

10<sup>th</sup> April '33.

A Meeting of the British Legion Entertainment Committee was held at the Willoughby Headquarters on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> April '33, to arrange for a Whist Dinner & Dance fixed for the 28<sup>th</sup> April '33, as previously discussed at a Committee Meeting of the British Legion.

The following Members of the Committee were present, R. Martin, L. Hall, F. Woolbridge, W. Quinney, & C. J. Hancock in the Chair.

The following arrangements were unanimously agreed upon,

Band.

The O.K. Band of Rugby was decided upon, and failing their services, Messrs Hargraves of Beaumont were

considered as an alternative.

### Admission

The popular price of admission of 1/- also the commencement time at 7.30 p.m. with dancing until 1. a.m. was agreed upon.

### Refreshments

It was decided to approach Miss Iron to undertake the Refreshments, leaving the question of purchasing and any help required entirely in her hands. The Refreshments to be obtained from Mrs Thompson.

### Tables for Whist & Playing Cards

To hire 12 Tables from Village Hall Fund Committee, and playing Cards from Conservative Assoc.

It was also decided to purchase 50. Pear Cards and 1 Tin Ball Room Polish.

The following members of the Committee were elected to officiate.

M.C. Whit, C.J. Hancock.

M.C. Dance, L. Hall.

Don Keefen, F. Woodbridge.

W. Quinney.

R. Inactive.

Window Bells, were arranged to be displayed as follows:

Willoughby 4.

Grandbow 2.

Barby 1.

Beaumont 2. ✓

Hocknoe 1.

Admission tickets were also to be distributed to the Committee Members & Capt. Luker.

It was also suggested to ask Mrs Pearce or Capt. Pearce to present the Prizes, also to engage the Reading Room as a Cloak Room.

With regard to the prizes it was decided at a general meeting that the value of the first prize should not exceed 5/- and the second prize should be in the region of 3/-. In this connection the following members kindly offered the following prizes.

1<sup>st</sup> Gents. C Hancock.

2<sup>nd</sup> Gents V Bygones.

1 Ladies. W Thompson

2 " R. Martin.

C Hancock  
Chairman.  
3 May 33

3 May 33

A Meeting of the Entertainment Committee was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 33, to settle up the accounts of the Whist Drive & Dance held on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 33.

The Total Receipts amounted to £3-9-2. and after expenses of £2-13-5½ had been met, a balance of 15/8½ was handed to the Treasurer. (See detailed a/c. see end of book.)

C Hancock  
Chairman  
5 Oct 1933

The Entertainment Committee of the British Legion met at the Willoughby Headquarter on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 1933 to discuss the question of a Whist Drive & Dance to be held in the new Village Hall on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> November. All members of the Committee were present, C. Hancock taking the Chair, the Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

It was unanimously decided to make a big display of British Bills in order to advertise the fact that the Whist Drive and Dance was to be held in the new Village Hall, in this connection it was agreed to place and order for 50. Bills with the Adventure Co. and display them in the following places.

Rugby	Midland Rd.	2.
	R. H. Carter	1.
N <sup>o</sup> 1. Legion Headquarter		1.
Brampton		3

Holmes	= 1.	Darby	- 1.
Dunbar	- 2.	Grandlow	2.
Willoughby	- 4	Kilby	1.
Danbury	- 1.		

With regard to tickets it was decided that the 44 left over from the last Drive and would be sufficient to meet the present demand.

It was also decided that the O.K. Hargreaves & Montgomerie Bands should each be approached for their members, each stating their stipulated terms, on receipt of these replies, a further should be called to make final arrangements,

There being no other business the meeting then closed.

C. Hancock  
Chairman  
19 Oct 33

19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 33

The Entertainment Committee of the British Legion, held a further meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. to consider the replies received from the Bands, as was arranged at a previous Committee Meeting.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence was then read with regard to the Bands, with a unanimous decision that Miss Montgomery's Band should be engaged at the terms specified. The Secretary to write accepting same.

