



Spring 2018 Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the Joining Forces Newsletter.

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Joining Forces is a new Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland project supporting veterans born before 1950, their widows/widowers, families or people who care for Veterans. Joining Forces covers Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

How can we help? We offer a tailor made service which is all about the support you would like. We can support you with:

Information & Advice—from local activities to benefit checks.

Form Filling—from applying for service medals to claiming benefits.

Meeting other Veterans—we hold regular Veterans Cafes, events and outings to enable you to socialize with others.

Befriending—volunteers can visit you on a regular basis to offer companionship and a listening ear.

Accessing your community—we can help you attend social groups .

Working closely with SSAFA—and other local military welfare and support groups.

Carer support—if you are a spouse, family member of friend who cares for a veteran then we can support you in your caring role.

For further information about please contact Michaela or Jill on the telephone numbers below.

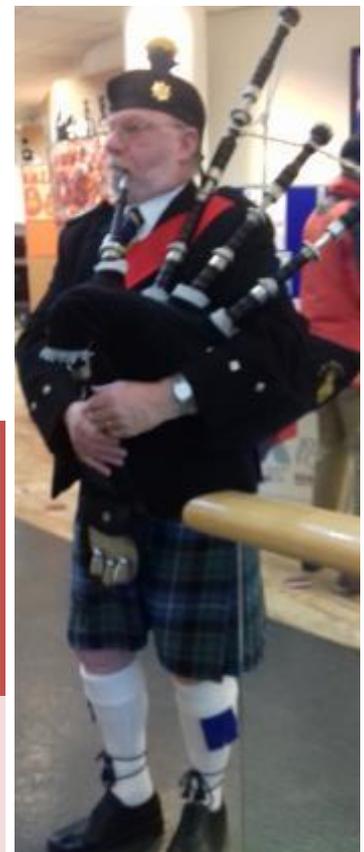
Special points of interest:

- Veterans lunch
- Veterans Coffee Mornings
- Trip to National Memorial Arboretum
- LIBOR Tours of Remembrance
- Volunteering opportunities

January 9th saw the launch of Joining Forces at a Veterans Coffee morning held at BBC Radio Leicester. It was wonderful to see people enjoying a cup of tea, sharing their stories and listening to Major Piper Bill. A big thank you goes to BBC Radio Leicester and the fantastic British Gas volunteers whose support made this event a tremendous success.

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Veterans Lunch

A huge thank you goes to the Cow & Plow Oadby for providing and hosting a wonderful lunch during January for older veterans, their spouses, carers and widows. This was enjoyed by all.



Veterans Coffee Mornings

Our Veterans Coffee Mornings are a great way to meet up with fellow veterans, spouses, carers and widow/widowers.

12 March	10.30am to 12.30pm	Hermitage FM Community Coffee Lounge, Memorial Square, Coalville, Leicestershire, LE67 3TU.
27 March	10.30am to 12.30pm	Age UK Leicester , Thorncroft, Edith Murphy Suite, 244 London Road, Leicester, LE2 1RH.
19 April	10.30am to 12.30 noon	Age UK LS&R, Gloucester House, 3 Norman Way, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 1JE.
25 April	10.30am to 12.30pm	Leicester Senior Service Club, 295 Loughborough Rd, Leicester LE4 5PN

Trip to National Memorial Arboretum

On Monday June 25th we are arranging a coach trip from Leicester (Humberstone Gate) to the National Memorial Arboretum. £10 per person including coach and tea/coffee.

For further information please telephone Jill on 0116 2614 605.

LIBOR Tours of Remembrance

Throughout 2018 Remembrance Travel is trying to find all surviving Veterans of WW11 to participate in funded LIBOR Tours of Remembrance.

For further information please telephone Michaela on 0116 2614 606.

Volunteering Opportunities

Do you have a spare hour or two a week? Would you like to make a positive difference to a Veterans life?

We are looking for volunteer befrienders who can visit a Veteran on a regular basis to offer companionship and a listening ear. For further information please telephone Michaela on 0116 2614 606.



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