



Editor's Blog

Welcome to this first edition of our newsletter. Please let us have your news, events, points of general interest, stories, poems and recipes.

This month is busy for UK events but we would also like to know about 1940s events from all corners of the world. All the events that we know about have been put on the last page of this newsletter. If we hear about more than we have space for then we will simply add another page!

Linsey Le Keux has kindly agreed to do a column for us in the newsletter, answering all your beauty questions. Linsey is also bookable for your event so please take time to view her website.

If you think the newsletter is lacking in the content you want to see, please let me know and don't forget you can always write a piece for inclusion on the readers pages which will be incorporated into the newsletter once you start writing to me.

Enjoy!
Lynda xx

RBL 65th VE Day Celebrations in London



Horse Guards Parade was a superb venue for the 65th VE Day celebrations hosted by the Royal British Legion. Swing Jive Entertainments organized the entertainment for both the Royal and VIP reception and the public event, which featured Tony Jacobs and the Jim Barry Swingtet, The Polka Dot Dolls, The Jive Aces, and even the UK 1940s Radio Station featured with a selection of 40's

Favourites presented by Lynda Moncaster. The weather was a little unkind but it did not dampen the spirits of those who attended. It was a fun day and it was lovely to see all the veterans having a good time. They especially liked the actors who had dressed in period costume and many said it took them back to the original VE Day. Thank you to all who attended to make this day so special.

UK 1940s Radio Go On Tour

The UK 1940s Radio Station goes on tour for the month of August. If you spot us at any of the events come up and introduce yourself.

7-8 August – The Essex MVT Military Vehicle and Aircraft Show, Damyns Hall Aerodrome, Aveley Road, Upminster, Essex

. Over the course of the weekend the 1940's will be revisited with displays of three life-size replica Spitfires, over 250 vintage military vehicles, an armoured vehicle parade, and for the first time since the war an example of every military vehicle that was produced locally at

Fords Dagenham plant will be reunited. There will also be dazzling aircraft fly-over's including a WW2 Spitfire, a Messerschmitt 108, and a breathtaking wing-walking display on a 1930's Boeing Stearman Biplane. There will also be an opportunity to meet over 50 living history groups, creating an exceptional atmosphere at this memorable event.
www.militaryandflyingmachines.org.uk/

14-15 August – Military Show and Vintage Aircraft Weekend, Headcorn Aerodrome, Near Ashford, Kent.

Military vehicle displays,

vintage military and classic aircraft, fly in, arena action, tanks, living history displays, militaria stalls, helicopter rides, food stalls, beer tent.
www.combinedops.co.uk

21-22 August – The Dig For Victory 1940s Weekend, Whitehall Garden Centre, Lacock, Wilts, displays, NAAFI, civilian and home front, re-enactors, large marquee (trade stands), 40s music and dancing.
www.dig-for-victory.com

28-30 August – To be confirmed.

WWII WAAF Returns to Bunker 13



Rita Spence outside Bunker 13 in 2010

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Rita Spence during her Bunker 13 days

Bunker 13 had the honour of welcoming Rita Spence back to the former 13 Group Fighter Command HQ Bunker after sixty-seven years, giving her an emotional journey back in time to the place she served during World War Two.

Former WAAF, Rita Spence returned back to the former Fighter Command Headquarters after leaving it in 1943, where she was employed as a plotter under the command of Air Vice Marshall J.O. Andrews (RAF). As she climbed out of her daughter's car, the members of Bunker 13 were greeted with Rita's glorious smile and girlish humour. She was greeted by John Ellis, Michael Hunsley and Michael Younger and was introduced to the representatives of George Wimpy Homes and CPM.

The former 13 Group Fighter Command HQ Bunker was built in 1938 as part of the Sir Hugh Dowding System of Air

Defence over Great Britain. Originally an above ground installation, the HQ Bunker was fully fitted by 3rd December 1939 and became fully operational at 11.59pm on the night of 13th March 1940.

