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Northumberland Association of Local Councils

NALC Enews

The late Ray Butler

The Association was saddened to learn of the death of Ray Butler. He was a Vice-President of the Association having been the Chairman of the County Committee. He had served on Choppington Parish Council and previously on Wansbeck District Council.

There will be a Memorial Service on Thursday 16 January 2020 at 1.40 pm at Stakeford Methodist Church. Bright ties are requested.

Emails to Member Councils

The Chairmen and Clerks of Member Councils have been sent the following email since the last issue of the Enews.

Update dated 15 January 2020 containing

- Operation London Bridge

- The County Committee

If your Council has not received a copy, or if your Chairman or Clerk has changed, please let me know.

Vacancy for a clerk

North Sunderland Parish Council seeks a Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

This post is part-time involving 14 hours per week.

The successful candidate is not required to have local government experience but will be expected to handle the formal minutes, agendas, cemetery administration and correspondence of the Council. Book-keeping duties will also arise.

An information pack and application form can be obtained from:

Maureen Bramley
9, Jubilee Place
Seahouses
Northumberland
NE68 7RZ

Email: nspcseahouses@gmail.com

Closing date for applications: Friday 7th February 2020.

Windows 7

Microsoft stopped issuing updates for Windows 7 on 14 January 2020.

If your Council uses that (or earlier Windows versions) then you should consider whether additional security measures are needed

There is more information at <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/windows/windows-7-end-of-life-support-information> and an article on the BBC website at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-51090407>

The National Association of Civic Officers have circulated the following information from the Royal British Legion

In 2020 we will be asking the nation to remember the impact that leaving, missing and returning home has on service men and women & their loved ones – then and now. The commemorations for both VE and VJ Day will be the central part of our national remembrance and will bring home the scale of service and sacrifice made by men and women of the Second World War generation.

A special programme of events marking VE 75 will take place over the Early May Bank Holiday 2020 in Central London and has been designed to be of particular interest to all from the Second World War generation who served at home and overseas across the European theatre. Similar commemorations are expected to be reflected in communities across the nation.

We are particularly pleased to announce that we plan to host 750 veterans from across the UK, each accompanied by a nominated companion, to attend the VE 75 events programme in Central London over the period 8-9 May 2020. Our invitation includes a fully funded plan for transport, meals and accommodation; veterans will travel to London courtesy of the National Rail Group on Thursday 7 May 2020 and returning home on Sunday 10 May 2020.

We encourage applications from all of those who contributed to victory in Europe 75 years ago, including spouses and civilians from reserved occupations across the UK and Commonwealth.

Later in the year we will mark VJ75 and the Legion is pleased to announce that in partnership with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) and Royal Commonwealth Ex-Services League (RCEL) we will be funding the travel and accommodation costs for a series of tours for veterans of the Asia-Pacific campaign, to key commemorative, and CWGC sites, across South and South East Asia. Descendants of veterans are welcome to also come on these tours but will need to fund their own travel and accommodation.

As part of this package travel and accommodation will also be provided for a nominated companion to accompany each veteran, and a comprehensive Legion care support package will be in place throughout the event programme to support veterans.

This ambitious programme of activity has been developed with the kind support of a broad range of related UK veteran associations.

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For those veterans who want to be part of activities in the UK, the Legion and the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) will be running a three day series of activities from the 14-16 August, which will include a national service of Remembrance. Travel and accommodation will be provided by the Legion for all veterans who wish to attend – the same qualifying criteria applies for veterans wishing to go an overseas tour or requiring travel and accommodation for the three days of activities at the NMA. We also very much welcome and encourage the attendance of veterans descendants at any or all of the three days at the NMA.

More details about eligibility and how to apply are available on the RBL website at

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/remembrance-events>

The national NALC's Spring Conference

The Spring Conference will focus on "Reaching out to help local councils tackle hidden disabilities"

Hear from a range of experts across the public sector on what the hidden disabilities are and how they think local councils can make a difference to improve people's lives.

More details and booking are available via

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-events/spring-conference-2020>



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