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**Front Cover Picture: This photograph was taken during a Civil Defence Exercise in Bristol during 1958. A part of the city was undergoing redevelopment at that time and therefore provided an ideal opportunity to practice rescue and recovery in near actual conditions.**

# EDITORIAL

Welcome to the May edition of the CDA Magazine.

We are into the first quarter of 2019 and already disaster, murder and mayhem have been inflicted on mankind in various parts of the world. The severe weather conditions in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Indonesia have brought misery, particularly to those who had less than nothing to start with! If that was not all, the massacres in New Zealand and Sri Lanka perpetrated by those who through blind hate, took the lives of innocent men, women and children. And we should not forget the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. This iconic building is not only an inspiration for the French people over the centuries, but also for millions of people world-wide.

In June, we will be commemorating the formation of the AFS, CDC, ICDS and NHSR. From 1949 until 1968, many thousands of men and women volunteered to serve within these organisations. Although those in Whitehall envisaged a war-only role for them, it is on the record that they assisted at many 'peacetime' major disasters e.g. Harrow Rail Crash, East Coast Floods, Aberfan, as well as incidents locally and within the community which are too numerous to record. Those who undertook training, in their own time and largely at their own expense can remember with pride their real contribution in serving not only their local community but the nation as well.

Graham Whitehead



*A selection of C D Corps recruitment posters recently acquired by Simon Hill*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Toby Carvery, Stonebridge Island and not far from the NEC. In the absence of the Chairman, who was indisposed, our President acting as Chairman opened the meeting at 10.30 a.m.

The meeting thanked Barbara Leather who had been a Committee member since the inaugural meeting of the CDA on 7 December 2002, indeed she had arranged the venue – her service has been much appreciated. The meeting also thanked Sue Dexter who, with her sister Anne Hiron, has also been a member since day 1 for allowing her name to be put forward as a Committee Member. Most sincere thanks were also passed to Colin Harmsworth for revamping the CDA website and bringing it up to date. All felt that he had done a great job.

The routine business included the election of the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year 2019/2020 - see the full list on page 2 of this copy of the Journal.

Thanks were recorded to Nick Ridsdale who has continued to serve as the CDA Standard Bearer.

This year the President, with his West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) hat on, made mention of the changes in the service over recent years. This had come to the top of his mind as he had, the day before, signed off the budget for 2019-20. The Service had moved from its principal role being to pick up casualties and get them as quickly as possible to hospital to much more comprehensive service. WMAS now

start treatment as soon as they arrive and this is often a volunteer First Responder followed by paramedics and the ambulance(s). They even now have specialist Rescue Teams (Hazardous Area Response Teams – HART) whose activities reminded us of the role of the CD Corps Rescue Section.

In particular in relation to the First Responders a member present passed thanks through The President for their service from personal experience. The President was also reminded of his association with the Fire Service Memorial at the NMA when it was first set up with a Training Tower transported and erected on site by the Royal Engineers. The RE also removed it at a later date!

He also mentioned that there is a department at Wolverhampton University researching and teaching Community Resilience and will put the Joint Civil Aid Corps (JCAC) in touch to see if they can help by association.

After discussion it was confirmed that the topic for our Annual Commemoration on 15 June would be the Formation of the CD Corps and AFS in 1949 – how it happened. The Secretary will take this forward. It was mentioned that the format that we use of The Chapel, Parade, Remembrance works very well and should be retained as long as possible.

It was reported that at the 2018 Field of Remembrance the number of crosses in the plot at Westminster Abbey was about right and had cleared out our stock. The 2019 response to the 'Stamps for Crosses' appeal has been good. We will again be sponsoring a plot together with Civil Aid and the ICPEM.

## NEW CDA WEBSITE

At the invitation of the organiser of the events in York, Nick Ridsdale attended both the event in Durham Cathedral on the Saturday night and the parade on Remembrance Sunday. It is likely that the invitation will be repeated this year.

As mentioned last year, things associated with The Cenotaph did tighten up in 2018. We had to provide much more information and much earlier.

