



Chairman Notes

Welcome to your June edition of the IMPS Newsletter.

We are half way through the year now and I'm sure many of you will have already displayed your prized restored military vehicles at the many local and national shows.

The weather was kind to us for a few weeks and I for one made use of the sunny dry days to get out in my green machine.

I know some of the IMPS team were in Normandy for the 6th of June celebrations and remembrance events.

Ahead we have the DFVS, W&PR and Combined Ops. In September we have the Liberation events in Souchez France. The entry forms are out so please complete and support this event. The French really do appreciate our attendance especially now we have the 100 year anniversaries.

Don't forget to attend the IMPS main club nights at Dartford. Ross Savage (Vice Chairman) is arranging guest speakers for later in the year. Please do support these evenings.

I wish you a safe journey to the next time we all meet at an event somewhere.

Nick Cowles
IMPS Chairman

WEALD AREA

The area monthly meetings continue to have good support from the local membership.

There have been some local events where we have displayed our vehicles.

We have the Biggin Hill Airshow in August - again IMPS have been invited to attend over the two days - entry forms in this Newsletter.

Do please come along to our monthly meetings and socialise with your fellow members.

Safe motoring.
Nick Cowles (Weald Secretary)

GLENTWORTH
THURSDAY 3RD AUGUST 2017

IMPS MAIN BI-MONTHLY CLUB NIGHT HELD AT THE GLENTWORTH CLUB, LOWFIELD ST, DARTFORD 8PM. THIS IS THE MAIN BI-MONTHLY MEETING OF CLUB MEMBERS. CLUB REPORTS AND LATEST NEWS OF EVENTS. SPECIAL TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS INCLUDING REGULAR RAFFLES. MEET AND CHAT TO LIKE MINDED MEMBERS IN THE FRIENDLY SURROUNDINGS.

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SURREY AREA

Attention those who attend the Surrey Area meetings.

Meetings will be returning to the RAFA clubhouse in Kenley as from the July meeting. After a questionnaire sent out to the two hundred or area members, 12 answered the question of which venue they would rather go to.

The majority preferred Kenley so we will be returning there with the first meeting on JULY 4th.

Thank you
Andy Neal, Area Secretary

PAS DE CALAIS LIBERE/SOUCHEZ 2017

At the bottom of this newsletter is a repeat of the application form that has to be with Tony Lawrence by the end of June – your last chance to go on the continental trip of the year.

EVENTS 2017

June

SATURDAY 24TH & SUNDAY 25TH JUNE, TANKFEST 2017

The Tank Museum, Dorset BH20 6JG. 10am - 5pm. Experience the best display of historic moving armour in the world at The Tank Museum bringing the story of tanks, tank crew and soldiers to life. You can pre-book your vehicle into the event, you will be allocated a space onsite. Contact the Events Co-ordinator for availability on eventscoordinator@tankmuseum.org 01929, 462359 info@tankmuseum.org www.tankmuseum.org

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE, HARPENDEN ARMED FORCES DAY 2017

11:30 am to 5:00 pm A1081, Harpenden,

This is a free family fun day in conjunction with Harpenden Town Council.

A number of military charities have been invited, along with the Mounted Troop of the Household Cavalry, Army Air Corps, 3 Royal Anglian, Field Hospital from Hitchin, all three Cadet Units, RAF Parachute Display Team, Cold Stream Guards, Honourable Artillery Company, Military Preservation Groups, UK Tank and Model Engineering Groups. There will also be an Assault Course, Climbing Wall, the National Rock Choir and the Military Wives Choir. This is all to celebrate Armed Forces Day; to allow the public and Military Personnel to take part and have a fun-filled celebration. This event will be based on the Royal Tournament and the last night of the Proms, all in one show. We are looking to make this the biggest Armed Forces Day show outside London

Tel 07760 292 514 or 01582 612724, Email chrisgrey56@live.co.uk

July

SATURDAY 1ST & SUNDAY 2ND JULY, CAPEL MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW

Old Hurst Farm, Temple Lane, Capel, Surrey, RH5 5LW. 5th Annual MV Show. A live firing Russian T34 main battle tank, FV432 armoured fighting vehicle, an Alvis Stalwart, 101 forward controls, several Ferret armoured cars and World War II half-tracks. There will be period re-enactors, a vehicle see-saw, a small children's fair, an air rifle range, mini tanks, a climbing wall, stalls and trade stands, a licensed bar, food stalls, an evening event with music and dancing and helicopter pleasure flights conducted by "Tureston Helicopters". Entry forms on the website www.capel-military-vehicle-show.com

