Wild Garden, Boar's Hill

Tuesday 20 September '22 – Auriela Young, An illustrated talk on the life of Renowned Sculptor, Oscar Nemon as told in her book 'Finding Nemon'

Tuesday 18 October '22 – Branch AGM – talk Valerie Alasia, Local Amateur Historian. 'Henley Workhouse – the Story of Townlands'

***Sunday 13 November '22** – Remembrance Sunday Lunch – Masonic Lodge

***Monday 19 December '22** – Christmas Lunch - Henley Rugby Lunch 

Tuesday 17 January '23 – Robin Dodd, details tbc

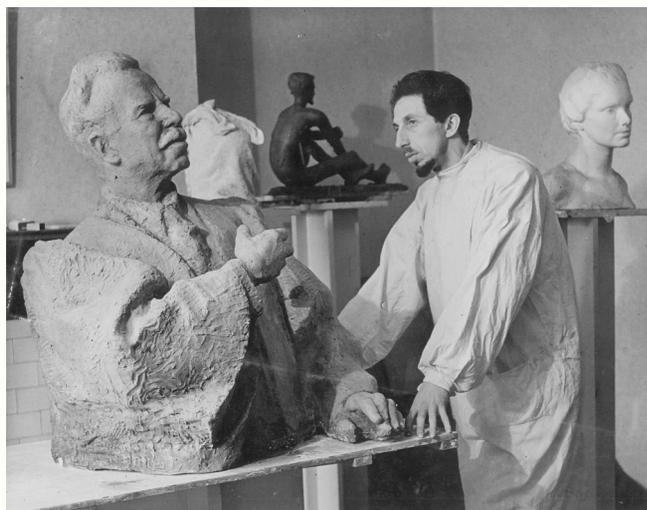
(Please don't forget to book)

Henley & Peppard RBL Branch

Visit to the Oscar Nemon Studio Museum, Archive & Wild Garden

Saturday 20 August 2022

For our September lunch we have been able to secure a talk by the daughter of the renowned sculptor Oscar Nemon. In anticipation of this, we are organising a visit to his Studio & Wild Garden on **Saturday 20 August 2022**.



Hermann Fiedler with Oscar Nemon, Oxford 1940s



**Nemon Studio Museum set up for
'Dancing with Shadows'**

The visit consists of a recorded guided tour in two parts by Nemon's daughter-in-law, Alice Hiller, of the Nemon Studio Museum. This is followed by tea or coffee with appropriate refreshments in the Nemon Archive, where it is possible to see more of his works, including reliefs and figurative compositions, and to look at his sketches.

The first part of the tour focuses on the story of Nemo's life, and specifically his work during the 1940s when he came to Britain as a refugee in 1939 and established a new life and career even as his family faced genocide through the Holocaust in Yugoslavia. This is told around the works on display from the 1940s, but also including a replica of Nemon's bust of Churchill in the rose garden at Blenheim.

For the second part, we move to a recreation of Nemon's working studio, where visitors learn how his sculptures were created, with reference to maquettes, tools, photographs, and sketches.

Visiting The Nemon Studio Museum and Archive, visitors can have the opportunity to relax and take in the artworks and surroundings at their own pace, ask any questions they may have, or simply enjoy the location on their own.

Tea or coffee and cake, served in the Archive or wild garden after the tour; there will be gluten and dairy free cake options, and dairy free as well as dairy milk. There will be the option to buy hand cast portrait busts of Churchill and Freud by Oscar Nemon as well as postcards and brochures and posters.

We propose to run a minibus from the Rugby Club in Henley, leaving at 12.30, so numbers are limited.

The cost for the day will be £15.00 and confirmation of booking will only be given once payment has been received (either by bank transfer or cheque).

Please contact kcgrieve@btinternet.com / 07990 833241 to book.





Poppy Appeal News

Armed Forces Day - Saturday 25 June 2022

FREE event from 1000 to 1600 at Market Place, Henley
a musical celebration of our Armed Forces community with the
Henley-on-Thames Community Poppy Appeal

We are honoured to welcome the Royal Air Force Salon Orchestra to Henley Market Place to serenade you all.

These accomplished musicians who are in active service keeping us safe often perform at Royal events, but for RAF high flyers they remain thoroughly grounded entertainers.

They will play a varied repertoire, and take your requests whether classical, pop, or anything you fancy. And they take special pleasure in playing children's songs.



The Royal Air Force musicians will be greeted by The Royal British Legion's Patron Her Majesty The Queen's official representative in Henley, Deputy Lieutenant Lady Cynthia Hall.

There will be a Royal British Legion stall with a selection of Poppy stuff including special Poppy lapel pins commemorating Her Majesty's Platinum jubilee.

Come and join us to enjoy this musical celebration and show your support for our Armed Forces community. A great start for the Henley Season!

For any enquiries, contact your Poppy Appeal Organiser, Sara Abey - henley@saraabey.com

Please share your photos at the event tagging @HenleyPoppies and #SaluteOurForces on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)

Henley Poppies at the Thames Traditional Boat Festival

From Friday 15 to Sunday 17 July 2022



For the first time, Henley-on-Thames Community Poppy Appeal is taking part in the fabulous Trad! We thank the organizer, Lady McAlpine, for her continuing support of the welfare needs of our Armed Forces community and her generosity in giving the Poppy Appeal a fundraising pitch at this extraordinary local event.

