



Kitchener's

Holidays for Ex-Servicemen & Women

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Thank you, East of England Co-op

Our grateful thanks go to the East of England Co-op for their generous donation of £3,500 to the Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Centre which went a great way towards the cost of re-upholstering our lounge chairs. Pictured on the steps of the Centre

are, from the left, Andrew Dawes, (Head of Specialist Services, East of England Co-op) Steven Schofield (Centre Manager), Cynthia Brown, (Chair, Centre Management Committee), Lorraine Schofield (Centre Housekeeper), Victoria Schofield (Centre Marketing).



Wrentham Brass Band Concert

Every year the Wrentham Brass Band supports a charity by providing their services free at a special concert. In November 2016 they put on a concert at the Seagull Theatre, Pakefield on behalf of Kitchener's.

The band's programme included music popular from WW1 and WW2 and they had also found and learned a special piece,

'Kitchener's Own' by J. A. Greenwood, which they included.

We are delighted to acknowledge that the Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Centre is financially supported by:



as well as by many local businesses and individuals

Their centenary year will be the same year as ours in 2019 and it is hoped that we will be able to renew our association with them by including them in our celebrations.

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WRENTHAM BAND

Each year Wrentham Band performs a special concert for a selected charity in order to raise funds for them. This year they have chosen the Kitchener's Holiday Centre. Kitchener's is a unique Suffolk charity offering hotel style holiday accommodation to ex-service men and women and their spouses or partners.

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Wednesday 16th November
7.30pm Tickets £8 (£7 concessions)

ORKNEY

While we were celebrating the naming of the Kitchener Garden at Lowestoft on the 100th anniversary of Lord Kitchener's death on 5th June 2016, as reported in Newsletter issue 4, on the same day a dedication ceremony was taking place in Orkney, attended by our Patron Lady Emma Kitchener and her husband Julian Fellowes as well as one of our trustees, Pam Williamson, with her husband Neil and son Paul.



The Kitchener Memorial Tower on Marwick Head, Birsay, Orkney overlooks the site where HMS Hampshire sank. It has been restored and a memorial wall built recording on it the names of all 737 persons lost when the vessel was mined on June 5th 1916. The dedication ceremony took place one hundred years later to the day, on 5th June 2016.

As part of the ceremony the Royal Navy's Type 45 Daring class air defence destroyer HMS Duncan (just visible in the haze) was stationery over the site of the wreck of HMS Hampshire and as well as laying a wreath fired a gun to mark the start and finish of two minutes silence.

Mayor's Charity Ball

Councillor Nick Webb and his councillor wife Sarah hosted a Charity Ball at the Hotel Victoria on Saturday, March 18th 2017 the proceeds from which were to be divided between the Alzheimers Society and the Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Centre.

We are delighted to hear that a total of £6230.00 was raised of which £3115.00 comes to us.



Administrative changes

Several administrative changes have taken place or are in progress in the background at Kitchener's. The Centre has recently joined COBSEO, the Confederation of Service Charities.

The Management Committee has been expanded by several new members and we are hopeful that we can find some more.

Dates for your diary

- Armed Forces Day - 24 June 2017
- Latitude Festival, Henham - 13-16 July 2017
- Lowestoft Summer Festival - 22/23 July 2017
- Bands of Hope & Glory - 20 August 2017
- Merchant Service week - 29 August 2017
- Kitchener Centre AGM - 13 September 2017
- RN Patrol Service Reunion - 6/7 October 2017