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LETTER FROM THE BUNKER

Wow June was one crazy month. I hope that everyone had a lovely Queens Jubilee Weekend wherever you celebrated it. The Admin team attended GCR and had a lovely weekend till the weather turned. There was an amazing flypast from the Lancaster Bomber, it was so low that you felt like you could have reach up and touched it. Thank you to Justin Fysh for the picture above of the flypast.

In July Pete, myself and Paul will be attending Woodhall Spa. If you see us about please come and say hello. We will have our beautiful dog Lou with us, she is a bit on the nervous side so please approach slowly. We also have my mother

coming along with us, she's be the one with her knitting.

We are open to suggestions about articles that you might like to see or write for the newsletter. Please drop me a message to loveofthe40s@gmail.com.

Marie xx

THE ROVING REPORTER

Great Central Railway - Queen Jubilee Weekend

The Great Central Railway hosted their Queens Jubilee Weekend between 2nd - 5th June 2022. The following write up will reference the 1940s station at Quorn at Woodhouse, but may specify other events or entertainment from that weekend.



The event started with a bang with Queens Jubilee afternoon tea. A number of local and

important WW2 dignitaries joined the visitors in enjoying the various cakes, sandwiches, tea and Prosecco to celebrate this glorious day. The entertainment was provided by Miss Lily Lovejoy who provided another outstanding performance for the guests. Her Wartime Melody got everybody singing including Winston Churchill himself.

The entertainment continued over the weekend with the excellent Jayne Darling,



Johnny Victory, Kevin McCracken, The Battlepipes, Alison Jay, Sarah Clarke, Chicas Locas, Liberty Pink and Kyle Evans as George

Formby singing songs from the period. There are not many events across the country with a line-up like this.

The evening entertainment was provided by the Syston Swing Band (Thursday) and Ashby Big Band (Saturday) with DJ Woody providing great music across all three evenings. The dancers seemed to be really enjoying the weekend.

A number of important WW2 dignitaries were on site across the weekend. This included Winston Churchill, King George VI, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Queen Elizabeth. From a military

perspective there was Sir Arthur Bomber Harris, General Montgomery and General Douglas McArthur.



A number of 1940s reenactment groups were also at Quorn. These included Unsung Heroes LHG, Northamptonshire HMG, 1940s All Fronts, 2nd Oxford and Bucks, 82nd 504 PIR LHG, Warwickshire Home Front LHG, Unsung Heroes LHG, BBC Outside Broadcast Lorry, The Victory Group, MVT LHG plus many others.



The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight treated the visitors to a number of flypasts across the weekend. This always brings goosebumps and is always a spectacular sight. A large number of military vehicles were displayed across the Quorn and Woodhouse station site.

A number of vintage traders were also at Quorn. These included Bus Stop Vintage, Heritage Re-Loved, Mel's Vintage Emporium, Vintage Belle, Virtue to Victory, Rustic Bridge Vintage, Tommy's 1940s Treasures plus many others. The vintage hairdressing was provided Harris Hair Back Comb N Curls.

A vintage fairground was at Rothley providing the public with some old fashioned amusements. On the Sunday there was the Simply Spiffing Fashion Show. This is always an excellent addition to an event.

Overall a really excellent weekend especially as this was put together in just over two months by June Masterson and her team. I can't wait for the event to return next year. The dates are 2nd-4th June 2023.

Bottisham Airfield Museum 1940s Weekend

A Sunday visit to the Bottisham Airfield Museum for their annual 1940s event. The museum is located on an original RAF airfield which originally started out as training school for pilots. In 1943 the Americans arrived in the form of the 361st fighter group.



The highlight of the weekend was the daily battle held on site between the Allied and Axis soldiers. For a smaller event I thought this was really good and really well re-enacted. The battle lasted over 10 minutes and used a combination of soldiers, French resistance and jeeps to portray a typical WW2 scenario.

There were also demonstration of Axis and Allied weapons which were used during WW2. These were shown daily on the battlefield. This was accompanied by a United States uniform demonstration which was also on the same site. These were very interesting and great additions to the event.



The re-enactment groups on site included The Allies of 44, 3rd Auxiliary Surgical Group, 20th Estonian 1944, Foxhill 44 Living History Group, ETO Alliance, Blast from the Past Living History Society plus many others.



The museum also used the weekend to unveil their replica P51 Mustang which was brought to the museum in collaboration with IWM Duxford. This has become the first P51 Mustang to be site since September 1944 when the Americans left the base.