SATURDAY 8TH & SUNDAY 9TH JULY, THORPE CAMP 1940'S EVENT

Tattersall Thorpe, Lincolnshire. LN4 4PE. A museum within the original camp buildings. With re-enactors, military and civilian vehicles and displays. Stalls, NAAFI and beer tent. Contact John Haywood 01673 849393 john@spitfire24.plus.com www.1940weekend.co.uk

SATURDAY 8TH & SUNDAY 9TH JULY, BATTLE OF BRITAIN, HEADCORN

Headcorn Events in association with Aero Legends presents

The Battle of Britain weekend at Headcorn Airfield Kent pre-1946 vehicles and Living History Displays welcome, overnight camping if needed. please contact Shelley on 08456 526 263 or email shelley@headcornevents.co.uk to get your booking in forms. Any members who don't have pre-1946 vehicles are free to come to the event if they show their membership on entry.

THAMES TRADITIONAL BOAT FESTIVAL 14TH TO 16TH JULY.

This year's event is the weekend of Friday 14th July (noon) to Sunday 16th July. The website is now live and taking bookings for Military, Amphibious and Classic craft. The coordinator for the above is Lyndon York, who will liaise with all those making a booking. Please visit the website tradboatfestival.com to view the video footage of last year's event and to access the 'Taking Part' tab to complete a booking form for IMPS members. Jane Percival

SATURDAY 15TH & SUNDAY 16TH JULY, WOODHALL SPA 1940'S FESTIVAL.

Jubilee Park, Stixwold Road, Woodhall spa, LN10 6QH. Held at various locations around the village. Military/classic vehicles, re-enactors and living history, vintage bus rides, outdoor concerts, dances, traders market plus much more. Contact Justin Hobbs justin.h@hotmail.co.uk www.woodhall-spa-40s-festival.com

SATURDAY 15TH & SUNDAY 16TH JULY, ST ALBANS TOWN & COUNTRY SHOW

St Albans Town & Country Show, Highfield Park, Hill End Lane, AL4 0RE. Classic Festivals are inviting the Invicta Military Vehicle Preservation Society members to bring along their vehicles for visitors to see a bit of history. We do have a classic car section at all of our events but we thought to add on to it by having historical vehicles along. Our shows are "Shows with something for everybody" please see our web page if anyone's interested to see a bit about what we do. Any members interested would be welcome to send me an email if they have any questions. If members don't have vehicles, they'd be very welcome to come to our events as visitors for a great day out.

Contact Sonia Lawson sonia@classicfestivals.co.uk www.classicfestivals.co.uk <https://www.facebook.com/ShowOrganiser/?fref=ts>

SATURDAY 15TH & SUNDAY 16TH JULY, WINGS AND WHEELS

Damyns Hall Aerodrome, Aveley Road, Upminster, Essex, RM14 2TN. This show needs your military vehicles! The Havering branch of MIND, the charity for better mental health, is expanding its already very successful Wings and Wheels Show to accommodate military vehicles because the Military and Flying Machines show has moved to Maldon. Last year there were over 300 cars and bikes plus live music, beer tent, food vendors, stalls, light aircraft on display, helicopter rides, trial flights and family entertainment. Military vehicles will be able to camp from Friday 14th 12 noon until Monday 17th 12 noon as well as showing vehicles to the public on Sunday 16th. There will be food, bar and free live concert Saturday evening for all exhibitors. For more details and entry forms see their website.

<http://wingsandwheels.haveringmind.org.uk/>

SATURDAY 22ND & SUNDAY 23RD JULY, STOW MARIES AT WAR

Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome, near Maldon, Essex. We would love to get military vehicles, militaria stallholders and re-enactors along to the event days. Raising money to restore the Aerodrome back to how it was in 1916-1919. Please see the events page on our website to view all events happening at the Aerodrome this year. Please contact Steve Morley Stevmorley@aol.com or email

Events@stowmaries.org.uk www.stowmaries.org

EVENTS 2017

July Cont....