Rita Spence enjoyed her return to the Bunker HQ. Her daughter, Rita, said: “Obviously she was thrilled to get the opportunity to go back down into the bunker after all the years that have passed. Being in the Ops room took her back. She could imagine herself back there doing the job she and all the other girls did at the time. She remembers her time working in the bunker as a happy time doing something she enjoyed with a great group of girls. Being billeted with girls who came from all over the country and going off on trips to visit their relatives via bus or even hitch hiking when they had a day or two leave. She used to visit my father up

near Morpeth too (he was in the Army for the war years) as he was not allowed to leave his base but she had the freedom to go where she wished when not on duty. I think the visit [to the Bunker] made her think of all the girls and how they have all lost touch with each other, as people do in those circumstances. I guess [they had] what we would call ‘comradeship’ which unites people in times of trouble. It was a fairly unique time for people pulling together for a common good. Her visit today did spark a lot of personal memories of people and events which she began to relate in the car on the way home. She also got to go into rooms which they were not allowed to visit during the war, which was interesting to her, seeing things from the ‘other side’.”

Anyone interested in finding out more about Bunker 13 can visit the website at www.bunker13.co.uk

John Ellis

Your 1940s Radio Needs You

The UK 1940s Radio Station wants to hear from you. We want to know what it is about the 1940s that you love. So whether it's a poem, a short story, details of your own or a friend or family member's wartime experience or even an upcoming event, we want to hear about it.

Don't forget to email Lynda with your requests and dedications for her *40s Favourites* programme on Sundays at 6pm (GMT).

Email us at lynda@swingjiveentertainments.co.uk



Copythorne During WW2



Saturday 31st July 2010

Copythorne Parish Hall
Pollards Moore Lane,
Copythorne, Southampton,
SO40 2NZ

Tickets: £9 (Concessions £7)

www.swingjiveentertainments.co.uk
Tel: 023 8089 3117

Recipes

Potato Floddies

Ingredients

2 potatoes
Flour
Salt and Pepper to season
Dripping for frying

Method

1. Scrub 2 potatoes and grate with a coarse grater over a bowl.
2. Add sufficient flour to form a batter.
3. Season with salt and pepper.

4. Melt a little dripping and make very hot in a frying pan.

5. Drop the mixture into it.

6. When brown on one side turn and brown the other.

Serve with jam if you want it as a sweet dish or, if you prefer it as a savoury, add a pinch of mixed herbs and a dash of cayenne

Wartime Trifle

Ingredients

1 small ordinary tea bun per person (stale will do)
Fruit Juice (bottled)
OR Cooked Fruit
OR Very thin Apple Sauce
Thin Custard made with custard powder or potato flour and flavouring.

Method

1. Cut the buns across and put in a large dish.
2. Heat the fruit juice and custard and pour over the

buns, ensuring that each is well soaked.

3. Top with a little fresh fruit for decoration if available.

<http://www.wardetectives.info/scotlands%20war/files/pdf/pr/recipes.pdf>



D-Day 1944

"I have also to announce to the House that during the night and the early hours of this morning the first of the series of landings in force upon the European Continent has taken place. In this case the liberating assault fell upon the coast of France. An immense armada of upwards of 4,000 ships, together with several thousand smaller craft, crossed the Channel. Massed airborne landings have been successfully effected behind the enemy lines, and landings on the beaches are proceeding at various points at the present time. The fire of the shore batteries has been largely quelled. The obstacles that were constructed in the sea have not proved so difficult as was apprehended. The Anglo-American Allies are sustained by about 11,000 firstline aircraft, which can be drawn upon as may be needed for the purposes of

the battle...So far the Commanders who are engaged report that everything is proceeding according to plan. And what a plan! This vast operation is undoubtedly the most complicated and difficult that has ever taken place. It involves tides, wind, waves, visibility, both from the air and the sea standpoint, and the combined employment of land, air and sea forces in the highest degree of intimacy and in contact with conditions which could not and cannot be fully foreseen.

There are already hopes that actual tactical surprise has been attained, and we hope to furnish the enemy with a succession of surprises during the course of the fighting. The battle that has now begun will grow constantly in scale and in intensity for many weeks to come, and I shall not attempt to speculate upon its course... Nothing that

equipment, science or forethought could do has been neglected, and the whole process of opening this great new front will be pursued with the utmost resolution both by the commanders and by the United States and British Governments whom they serve... These landings took place with extremely little loss and with great accuracy... The airborne troops are well established, and the landings and the follow-ups are all proceeding with much less loss-very much less-than we expected. Fighting is in progress at various points. We captured various bridges which were of importance, and which were not blown up... But all this, although a very valuable first step-a vital and essential first step-gives no indication of what may be the course of the battle in the next days and

weeks, because the enemy will now probably endeavour to concentrate on this area, and in that event heavy fighting will soon begin and will continue without end, as we can push troops in and he can bring other troops up. It is, therefore, a most serious time that we enter upon. Thank God, we enter upon it with our great Allies all in good heart and all in good friendship." (Churchill's D-Day Speech to the House of Commons)