It was decided to call a further Meeting on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> to make final arrangements.

O Hancock  
Chairman  
1/11/33

1 Nov. 1933.

A Meeting of the Entertainment Committee of the British Legion was held on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 1933, to make final arrangements for the Whirl Drive & Dance to be held in the Village Hall on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1933 (Friday).

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed.

The first thing considered was the question of Prizes, when it was mentioned that both Capt Pearce and Capt Luker had promised the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize for Ladies & Gents. It was considered advisable to give a second and also a consolation prize for Ladies & Gents. In the event of these prizes not being given it was decided to purchase same out of the Funds.

With regard to the Refreshments it was decided to ask Mrs Izom & Mrs O. Hancock to officiate with any additional help

necessary, also leaving the question of the buying of Refreshments from Mrs Thompson in the hands of Mrs Iron, An order for Mineral Water was also given to Messrs Butom, consisting of 2 dozen each of Lemonade, Grapefruit and Veleco.

The Admission was fixed at one shilling, School Children to be at half price, unless playing Whist, the fee then to be 1/-, the Doorkeepers were asked to watch this point carefully.

The following Members of the Committee volunteered to act as Doorkeepers,

R. Martin, & W. Quinney, Whist Drive.

W. Quinney, & T. Woodridge. Dance.

The following also promised to act as MC's.

C. Hancock. Whist Drive.

R. Hall. Dance.

Playing Cards, Score Cards → Ball Room Polish was left in the hands of R. Martin & C. Hancock to arrange.

As the Dance was being held on the eve of Armistice Day, it was considered right that 2 minutes silence should be observed at 12 pm, in memory of fallen comrades.

As no other business was forthcoming the meeting then closed.

C. Hancock.  
Chairman  
16/11/33

16 Nov: 1933

A Committee Meeting of the Entertainment Committee of the British Legion was held on the above date to settle up accounts of the Whist Drive & Dance held in the Village Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> Nov: 1933.

The total receipts amounted to £.10-6-7½, and after the expenses of £5-3-0 had been met, a balance of £5-3-7½ was handed to the Treasurer.

From this balance it was decided to send a donation of £2-0-0 to the County Employment Scheme, which left a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £3-3-7½.

For details see end of book

W Hancock.  
9 Jan: 1933

9 Jan: 1934.

A Committee Meeting of the Entertainment Committee of the British Legion was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> Jan: to make arrangements for the Annual Dinner to be held on Saturday 27 Jan: 34 in the Village Hall.

It was decided to have tickets printed and place an order for 100 on the Adventure Co. The whole of the catering was left entirely in the hands of Mr R. Martin.

With regard to a licence extension it was unanimously agreed ~~that~~ not to apply for one, and that refreshments should be purchased before 10 p.m. for consumption in the Hall until 11 p.m., this decision to be brought before the Village Hall Committee for their sanction.

In connection with the sale of tickets, which were open for sale outside Legion members, it was requested that notification should be given by Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> or not later than Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> in order to make arrangements

for the catering.

With regard to the Entertainment it was unanimously decided to engage the Concert Party from Northampton, if possible, as arranged between L. Halls & B. Purhall of Northampton, in this connection the Secy was to write.

Invitation was extended to the Members to ask a friend or wife after supper.

L. Hancock  
31/1/34

31 Jan: 34

A Meeting of the Entertainment Committee (Willoughby Section) was held on the 31 Jan: 34, to settle up accounts of the Dinner held on the 27<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1934. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

There were 67 sat down to dinner, out of which 56 purchased tickets at 2/6 each, the remaining 11 being invited guests.

The financial result was as follows:-

Receipts	Expenditure	Expenditure
Tickets 56 @ 2/6 = 7-0-0	Catering 67 @ 2/- per Head	6-14-0

£. s. d.