*See Page 19 for this year's Ticket Application Date.*

Mention will be made in the current issue of the CDA Journal that members who have in mind to attend need to let The Secretary know before the end of June. It was also mentioned that the RBL had implied that civilian organisations were now of lower priority ***but after a request for clarification advised that Civil Defence were considered as veterans.***

Led by The Chairman, the Committee has recently been considering a 'What If' plan recognising that, at some stage in the future, it may be proved necessary to make alternative arrangements for CDA assets. It was pointed out that this is only contingency planning to provide guidance for the then Trustees should the need arise.

The President thanked members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 12.30pm.

As always, the meeting was followed by an excellent carvery lunch. The staff always look after us very well. If you can, please do try to join us in person next year.

Tim Essex-Lopresti



[www.civildefenceassociation.uk](http://www.civildefenceassociation.uk)

The Civil Defence Association has a brand new website.

It has entirely replaced the original and incorporates the latest advances in website design. It is very user-friendly and includes the history of civil defence, forthcoming events, as well as a number of items which can be downloaded.

Graham Whitehead who designed the original site some years ago commented: "Colin Harmsworth has done a splendid job in producing this 21st century format which I am sure will assist in raising the profile of the CDA with internet users. I've noted quite recently that if you type 'civil defence' in any of the main search engines, the CDA will appear on the list.

The new site can be found at:

[www.civildefenceassociation.uk](http://www.civildefenceassociation.uk)

If by any chance you go to the 'old' website address -

([www.civildefenceassociation.org.uk](http://www.civildefenceassociation.org.uk)) you will be automatically be redirected to the current website.

So please do encourage work colleagues, friends, neighbours and members of kindred voluntary organisations to have a look at the new website!

# FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL TRUST ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND WREATH LAYING

The Annual FFMT Service will be held on Sunday 5 May 2019 at 'Holy Sepulchre London', Holborn Viaduct, London. EC1A 2DQ.



This is a change of church name and not a change of location. The Service will commence at 1400hrs.

After the Service, at about 1515hrs, the bands, standards and attendees will proceed to the Firefighters Memorial, Carter Lane Gardens EC4V 5EY.

At approximately 1535hrs, at the Firefighters Memorial, the Wreath Laying Ceremony will begin. It is anticipated that dispersal will be no later than 1650hrs.

*With thanks to Alan House QFSM, FIFE, Chief Operating Officer, FFMT (also CDA member)*

## SEABORNE 75

On Saturday 11th May 2019, the annual ROCA day at the National Grove, National Memorial Arboretum will commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the vital work of Seaborne Observers undertaken as part of the D-Day landings on 6 June 1944. The National Standard, all Group Standards and members will assemble in the ROC Grove at 1245hrs for the Parade of Standards and short service to start at 1300. The ROCA Commemoration will be conducted by the Honorary

Chaplain Hilary Daniel Vice President with the Reverend David Simpson 20 Group ROCA. A wreath will be laid at the main ROC Memorial by ROCA Chairman John Sharpe and June Jay will lay a cross at the Seaborne Tree for all Seaborne Observers who volunteered and served on the frontline or on the Posts to fill the vacancies of those who were at sea.

*With acknowledgements to 'Javelin', quarterly Newsletter of 12 Group ROCA.*

## CDA WREATHS

CDA Members attending various commemorative events including Remembrance Sunday will be interested to learn that the official CDA wreath is available.

The simulated flowers are carnations coloured blue and yellow with the CDA badge affixed in the centre. (See photo).



They can be ordered from:  
Mr Ray Burrell  
Royal British Legion Poppy Factory Ltd  
20 Petersham Road  
Richmond  
Surrey TW10 6UR

Price for 2019 is £16.67 each + VAT, postage is £4.90 + VAT

*With thanks to Terry Hissey*

## PHOTOGRAPH OF MY GRANDFATHER



Stella Wurst sent us a copy of the above photograph. It shows her grandfather Richard S. Percival, pictured in the middle here and his wife, plus grandmother Ellen Percival. She is not sure what reason this picture was taken, but thought we might find it interesting.

Dr. Robin Woolven, our Resident Historian, comments: "This is indeed an interesting photo, presumably taken in the local British Legion or similar hall with a permanent CDA display case - or the items were assembled in the hall's dart board box for the tenth anniversary celebration. These folk and their colleagues would be typical of the first people to volunteer when the call again went out in late 1948 to join the soon to be announced Civil Defence Corps.