The Blast from the Pasts Living History Society were also involved in two talks over the weekend. These covered the RAF and the Local Defence Volunteers (LDV). The latter was specifically interesting as it discussed the precursor to the Home Guard. The title LDV only existed between May and July 1940 before changing their title to Home Guard.



On the Saturday there were dance lessons provided. There was also a Punch and Judy on site for the families to enjoy.

The entertainment was provided by May Blossom and Samantha Singer who provided performances throughout both days of the event.

I really enjoyed the day and there was enough activities on-site to recommend visiting this event in 2023.

MEET THE ENTERTAINERS

THE DULCETTES



Victoria

Holly and Victoria first met at The War and Peace Revival 2016. After realising they lived just down the road from one another, the following year they decided to perform a couple of numbers together at the same show. And the rest, they say, is history!

With a sound straight from the Swing-Time era, The Dulcettes give any song a vintage vibe. Specialising in performing songs from the 1920's through to the modern day, Holly & Victoria can add vintage glamour and entertainment to a wedding, birthday party, afternoon tea, care centre, retirement village, charity fundraiser....you name it, they've got it covered!

So, two power house vocals together can only mean great things, right?! These Ladies have taken over the Vintage World by storm! Performing at prestigious events and festivals such as Cahoots London, The

War & Peace Revival, Twinwood Festival, Battles for Victory, Biggin Hill Air Show, Elsie May's Live Lounge and The Dulcettes have even gone international and performed at Les Pas De Calais Liberte in Bethune, France. As well as vintage events and festivals, The Dulcettes often perform at private events and weddings all over the country.

If you'd like to find out more please get in touch at thedulcettes@gmail.com, follow us @thedulcettes or check out our website www.thedulcettes.com where you can find out all about us and hear what we do, our album 'Happy Days' is also available to download.

Holly



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If you are looking for an Entertainer either for an Event or a Private Party then we have lots of Entertainers on the Website. Here are just a few of our featured Entertainers.



Fiona Harrison - A Voice in a Million



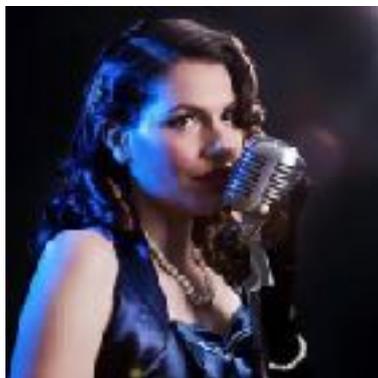
Johnny Victory



Miss Lily Lovejoy



May Blossom



Paula Marie 'The Vintage Vocalist'



Miss Rosy Rivets



The Liberty Sisters



The Satin Dollz



Sparky & Sprite

DIARY DATES

DATES FOR JULY & AUGUST WHICH WERE CORRECT AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION. PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE TO SEE OF ANY CHANGES.

July

Fri/Sat/Sun - 1/2/3rd - Ingleton 1940s Weekend

- Main Street, Ingleton, LA6 3EB

Sat/Sun - 2/3rd - Meltham Momories

- Meltham, Holmfirth

Sat/Sun - 2/3rd - 1940s Weekend

- Thorpe Camp Visitor Centre, Tattershall Thorpe, LN4 4PL

Sat/Sun - 2/3rd - Stapleford Salute to the 40s

- Stapleford Miniature Railway, Stapleford Park near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE14 2SF

Sat/Sun - 2/3rd - Capel Military Show (MP)

- Aldhurst Farm, Temple Lane, Capel, Surrey, RH5 5HJ
- SAT NAV ~ RH5 5HJ. This postcode will get you to the correct area; however, you will need to look out for Capel Military Show event signage to direct you to the correct entrance.

Sat/Sun - 2/3rd - The 1940s Experience

- Isle of Wight Steam Railway, The Railway Station, Havenstreet, Isle of Wight, PO33 4DS

Sun - 3rd - Lathalmond Wartime & Defend Fife

- Shed47 Railway Restoration Group, at SVBM M90 Commerce Park Lathalmond, by Dunfermline KY12 0SJ

Fri/Sat/Sun - 8/9/10th - Vintage for Victory - Vintage Festival (MP)

- Whitchurch Library Gardens, Park Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 7XA

Sat/Sun - 9/10th - Woodhall Spa 1940s Weekend

- Jubilee Park, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, LN10 6QH

Sat/Sun - 9/10th - 1940s Weekend

- Black Country Living Museum, Tipton Rd, Dudley DY1 4SQ

Sun - 10th - 1940s Day

- Heskin Hall, Wood Lane, Heskin, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 5PA

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Fri/Sat/Sun - 15/16/17th - Market Rasen 1940s Event