Receipts 7-0-0

Expenditure 6-14-0

Balance to Treas. 6-0

Concert Party 2-0-0

Hall Fee 10-0

Printing of Tickets 4-3

Met by Entertainment Fund £2-14-3

L. Hancock  
22 Oct 34



22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 1934.

A Meeting of the British Legion Entertainment Committee (Willoughby Section) was held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct '34. at the Club Room, Rose Inn, Willoughby. to make arrangements for an Amateurs Whist Drive and Dance, fixed by the General Committee to be held on Monday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> '34 in the Village Hall Willoughby.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

With regard to the Whist Drive and Dance the following arrangements were unanimously agreed upon,

Band.

Write the 'O.K.' 'Hargreaves' & Miss Montgomery with regard to terms, and decide at further meeting.

Time. 7-30, - 12-30.

Tickets. With regard to tickets, it was unanimously decided not to have admission tickets, as it was considered an expense unless

The following members agreed to act as M.C.'s  
and Doorkeepers.

M. C. Whit, C. J. Hancock with help

M. C. Dane, L. Hall.

Doorkeepers, R. Martin, W. Quinsey &

F. Woodridge.

The small details, viz. Window Sills, Scur Cards,  
& Ball Room Polish, were left in the hands of the  
Sd:

There being no other business the meeting  
was closed.

d. J. Hancock  
Chairman  
13/11

13 Nov. 1934

A Committee Meeting of the Entertainment Section of the British Legion was held on the above date to settle up accounts of the Whist Drive and Dance held in the Village Hall on Monday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 1934.

The total receipts amounted to £6-15-1, and after expenses had been met of £3-15-2, a balance of £2-19-11 was handed over to the Treasurer.

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Door.	5: 8: 0	Band.	1: 10: 0 ✓
Refreshments.	1: 7: 1	Refreshments.	15: 9: ✓
	<u>£ 6-15-1</u>	Hall Fee.	16: 6: ✓
	£ 0 0 0	Caretaker.	5: 0: ✓
Total Receipts.	6-15-1	Prize.	6: 5: ✓
Total Expi.	<u>3-15-2</u>	Hall Room Polish & S. Cloth.	1: 6: ✓
Total Balance.	<u>2-19-11</u>		<u>£ 23-15-2</u>

J. Hancock.  
17 Jan. 35

17 Jan: 35.

A Meeting of the Entertainment Committee was held on Thursday 17 Jan 35, to discuss the arrangements for the Dinner to be held on Jan: 26<sup>th</sup> 1935.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

It was unanimously decided at this meeting that Dinner Speeches should, if possible be cut down to a minimum, this suggestion was to be conveyed to the Chairman.

As all arrangements were well in hand, under the care of Mrs Martin, and there being no other business the meeting closed.

L. F. Hancock.  
31 Jan: 35

31. Jan: 1935

A Meeting of the British Legion Entertainment Committee (Willoughby Section) was held on the 31 Jan: 35 to settle up accounts of the Annual Dinner held on the 26 Jan: 1935. The Minutes of the previous were read and confirmed.

There were 93 sat down to dinner, out of which 84 purchased tickets at 2/6 each, the remaining nine persons being invited guests.

The financial result was as follows:-

<u>Receipts.</u>	L. . s. . d.	<u>Expenditure</u>	L. . s. . d.
Tickets 84 @ 2/6.	10-9-6	Catering #93 @ 2/- each.	9-6-0
Total Receipts £ 10-9-6		Concert Party.	2-0-0
" Exp: £ 11-18-8		Hall.	10-0-0
Def: £ 1-9-2		100 Tickets (Quinies)	2-8-0
Def: Int. & Ent. Fund.			£ 11-18-8

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24/1/35

unanimously decided that only one  
viter be invited from each of the  
Branches, representing, Dunstable,  
Berkton & Frankton, & Braintree, with  
special invitations to Col Biddulph &  
Capt Jackson.