THE WAR AND PEACE REVIVAL, TUESDAY 25TH - SATURDAY 29TH JULY

The War and Peace Revival in association with IMPS, is the world's largest military vehicle extravaganza. Moving back to its 'home' at the Hop Farm Family Park, Paddock Wood, Kent, TN12 6PY, for 2017. Showcasing over 4000 military vehicles. The arena action is magnificent with displays involving tanks, armoured vehicles and lots of gunfire. The superb living history displays and vintage village will give the public a rare opportunity to gain an insight into the life at times of both combat and the home front. The fun doesn't stop there, a night of infectious energy from The Jive Aces, the UK's no 1 Jive and Swing band keeps the crowds dancing into the early hours of the following action packed day. **Contact on 01258 857700**

1940S THEMED EVENT AT THE HARE AND HOUNDS PUB, OLDHAM RD, MIDDLETON, SATURDAY 29TH JULY

We will be hosting a D-Day style celebration a 1940s themed event on 29th July 2017 to raise money for Help the Heroes / Broughton House. As in 2015, we would love some military vehicles on the car park to give the event the 'WOW' factor. This is the link to the previous event (<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/middleton-pub-celebrates-d-day-style-9421177>) If you would like to attend please **contact Jane Shields on 07999 936099**

August

COMBINED OPS MILITARY & AIRSHOW IMPS EVENT MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW & VINTAGE AIRCRAFT
WEEKEND SATURDAY 19TH & SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST

Headcorn Aerodrome, near Maidstone, Kent. In association with IMPS. This Event will be open to the public on the Saturday and Sunday. Featuring: A 'fly-in' of Vintage Military and Civilian aircraft, including famous WW2 warplanes, continuously throughout the whole weekend. Military vehicle displays, Live Arena Battle-action, Tank and Armoured vehicle demonstrations. Living History and Re-enactment Groups, Militaria and Trade stalls, Bars/refreshments. A real action packed week-end, on the ground and in the air. Volunteers are wanted to assist with the running of the show at all levels, to volunteer contact . Contact details and entry forms via the website.

Chris Yates at Headcorn Special Events on chris@chrisyates.co.uk

KENLEY AUTOJUMBLE , SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST

Kenley Autojumble For all car, motorcycle and military enthusiasts. Open air autojumble with on-site licenced bar. Regular traders and enthusiasts having a clear-out welcome. Free Parking. The Portcullis Club, Kenley Airfield, Victor Beamish Avenue, Caterham, Surrey. CR3 5FX - just off Jct 6, M25. For all motorcycle, car, and military enthusiasts. Open-air autojumble with on-site licenced bar. Regular traders and enthusiasts having a clear-out welcome. Free Parking. Pitches: Trade Vans £20. Private Cars £15. Traders access from Saturday afternoon with free overnight camping. Public entry: £2.50 9am to 4pm **Contact Martyn 07772 169524 or Anita 07971 823314**

PAGHAM ON PARADE, SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST

Pagham on Parade To take the show back to its roots Pagham on Parade are looking for military vehicles to have on display. The show is a family affair held at the village hall where there are displays and stalls in the main arena, food and drinks, and the paddock reserved for vehicle displays. 11am-4pm. Display of classic cars, motorcycles and military vehicles, kids funfair, refreshments, bar, BBQ, arena events and stalls. Entry is free of charge. For vehicle entry forms please email paghamonparade2017@outlook.com. See Pagham Parish Council website for registration form. **All enquiries phone 01243 266424**

MILITARY ODYSSEY SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST- MONDAY 28TH AUGUST

Military Odyssey is the World's largest Living History Event. Kent Show Ground, Detling, Maidstone. This enormous event includes multi period living history and re-enactments, collectors' market and indoor fair it's a fun long weekend's entertainment for all the family. Public camping available (must be booked in advance). **Contact James Aslett on 01268 772 448**

ESENDON SUPAFETE, MONDAY 28TH AUGUST

Essendon Supafete Essendon Supafete is a charity event run for organisations in the village as well as local and National charities. Everything we raise goes to these institutions, no admin or other costs are taken out so it is purely for their good. Essendon is located on the B158, off the A414 between Hatfield and Hertford so is very well connected. We get a Fire Engine in most years so access to the site is good. The Postcode is AL9 6HA. The event is in it's 61st year and last year, we managed to get parachutists to celebrate our 60th anniversary so this year, we wanted something impressive with a military theme. The Supafete takes place every year, rain or and we anticipate between 3 - 5000 visitors. It runs from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm ending often with a Tug O War. All IMPS members would be welcome to join in and in particular we would love to have a tank present so if anyone can help please contact Colin Rees by email. colinrees7@gmail.com

Rex Cadman. IMPS Events Secretary. For more info on these events, and more for 2017, go to www.imps.org.uk

MINUTES OF 2017 IMPS AGM - GLENTWORTH CLUB - AT 8.45 PM ON 3RD APRIL 2017

Board and Officers present: Tim Hewitt, Nick Cowles, Paul Gurr, James Gosling, Glyn Rosser, Rex Cadman, Bob Ellis and Andrew Partridge.