By the end of the of the entire Normandy Campaign, nearly 425,000 Allied and German troops were killed, wounded, or missing.
www.frenchteacher.net/Y8/Y8dday.doc



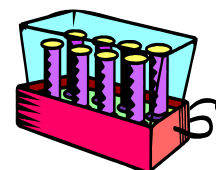
Pin up photo shoot day
 12th June at Rugby,
 Warwickshire (Midlands).
 Hair, make up, wardrobe and
 photos. **Just £69!**
 For your booking form email:
pinups@lekeuxevents.co.uk
www.lekeuxevents.co.uk

Hints and Tips with Linsey Le Keux

“How do you get the big curls?”

Achieving 'vintage' style hair is all about preparing and setting it correctly first. To achieve big curls I would recommend a volume pin curl set. Separate the hair into small sections, about 4 or 5 cm long and loop the hair into rolls you can see through and pin in place. Do this all over the head, leave to dry/heat set then remove the pin and gently brush out. We hold hair tutorials from just £25

each where we teach the full preparation, setting, pin curling and finishing techniques used in the 40s and 50s so you can learn how to achieve all sorts of hair styles yourself.



“How do you apply 1940s make-up?”

1940s make-up is all about the red lips for me. With minimal make-up around the eyes. Start with a matt foundation base, and set with powder. Colour in the eyebrows creating an 'arrow' arch, apply a little neutral eyeshadow and then add a line of liquid eyeliner extended slightly longer than the outer corner of the eye and flicked up. Then line the lips with red lipliner, filling

in the entire lip (this will help the lipstick last longer) then apply your red lipstick and remember to use a tissue to blot the top layer. Add subtle blusher on the cheek bone to finish the look.

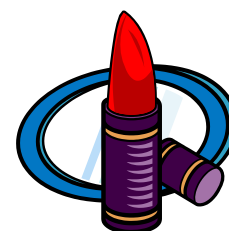
We also offer full vintage make-up tutorials from £27.50 where you'll learn full application techniques, be able to choose the perfect colour of red lipstick for you and more.



“Any tips on what colours to use would be helpful”

Presuming you're talking about red lipstick, without seeing you're colouring it's hard to recommend, however my tips would be to try a few shades and pick the one that blends well and doesn't look shocking or out of place. Our make-up artist who runs our tutorials is a trained colourist so will be able to help you select

the perfect shade for you. Generally, darker skinned ladies can pull off more plummy shades of red, go for peachy tones if you're a red head and cooler reds go well for blondes.



Email your questions for Lynsey to:
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'Bringing the Past to the Present'
 "The least we can do today to remember those that have gone before us is to educate those who come after us."
 (Sgt J. Ellis (ATC & Bunker13)
 If You Can help please contact
 John at
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www.bunker13.co.uk

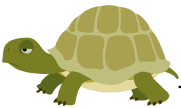
Children's Corner

The Hare and the Tortoise

The Hare was once boasting of his speed before the other animals.



"I have never yet been beaten," said he, "when I put forth my full speed. I challenge any one here to race with me."



The Tortoise said quietly, "I accept your challenge."

"That is a good joke," said the Hare; "I could dance round you all the way."

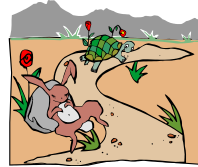
"Keep your boasting till you've beaten," answered the Tortoise. "Shall we race?"

So a course was fixed and a start was made.



The Hare darted almost out of sight at once, but soon stopped and, believing that the

Tortoise could never catch him, lay down by



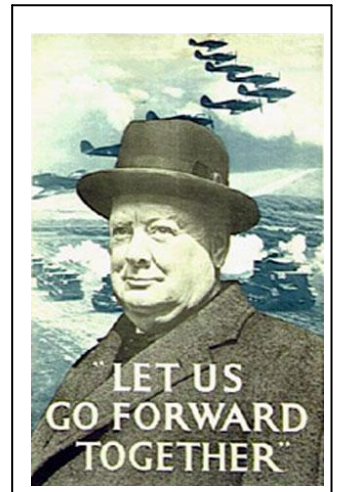
the wayside to have a nap. The Tortoise never for a moment stopped, but went on with a slow but steady pace straight to the end of the course.