- Rugby Ground, Willingham Road, Market Rasen, LN8 3RE

Sat/Sun - 16/17th - Battles for Victory (MP)

- Manston Road, Birchington-on-Sea, Kent

Sat/Sun - 16/17th - 1940s Weekend

- Lowestoft, London Road South,

Sat/Sun - 23/24th - Lincoln 1940s Weekend

- LINCOLN CATHEDRAL QUARTER, Bailgate and Steep Hill, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, LN1 3AA

Sat/Sun - 23/24th - Cherry Fair & 1940s Weekend

- Bewdley Museum Load Street, Bewdley, DY12 2AE

Sat/Sun ~ 30/31st ~ The Suffolk Military Show (MP)

- Trinity Park, Felixstowe Rd, Ipswich IP3 8UH
- For Sat Nav systems please enter our postcode IP3 8UH

Sat/Sun ~ 30/31st ~ Old Buckingham Airfield Airshow

- Old Buckenham Airfield, Abbey Road, Old Buckenham, NR17 1PU

Sat/Sun ~ 30/31st ~ 1940s Homefront Vintage Pop-Up Market

- M W Polymers Ltd The Sidings, Duffield Road Ind Estate Little Eaton, Derby DE21 5EG

August

Sat ~ 6th ~ East Kirkby Airshow

- Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre, East Kirkby, Spilsby, Lincs, PE23 4DE

Sat/Sun ~ 6/7th ~ Morecambe 1940s Revival

- Morecambe, Lancashire, LA4 5

Sat/Sun ~ 6/7th ~ Harborough at War (MP)

- Market Harborough Showground, **Public Access ~** Innovation Ctr Roundabout, Market Harborough, Leics, LE16 7WB

Sat/Sun ~ 6/7th ~ Yanks are back in Saddleworth

- New Venue address coming soon.

Sun ~ 7th ~ Poppies on the Prom

- Mablethorpe (Sea Front), Lincolnshire, LN12

CANCELLED EVENTS FOR THE 6/7th August

- Mid Norfolk Railway at War

Fri/Sat/Sun ~ 12/13/14th ~ Salute to the 40s,

- International Bomber Command Centre, Canwick Ave, Lincoln LN4 2HQ

Fri/Sat/Sun ~ 12/13/14th ~ Yorkshire Military Experience

- Hunsworth Lane, Hunsworth, Nr Bradford, BD4 6RN

Sat/Sun ~ 13/14th ~ Alford 1940s Weekend

- Alford, Lincolnshire, LN13 9

Sat/Sun ~ 13/14th ~ 1940s Weekend

- Stonehurst Family Farm & Museum, Bond Lane, Mountsorrel, Leicestershire, LE12 7AA

Sat/Sun ~ 20/21st ~ Lytham 1940s Weekend

- Lytham Green, Lytham, Lancashire, FY8 5LD

Sat/Sun ~ 20/21st ~ Ramsey 1940s Weekend

- The Camp, Wood Lane, Ramsey, Cambridgeshire. PE26 2XB

Sat/Sun ~ 20/21st ~ RAF Harrowbeer 1940s Weekend

- RAF Harrowbeer, Yelverton, Devon, PL20 6BT

Sat/Sun ~ 20/21st ~ Whitehorse Military Show (MP)

- The Hollow Bratton, Westbury, BA13 4TT

Sat/Sun ~ 20/21st ~ 1940s Weekend

- Chasewater Railway, Chasewater Country Park, Brownhills West Station, Pool Lane, Brownhills, Staffordshire, WS8 7NL

Sat/Sun ~ 27/28th ~ AUGUST LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND

- **Eden Camp** Modern History Museum Malton, North Yorkshire, YO17 6RT

Sat/Sun/Mon ~ 27/28/29th ~ Military Odyssey (MP)

- Kent Showground, Maidstone, ME14 3JF

Sat/Sun/Mon ~ 27/28/29th ~ Whitby War Weekend

- Next to Whitby Abbey, Hawsker Lane, Whitby, YO22 4JR

Sat/Sun/Mon ~ 27/28/29th ~ The Way We Were (30s-50s) (MP)

- East Somerset Railway, Cranmore, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 4QP

Sat/Sun ~ 27/28th ~ Remember the 20th Century (MP)

- Newark Air Museum, Drove Lane, Winthorpe, Newark, Notts, NG24 2NY

Sat/Sun/Mon ~ 27/28/29th ~ Tanks Trucks and Firepower

- The show ground is situated just 1 mile from Dunchurch Village Center on the A426 in Warwickshire and 5 miles from Rugby. Easy access off the A45 and M45.
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