It was decided to carry out the  
arrangements precisely as in 1954,  
which meant that the Dinner would  
be open to all, with an invitation  
to friends for the entertainment.

With regard to the Entertainment side  
of the programme, it was decided to  
invite the "Remnants" Teddy Sadfrey of  
Leamington, for terms for 3 Act and  
Pianist, their services being required  
from 8.45 onwards.

Prior to this meeting, the Poppy  
Day Collections were counted, with the  
following results.

a Door Prize was given,  
Refreshments. Arrange with Mrs. Jones to  
make all necessary arrangements, and apply  
for additional help if required.  
Admission. It was agreed that 1/-  
should be the charge for admission and that  
school children should be charged at the same  
rate unless attending Dance only, the charge then  
to be 6".

Following on the above, a further meeting was  
convened on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> Oct, to make final  
arrangements.

Replies having been received from the bands,  
it was unanimously decided Magraves Band of Braintree.  
With regard to Whist Prize, the Secy was invited  
to visit Capt Pearce & Capt Luby in connection  
with the First Prize for Ladies & Gentlemen.

With regard to the 2<sup>nd</sup> & Consolation Prizes, it  
was decided that these should be purchased &  
payment to be made if possible out of takings.

20 Nov: 1935.

A Meeting of the British Legion Entertainment Committee was held at Willoughby on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> Nov: '35 to discuss arrangements for the Annual Dinner to be held on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Hall Willoughby, this being the decision of at the Half-yearly General Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

As in former years, it was decided that the Dinner should be timed to commence at 7-30 p.m., and that the tickets should be on sale at 2/6 each, with a limit of 100.

Mr R. Martin agreed to carry out all the catering on the same lines as the 1934 Dinner.

With regard to the Visitors it was

Willoughby, £3-19-5½, Grandborough  
£2-3-2½, Hickrose, £1-1-0, making  
a total of £7-3-8.

The total amount submitted to Headquarters  
was £7-6-6, which included a private  
donation of 3½, together with the Church  
Collection, of Willoughby & Grandborough, (rent  
reparately by Churchwarden), the total  
amount realized the sum of £10-10-6.

L. Hancock  
Hon. Chairman.  
27/11/35



27/11/35.

A Meeting of the British Legion Ent: Comm: was held at Willoughby on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> Nov: to decide the question of Entertainment, the Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

This meeting was convened as the result of the fee of the "Remnants" Concert Party was considered too high.

After a lengthy discussion on this difficult subject it was decided that a Concert Party should be engaged from Rugby, if possible, with any additional help required from local talent.

This decision was unanimously decided upon, and there being no other business the meeting then closed.

B. J. Hancock.  
Hon. Chairman.  
2 Jan: 36

26 Nov 1936

A Meeting of the Entertainment Committee was held on the above date, to settle up acct of the Winter Dinner & Dance held on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 1936

The following is a statement of A/c:

Receipts.	L. s. d.	Exp.	L. s. d.
Tickets	1-4-0	Refreshment	12-1
Cash @ Door	2-2-0	Band	1-15-0
Refreshment	1-0-6	Hall Fee	16-6
<u>£ 4-11-6</u>		Hall R. Polish	1-0
		Picnic Card	1-6
		Whispery Hall	5-6
		Tickets	2-0
		Refreshment Ladies	5-0
		<u>£ 3-18-7</u>	
Total Receipts	£ 4-11-6		
Exp.	£ 3-18-7		
	<u>12-11</u>		

Balance of 12/11 handed to Treasurer

W Hancock

2 Jan: 36

A Meeting of the Entertainment Committee was held on the 2 Jan: 36, to settle up accounts for the Annual Dinner held at Willoughby on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1935.

There were 100 people sat down to Dinner, which was considered to be an excellent reception.