When the Hare awoke from his nap, he saw the Tortoise just near the winning-post. The Hare ran as fast as he could, but it was too late. He saw the Tortoise had

reached the goal.



Then said the Tortoise: "Slow and steady wins the race."



War Poetry

For The Fallen

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill; Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

Laurence Binyon (1914)

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June 2010 Events

12th June – Pin up photoshoots – hair/make-up, professional photographer plus vintage wardrobe/lingerie, props and sets all for just £69. Email pinups@lekeuxevents.co.uk for a booking form or check out [Pin Up Photo Shoot only £69 including hair,make up and wardrobe](#)

12 June – 1940s DANCE in aid of HELP FOR HEROS at Lady Margaret Hall, Holbeck, nr Worksop, S80 3NB. Music by the one and only Moggie's Music Memories. Tickets £ 9.00 Pie & Pea Supper included. Bring your own drinks. Camping available on camping field at the side of the hall if you wish to stop over night . Please let me know if you require camping. Contact Clive Shears, Daryfield Lodge, Holbeck, Worksop, Notts S80 3NB. Dress to impress 1940s style preferred. To book your ticket contact Clive or Denise on 01909479774 or 07971331289 or email clivendenise@aol.com

12th & 13th June – FREE ENTRY WAR WEEKEND at Pencester Gardens, Dover, Kent, CT16 1BT presented by Hellfire corner Association and U.S.O. Line-up includes the Jive Aces, Bud Flanagan and Max Miller tribute acts, the Swingtime Sweethearts the Clover Sisters the USO Dance Team the Saggie Bottom boys, plus various March Bands, Fashion Show, Military Vehicle Display, Living History Trade Stalls, U.S.O. wartime mobile canteen, Wartime and Period Civilian Cars and Motorcycles, Vintage Funfair and much, much, more.

13th June at the Old Hartley Heritage Fair at Old Hartley, near Seaton Sluice, Tyne & Wear. Bunker 13 will be having a stall at this event. If you attend this event please show them your support.

18th June – "THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES" 40's Dance with Mr Paul Harper & Marina Mae. An evening of music and fun with popular 40's entertainers. The fantastic Mr Paul Harper & the delectable Miss Marina Mae at the Coronation Hall, Owston Ferry, Doncaster, DN9 1RL. Spinning the 40's tunes for your jiving pleasure will be Victory Sounds. Come and enjoy a night of wartime memories from 7.30pm 'til 12am. Licenced bar 'til 11pm. 1940's dress encouraged. Admission £4, proceeds to Help for Heroes and the Royal British Legion. Further details call 07828 620 357 or 01427 728 667 for tickets.

19th & 20th June – WARTIME WEEKEND at Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings, Bromsgrove, Worcestershir. Visit Avoncroft this weekend to be transported back to the 1940s. Discover life on the home front, watch the soldiers train for battle and in action on the battlefield. Talks will be presented throughout the day including 'Fashion on the Ration'. Plus, on Sunday, there will be classic buses running to The Transport Museum, Wythall, with its huge collection of buses and battery-electric vehicles. A Two Museums for Two ticket costing £25 will cover admission to both Museums and as many bus rides as you like for two adults (plus up to 3 children can go free when accompanying two adults with this ticket). For further information tel: 01527 831363 or 01527 831886

26th June – BRACKNELL ARMED FORCES DAY 2010 from 1000hrs – 1730hrs. Free Entry. The Bracknell RBL, RNA and RAFA are hosting an open air event with over 28 static stands + food vendors & activities for children. A large arena, with acts and activities (including Majorettes, Sea Cadet Field Gun, Air Cadet Formation Marching and much more throughout the day. 1330 will see a parade lead by the Reading Scottish Pipe Band, Standards, Cadets and Veterans. During the parade a number of veterans will be presented with Veteran badges. We are still looking for some vehicle enthusiast that wish to parade their vehicles and some acts for our arena. For more information contact Paul Bidwell on bafd@live.co.uk or visit www.armedforcesday-bracknell.co.uk

26th & 27th June – TANKFEST at the Tank Museum, Bovington, Dorset, BH20 6JG. The biggest day out in history bringing the story of tanks, tank crew and soldiers to life. For more information and booking tickets call 01929 462359 or visit www.tankfest.org

Please let us know of any events happening near you and we will put them into our newsletter.