Please come and visit our stall by the Dunkirk Little Ships and the remarkable classic military vehicle exhibits. And do not miss your chance to see the Bremont Great War Display Team 'in aerial combat!'

You can find more about the festival here: <https://www.tradboatfestival.com>

**Do something amazing and become a Poppy Appeal volunteer
our Armed Forces community needs you**

rbl-henley.org/poppy-appeal-fundraising

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Service – Collaboration – Passion – Excellence - Valuing our people

British anti-invasion preparations of the Second World War entailed a large-scale division of military and civilian mobilisation in response to the threat of invasion (Operation Sea Lion) by German armed forces in 1940 and 1941. The British Army needed to recover from the defeat of the British Expeditionary Force in France, and 1.5 million men were enrolled as part-time soldiers in the Home Guard. The rapid construction of field fortifications transformed much of the United Kingdom, especially southern England, into a prepared battlefield. Sea Lion was never taken beyond the preliminary assembly of forces.

Today, little remains of Britain's anti-invasion preparations; only reinforced concrete structures such as pillboxes and anti-tank cubes are commonly found.



WWII pillbox to west of Benson Lock, River Thames This formed part of the GHQ Stop Line running from south of Malmesbury to the west of Reading



Jeff Wood, the owner of the pillbox explains in his own words during an interview by Radio Oxford, why such trouble has been taken to save this important structure

“I believe that things like this should be celebrated in a non-aggressive way and not destroyed. That is very important to me.

One side had to show a Spitfire as they flew out of RAF Benson, and would have flown directly over here. The otherside a picture of Tommies relaxing one playing a guitar - again in homage to them. The picture facing upriver is one of Vera Lynn, and of course everyone knows and loves Dame Vera”



Mr Richard “Dick” Charlton, Ox and Bucks Light Infantry, receiving a birthday card from the Henley & Peppard Branch President, John Green which read “We honour you as a brave soldier and a true gentleman”



Dick Celebrated his 102nd Birthday sharing the date with the Queen on her official birthday June 2nd



**ARMY
CADETS** >>>

**PRESS
RELEASE**

Date: 19th May 2022

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Henley Army Cadets out in the Field!

Recently, Henley Army Cadets deployed into Bramley Military Training Area in Hampshire on a Fieldcraft Weekend. The weekend focused on the Cadet's skills in the field, such as campcraft, cooking in the field, whilst having fun and being in a different environment. The Cadets were split into 3 groups: Basic training Cadets, One star training Cadets and Senior Cadets. Each group had the opportunity to further their training, ready for annual camp in August this year.

The Basic Training Cadets were introduced to overnight training in the field and developed skills such as building a shelter (BASHA's), cooking in the field with 24-hour ration packs and general teamwork and communication that they will use for the rest of their time in the Army Cadet Force. One Basic training Cadet said "It was really fun doing fieldcraft, we do it at Detachment, but it was cool staying out overnight. The part that I enjoyed most was when we were setting up the BASHA's together, it was fun learning about the different types of ways you can do them."



The One-star training Cadets were introduced to weapons training in the field. They were given the responsibility of their rifles for the weekend and were shown how to clean and care for them. They also took part in their first blank firing exercise. A One-Star training Cadet said "I really enjoyed the weekend; it was cool using the rifles and being with my friends at the training area. The food was pretty good, and it was surprisingly comfy sleeping under the BASHA's."

The Senior Cadets spent the weekend revising their fieldcraft knowledge and working together in intense situations to overcome enemy threat. This included firing blank rounds while moving. One Senior Cadet said "My favourite part of the weekend was the section attacks we performed. This is because we were all able to shoot lots of blank rounds which always it even more exciting. It really gets your heart racing, in a good way."



CSjt Abbie Addiscott-Allen has turned 18 and it is now time to say farewell!

Abbie has achieved a lot in her cadet career. She received the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award and a Praiseworthy First Aid Award for her swift actions in saving a life.

As Abbie's last event as a Cadet Abbie she attended Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Church Service on June 5th in St Mary's Church Henley.

The Army Cadet Force is a national youth organisation sponsored and supported by the Ministry of Defence for 12- to 18-year-olds; Army Cadets provides a challenging and varied syllabus based on military themes. Henley Army Cadet Force parade every Wednesday from 1900 to 2130 at The Drill Hall on Friday Street and are currently looking for new Cadets and Adult Volunteers, feel free to come along and experience something new. For Henley Detachment enquiries - please email the Detachment Commander, 2Lt Mel Fearn on 3360hayne@armymail.mod.uk

Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Evensong Service



The Service on Sunday 5th June was held at 4pm in St Mary's Church Henley-on-Thames.

Our local Branch of the RBL was invited to take part by Rev Jeremy Tayler with Guest of honour Deputy Mayor Donna Crook and her escort.

The Standards of Henley Branch, Peppard, Cadets ACF Standard and that of the Dunkirk Veterans Association together with a contingent of Army Cadets with Henley Detachment Commander 2Lt Mel Fearn paraded from the town hall steps amidst a celebratory peeling of church bells, to St Mary's Church for the service.

Left to Right - Henley Branch Standard, John Green - Peppard Standard, Cadet LCpl James Ferguson - Anne Evans, Henley Branch Chairman, Deputy Mayor, Cllr Donna Crook - Henley Cadets ACF Standard, LCpl Luke Stevens and Dunkirk Veterans Association, James Nelson.



Standards dipped for the National Anthem