Apologies for absence: James Baxter, Andy Neal and James Shopland.

Members: 42 members signed in.

Minutes: Minutes of the 2016 AGM, circulated to Members in the March newsletter, were approved.

Election of Officers: Andrew Partridge, as Company Secretary, took over the business. Tim Hewitt was elected Chairman for a three-year term of office last year but offered his resignation because of business commitments. Nick Cowles has been proposed to replace him by Tim Hewitt and seconded by Andrew Partridge. Following Tim Hewitt's elevation to the post of Chairman, Rex Cadman was appointed Events Secretary by the Board. He is proposed for election to that post by Tim Hewitt and seconded by Andrew Partridge. Following Dave King's resignation last year, Gareth Wear was appointed Publicity Officer by the Board. He was now proposed for election to that post by Tim Hewitt and seconded by Andrew Partridge. As no other nominations were proposed for the above posts, members were invited to approve their appointment which they did unanimously. Following Nick Cowles' appointment as Chairman, the post of Vice-chairman has fallen vacant. Two nominations for the post of Vice-Chairman were received: Ross Savage was proposed by Tony Lawrence and seconded by John Corden and Frank Robertson was proposed by Chris Beal and seconded by Stephen Hawkins. A ballot was held and Ross Savage was elected by 28 votes to 14.

The remaining Board Members were unchanged. Nick Cowles was content to continue with his role as Area Secretary for Weald Area. Andy Neal would continue in Surrey, Bob Ellis would continue in East Kent and James Shopland in Western Area. As Jill Marshall had been unable to arrange meetings in Sussex partly because of the geographical spread of this area there had been no organised activity.

Resolutions: The Chairman's Annual Report and Treasurer's Annual Report and Accounts for 2016 had been published in the March newsletter. These were approved and the Board was authorised to appoint a certifying officer to agree the accounts for 2016.

The following Resolution proposed by Andrew Partridge and seconded by Annie Appleyard was agreed. Paragraph 12.1 of the Constitution should be amended as follows:

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on the first Thursday in April unless at least two months' prior notice has been given to members to alter that date or it has to be altered for reasons beyond the Board's control. At least 21 days' notice of the AGM must be given to members, including a list of Directors' posts falling vacant and nominations received to fill them and a list of Resolutions to be put to the meeting. Papers for the AGM will normally comprise the Agenda listing Nominations for election to office and Resolutions which may alter the Club's rules and procedures, the Chairman's Annual Report and the Annual Accounts and Treasurer's Report for the preceding year. These documents will be sent by post to each current (ie paid up) member except where the member has given prior agreement to receive them by email. Members will be invited to receive documents by email to an address which is theirs or easily accessible to them and asked to confirm the accuracy of their contact details in order to minimise printing and postage costs. Members who do not give such consent will continue to receive AGM papers by post.

Nick Cowles as the new Chairman welcomed those who had attended this meeting and reminded members that the club depended for its future success on more volunteers offering to help with the work involved in running the club and its activities.

The AGM closed at 9.30

BIGGIN HILL FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT 19th and 20th August 2017

Name.....

IMPS mem.no.....

Phone contact.....

Email.....

Vehicle make.....

Model.....

Year.....

Reg.No.....

Support vehicle (to be left in camping area) Yes/No.

Attending Saturday? Yes/no. Sunday? Yes/no. Overnight camping (you can arrive from Friday pm) Yes/No

Enclose SAE and cheque payable IMPS Ltd for £10.00 (Event RAFBF donation). NO SAE - NO ENTRY

Entry is for vehicle with 2 adults and 2 children.

Entries in by 6th August 2017

Post to - Nick Cowles, 13, Grand View Avenue, Biggin Hill, TN16 3XB.

Artois Libere/Souchez 2017

31st August - 4th September 2017

At the time of going to print we do not have much in the way of information regarding the event this year except that it is definitely taking place over the weekend of 31st August – 4th September. We will cross over via P&O ferries on the afternoon of Thursday 31st August or you may choose to cross over on Thursday/ Friday night 31st August/1st September. The main group will camp at Souchez. On Friday and Saturday convoys will cross the Artois region. On Sunday there will be a parade with bands through the Souchez past a group of dignitaries . A militaria fair will be on the campsite. Also entertainment is being organised at the campsite (a 1940's dance as well as bar and food provisions). Security will also be provided .