Hammersmith was an interesting Metropolitan Borough as I remember taking some notes in their Local History department at least 20 years ago, including Hammersmith appointed an unpaid ARP Officer in October 1936 who prepared a draft ARP Scheme a year later. But only 471 citizens had volunteered by June 1938. Training results were disappointing as, of the 135 volunteers in July 1938, only 31 completed the course".

## UNTIL HELP ARRIVES



In the USA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently released a programme aimed at citizens who become involved in life threatening emergencies. These situations can happen fast and emergency responders aren't always nearby. Therefore an individual may be able to save a life by taking simple actions immediately i.e. 'You Are the Help Until Help Arrives'.

Five simple steps that may save a life:

- Call the Emergency Services
- Stay Safe
- Stop the Bleeding
- Position the Injured
- Provide Comfort

The internet based learning package includes:

An animated interactive video

A web-based training program

A downloadable instructor guide and student tools to provide in-person training.

Further information is available at <https://community.fema.gov/until-help-arrives>

Note: when viewing this material, please note that some aspects of USA practice are different to that appertaining in the UK.

*In the UK, the British Red Cross Society has issued free apps relating to practical advice in an emergency, first aid and first aid for babies and children. This was featured on page 20 of CDA Journal No. 62, February 2018. Editor.*

## BETHNAL GREEN DISASTER MEMORIAL SERVICE

To mark the 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bethnal Green Tube Disaster the survivors, relatives and others attended the Memorial Service on Sunday 3 March 2019 at St. John on Bethnal Green Church. Over 200 people came to honour those who perished in the worst civilian disaster of World War 2 and the survivors and rescuers who helped at the time, back in 1943.

The names of the 173 people who died were read out during the Service by members of the Stairway to Heaven Memorial Trust committee, most of whom lost loved ones in the disaster. Fr. Alan Green (Rector) said that at a recent concert at the church he was struck by a group of Bangladeshi children who knew all about the disaster. It was good that present residents knew what had happened here in Bethnal Green and it was right that the victims are being honoured now, as they could not be at the time, due to wartime restrictions. To remember those that had lost their lives 76 years ago we honour them in our lives today.



*The congregation in St. John on Bethnal Green Church on Sunday 3 March 2019*

After the Service the Civil Defence Standard Bearer, Nick Ridsdale, led the parade across the road with Pearly Kings & Queens, local MP Rushanara Ali, Mayor of Tower Hamlets John Biggs, and charity Patron, Tommy Walsh, and many survivors and relatives to lay wreaths and flowers on the Memorial at the side of Bethnal Green underground station.

The rain held off long enough for the minute's silence and blessing. Then everyone was invited back to the church where tea & coffee had generously been provided by the staff of the Starbucks that is located opposite the Memorial.



*Prayers following the laying of wreaths at the Stairway to Heaven Memorial*

A card was signed for our Treasurer Derek Spicer who had undergone an operation for a brain tumour a few days earlier. Derek is well known in the locality and had been the backbone of the charity since the beginning and everyone was pleased to hear that he was making good progress.

The congregation was asked how they would like future Memorial Services to be conducted. They were given three options to comment on, but the overwhelming vote was to continue holding the Services annually on the first Sunday in March at 2pm with a similar format to past years. Therefore the 2020 Commemoration will take place on Sunday 1 March.

There are additional photographs on our website, and lots more on our facebook pages too.

The continued maintenance of the Memorial is being organised by one of the Foresters Friendly Society branches.

Sandra Scotting Hon. Secretary/Trustee  
Stairway to Heaven Memorial Trust  
Registered Charity number 1118618  
[www.stairwaytoheavenmemorial.org](http://www.stairwaytoheavenmemorial.org)

*The CDA has been honoured to have our Standard lead the procession from the Church to the Memorial every year from day 1. Our thanks also go to Nick Ridsdale for carrying out this service for us. If you would like to attend on 1 March 2020 you will be made most welcome.*

## WARDEN'S POST DULWICH

"Today, parts of the ancient village, which goes back beyond Domesday Book, are reminiscent of the battlefields of France in the last war." It is difficult to imagine that this could ever have been a description of Dulwich, but it comes from a booklet, *The Wardens' Post*, published during Spring 1946, after the end of World War II.

