

End Of An Era Farewell to the RBL; Womens Section

It was with great regret that we had to bring to a close the 'Wychwood Branch' of the Royal British Legion, Women's Section, 75 years after it was started in 1929.



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Seated: Phyllis Hebden, Cicely Miller, Dorothy Harrison

person to become a member, but in time this rule was relaxed and any interested person could join.

Special Spirit

We had a large membership,

Hive Of Activity

Its members came from Ascott, Shipton, Lyneham and Milton and it was a real hive of activity over the years, raising hundreds of pounds for the work done by the RBL. When it began, meetings were held in the 'Legion hut' which was a forerunner of the present Milton Village Hall. In fact, all village functions, such as Lifeboys, Boys Brigade, Whist Drives and Dances were held in the 'Legion Hut'.

Initially you needed to be 'ex-services' or a close relative of a Service or ex-service

but over the last few years numbers dwindled and eventually, there were only eight of us – all quite elderly; we found it impossible to carry on.

We were all great friends and the camaraderie that existed between us was like the spirit that existed between Service personnel in wartime – I have done both so I know!

I am so glad to have been part of it and so sorry that it had to end, especially now that the 'Legion' is needed just as much as it ever was.

Dorothy Harrison

Poppy Appeal November 2004 - Update

The Shipton door-to-door collection for the annual Poppy Appeal raised £1,206.18. The church collection on Remembrance Day was added to this sum, bringing the total to £1,599.30. Ascott-under-Wychwood raised £526 with their door-to-door collection for this still highly relevant charity.

Milton Poppy Appeal made the sum of £1,166.15, an increase of £81 on the previous year. From 2005, the new Poppy Organiser in Milton will be Mr Chris Seviour. I would like to thank everyone for the support given to us over past years.

Cicely Miller