For those of you wanting hotels the following websites may be of use –

www.hotel-bb.com/reservation-hotel/booking

www.campanile.com

As in previous years you will be responsible for finding your own hotels but do not leave it too late.

The British involvement in the modern history of the area is especially significant with both First World War hundredth anniversaries (Vimy Ridge, Loos, Neuve Chapelle, Arras, the Somme) and World War II (the retreat in 1940 and Liberation in September 1944).

We will return to the UK either on Sunday night or during Monday (your choice). Final costs are not known at this time but we are in contact with P&O who are offering reduced 'rally' fares similar to those we were offered last year and I have been told that the organizers will provide some expenses to help alleviate our ferry costs.

As always, the organizers especially would like unusual and armoured vehicles. There is no problem with bringing armour on this trip as it is an official event. As long as you have suitable tracks you can run your tanks on the road at the head of the convoy on Sunday (and possibly Saturday). There is a problem with metal tracks and vehicles with these will probably spend most of their time on their low-loader. It would be marvellous if those of you with complete rigs such as Quad, limber & 25pdr, Matador & 3.7", tank transporter, trailer & tank, etc. could bring them. You will probably not have many chances to run them like this under full police escort.

For those of you who haven't been before please refer back to previous years Imprints or our website for articles about the trip. We have been going for many years and about 75% of the participants return the following year.

We are provided with free camping and subsidised ferry fares. The fantastic reception that we receive in this region of France is marvellous and the whole trip is a unique experience.

HOWEVER, because of the nature of the trip this year, the Liberation of that region of France by the British in 1944, I regret that post-war vehicles will be restricted to one or two that are unusual. Any post-war vehicle booked in will only be on the Friday and Saturday convoys but not on the main Sunday convoy which is purely for wartime vehicles. I know that this will affect some of you who have brought post-war vehicles in the past but due to the nature of this special occasion the emphasis must be on wartime vehicles. Those with Hotchkiss jeeps need not worry – most of the French jeeps masquerading as wartime vehicles are Hotchkisses!!

As I hear more I will publish it in the newsletter but for now will you please fill in the enclosed form and return it to me with a deposit cheque and a **letter size SAE. The closing date is 1st July 2017.**

Because many people have messed us about in previous years, cancelling their bookings after we had arranged the ferry, **the initial deposit cheque is £50 and non-refundable** – however this will probably cover most of any costs.

The ferry companies now charge for any amendments to bookings and do not give refunds for late cancellations.

For your information the VM Artois website is <http://vmartois.forumactif.fr/f48-2015-29eme-edition>

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Tony Lawrence

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Use only)

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01306 881747 (Day)

e-mail Anthony@Lawrence.sweethaven.biz

IMPS Entry form Artois Libere/Souchez 2017

31st August – 4th September 2017

NAME.....

IMPS Memb. No.....

ADDRESS.....

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Tel. No.....

e-mail address.....(please print)

VEHICLE DETAILS

PASSENGER NAMES

(excl. driver)

MAKE..... Towing Trailer YES/NO

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MODEL.....

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YEAR.....

.....

REG No.....

(max. 4 incl. driver

Length.....metres (including trailer)

unless previously arranged)

Width.....metres

Height.....metres

I wish to travel to Calais on Thursday afternoon 31st August

I wish to travel to Calais during the night of 31st August/1st September

Please circle when you wish to return:

Sunday evening 3/9/17

Monday morning 4/9/17

Monday afternoon 4/9/17

I wish to camp with the group at Souchez / I will make my own arrangements
(delete as necessary)

I confirm that my vehicle is fully road legal and has correct Road Tax (Exempt if necessary), MOT where applicable and is insured for driving in France.

I enclose a cheque for £50 (made payable to IMPS Ltd. and NON-RETURNABLE and a Stamped Addressed Envelope with a first class stamp (normal letter size)

I agree to abide by the decisions of the organisers and accept that their decision is final.

Signed.....

TO BE RETURNED TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS BY 1st JULY 2017

Please complete this form in full.

If information is not supplied by you we will assume that you will fit in with the majority, i.e. return dates and camping. Later amendments will have to be paid for by you at the docks when booking in.