The editor was George Brown, sometime Warden of Post 60, a well-remembered local resident, Dulwich historian, and former editor of *The Villager*. The booklet, dedicated to "all our comrades who wore the silver and gold of London's Civil Defence", is one of a number of records of the Air Raid Wardens' Post 60, which have been presented to the Dulwich Society. Another booklet, *Pen Portraits of Post 60* by R.K. Spedding, has graphic lino-cut illustrations by Edwin Tucker sometime Senior Fire Guard.

The other items in the collection are the actual archives of the Post, a rare survival: the Minute Book, April 1941 - March 1944 and Log Books, August 1941 - April 1942 and June 1944 - June 1945. These latter are brief notes, in pencil, by whoever was on duty that day. Much of the contents of both Minute Book and Log Books is of a routine nature, but as a whole this little collection gives a revealing and human insight into the life and work of one local A.R.P. Post among the thousands that covered the country during the war years. Used in conjunction with records at the Southwark Local Studies Library such as Camberwell Borough Council Minutes 1939-45, the unpublished Camberwell Incidents Register and the published List of Civilian Dead, combined with the memories of local residents, one could build up a detailed history of Dulwich during the war.

Post 60, stationed first at 47 Pickwick Road, then (1940-42) at The Hut, 48a Burbage Road, and finally (1943-45) at Winterbrook Pavilions, 10 Burbage Road, was continuously manned night and day from 1939 to 1945 by three full-time wardens and many unpaid part-time volunteers. Some members left on being called up, but the nucleus was a group of about thirty which developed into a close-knit little community. Long-serving members included R. Dupraz (first Post Warden), A. Eyre (later Post Warden), A. J. Heckrath, and George Brown himself.

The team had an intimate knowledge of, and concern for, the neighbourhood which they patrolled nightly to ensure that no lights were accidentally showing in the blackout. Without benefit of computers, they kept a card-index 'census' of every house, and noted when residents were away for the night or had visitors, so that if a bomb fell they would always know how many needed rescuing. George Brown recalled not only the "miserable nights spent in the musty dugout", but also "the 200 yards chase thereto ..... on a bike carrying a box of census cards", when the sirens wailed. The effects of the hostilities on Dulwich, in the front line of the war on London, fell into distinct periods.

First there was 1940-41, with its High-Explosive bombs (of which more than twenty

fell in the locality) when, in the words of George Brown, there were "search-lights glimmering over the Chapel or stabbing the deep dome of the sky like silver swords as it reflected the fires of London that boiled and blazed around us". Many local residents took nightly refuge in the public shelters. "Although often enough", according to George Brown, "that by the Hamlet Infants' School was so crowded that we had to take turns to sit down, Shelter Marshal Rosie Smith managed to keep the occupants cheery and somehow within bounds". There were two other lesser used shelters by North Dulwich Station, as well as "the homely atmosphere and welcome awaiting us at the one provided by Mr Dean for the dwellers in Lloyd's Yard - that was the place to improve one's local knowledge between the bangs".

After the first Blitz came the fire raids, an almost nightly occurrence. "Two or three o'clock on a cold morning, with sirens howling and our own rockets thundering and roaring above, was not a pleasant time to leave a warm bed and pace the roads ready for the worst. Or often during an evening's bridge or table-tennis the alert would sound and immediately the Post sprang to life. Wardens and Messengers would stream out into Burbage Road, fastening overcoats or adjusting tin hats, as they ran or cycled to their particular sectors". Two oil bombs, as well as showers of incendiaries, fell on Dulwich during this period. The actual Minutes and Logbooks begin during the time of comparative quiet on the home front which followed, but always, lest the worse befall, the wardens were vigilant in inspecting and repairing gas-masks.

Fortunately neither these nor the joint rifle practice with the Home Guard, begun in May 1942, were ever required in earnest, but with Hitler's troops just across the Channel local defence ('Dad's Army') was no joke, and the threat of invasion was sufficiently real for R. K. Spedding to be designated 'Post-Invasion Defence Warden'. For Dulwich, the war began again in earnest in the summer of 1944, with the Flying Bombs or 'Doodlebugs'. Times of 'Sirens' and 'All Clear' are entered meticulously in the logbook several times a day, and so regularly that, on August 11th, some wit noted: "07.23 Sirens (7 minutes slow!)".