The Financial result was as follows:

Receipts.	L. s. d.	Expenditure	L. s. d.
Total Receipts	12-7-6	Concert Party	1-15-0
		Hall Fee	12-6
		100 people @ 2/- head	10-0-0
		Printing Tickets	3-6
			<u>12-9-0</u>

Difference of 1/6 cleared by funds.

W Hancock  
6 Jan 1936

6 November '36

A ~~Committee~~ Meeting of the Entertainment Committee was on the 6<sup>th</sup> Nov: 1936 to make final arrangements for the Whist Drive & Dance to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> Nov: 1936, as arranged at the Half Yearly Meeting of the British Lyric.

It was decided to hire 12 Card Tables and Cards for the Village Hall, and J. Hancock undertook to get the Whist Paper Cards<sup>(100)</sup> and Polish. W. Quinny, R. Martin & F. Waddidge, accepted the Duties, and J. Hancock as MC for the Whist, & F. Waddidge as MC for the Dance.

As all other arrangements had been fixed up at the previous meeting, no other business was necessary.

J. Hancock.  
26 Nov. 1936

26 Nov: 1936

A Meeting of the Entertainment Committee was held on the above date to settle up accounts of Whist Drive & Dance held on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov: 1936.

The ~~first~~ minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

The following is a statement of accounts.

Receipts	£	s	d.	Exp.	£	s	d.
Sale of Tickets	1-	9-	0	Refreshments.		12-	1
Cash at Door.	2-	2-	0	Band (Embassy)	1-	15-	0
Refreshments.		1-	0-6	Hall Fee.		16-	6
	£	4-	11-6	Ball Room Polish.		1-	0
				Score Cards		1-	6
				Window Alth		5-	6
				Printing Refreshments (Lads)		5-	0
				Tickets.		2-	0
					£	3-	18-7
Balance of 12/11 handed to Treasurer.							

15 Jan. 1937

15 Jan: 1937

A Meeting of the entertainment Committee was held on the above date to settle up accounts of Annual Dinner 9 Jan: 1937.

The following is a statement of Accounts.

<u>Receipts</u>	£. s. d.	Exp:	£. s. d.
54 @ 2/6 = 6-15-0	6-15-0	R. Martin 520/-	5-4-0
		Hall Fee	12-6
		Articles (H.M. etc)	2-5-0
			<u>8-1-6</u>

Mr Martin reported he had collected for 80, at a cost of

	£ 6-16-8
Secretary paid to Treas:	<u>4-7-6</u>
Balance like met,	<u>£ 2-9-2</u>

Willoughby + Grandview British Legion

Balance Sheet of Whist Drive and Dance held at Willoughby 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1933.

<u>Receipts.</u>	£.	s.	d.
Cash at Door.	5	17	0
Sale of Tickets.	1	18	0
Refreshments.	2	11	7 1/2
<b>Total.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6 7 1/2</b>

<u>Expenditure</u>		£.	s.	d.
Window Bills.	Advertiser.		8	6
Band.	Miss Montgomery's	1	1	0
Hall Fee.	Mr. C. Hancock.		16	6
Refreshments.	Mrs. T. Izom + Helper.		9	6
Refreshment Bill.	Mr. Thompson.	1	3	10
Milk.	Mr. S. Innes.		1	0
Mineral Water.	Messrs Buxton's		9	6
Whist Prizes.	Messrs Hitherway's.		10	2
Whist Score Cards (100).	Woolworths.			9
Admission Tickets - 2/-.	Goods. } No Receipts		1	3
Ball Room Polish.	Auntie Bays }		1	0
<b>Total.</b>	<b>Total.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3 0</b>

Total Receipts. £. 10 - 6 - 7 1/2.  
 Total Expenditure. £ 5 - 3 - 0.  
Balance. £ 5 - 3 - 7 1/2

As passed in Committee Donation of £2-0-0.  
 sent to County Employment Scheme, leaving a  
 balance, to Fund. of £8-3-7 1/2.

*W. H. Munnick.*  
 26/11/33