Now the Wardens really went into action. Public shelters had to be made habitable once again, and residents to be assisted in erecting 'Morrison's' in their own homes. Dulwich was on the direct route from the Pas de Calais, and 38 flying bombs fell on our Civil Defence Area, which was covered by 17 wardens' posts. Fortunately a number landed on Dulwich's many open spaces, but Dulwich College was hit and the rifle range where the wardens had practised was destroyed. On July 21st, the night Dulwich College Picture Gallery was wrecked, "we had an awe-inspiring picture", wrote Brown, "in which one could not fail to see an extraordinary beauty, despite the destruction. Fire and moonlight lit the scene, making the broken walls and gaping roof stand out as a deep silhouette against the starlit sky".

Of many tragic incidents, the worst was on a Saturday afternoon, August 5th, when the crowded Co-op in Lordship Lane was hit. Although not in their area, the wardens of Post 60 raced to the spot to help alleviate the suffering. 23 people were killed and 42 seriously injured on that occasion. After such an incident, the wardens'

duties ranged from tactfully informing bereaved relatives of those identified in the mortuary, to dealing with blast damage, which could extend over a very wide area. A roll of 'Steadoglass' would quickly be obtained from the Town Hall, and supplying the workmen employed on emergency repairs with a mobile canteen was also the wardens' responsibility. At 09.10 on September 11th was heard "a loud explosion at no great distance", not preceded by the usual air-raid warning. This, as was later discovered, was the first Long-Range Rocket, the silent and terrible 'V2', to fall on the area. Explosions, sometimes shaking the Post H.Q., continued every few days until March 25th 1945. On November 1st six wardens went to help out at an incident at the junction of Friern Road and Etherow Street, just off Lordship Lane, when 24 people were killed, including (as one learns from the List of Civilian War Dead) some whole families.

At 17.10 on January 6th 1945 a rocket hit the junction of Court Lane and Dovercourt Road, killing seven and injuring 36 others. It must not be thought, however, that the records of Post 60 give a wholly grim picture. Conscientious and caring, the model of good neighbours, the Post built up a camaraderie among its own members which outlived the war years. This is evidenced especially in the humorous but affectionate Pen Portraits by R.K. Spedding. To enliven the dreary times there were sports, interpost competitions, concerts and social activities, from which even world-shaking events could not deter them. As the minutes of December 8th 1941 record: "At 21.00 hours the business of the meeting was suspended to listen to the Prime Minister broadcasting on the declaration of war by Japan on Great Britain and the United States of America." On its resumption, discussion immediately continued on the acquisition of a new hut as a Social Club for Post 60, the subscription being fixed at one shilling a week!

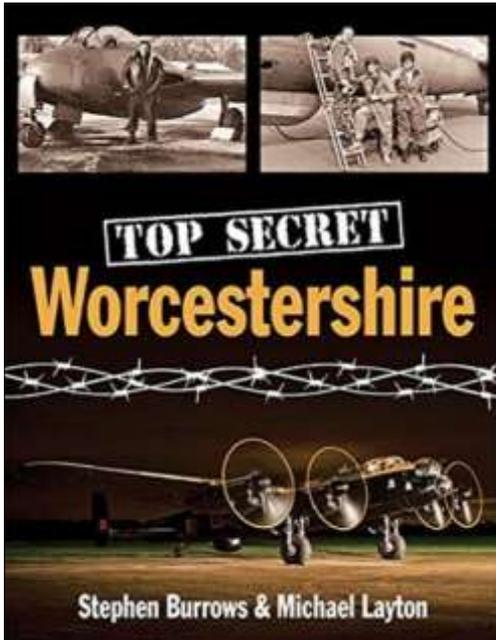
On August 19th 1944, at the height of the flying bomb attacks, the logbook records that "one dart is missing from the Dulwich Darts Cup." The lady wardens naturally made their own contributions to various pleasurable occasions, notably Miss Lily Jones, 'Queen of the Post', with "her own special apple tart". With its sense of fellowship and devotion to duty, Post 60 "kept right on to the end of the road".

At 12.50 on V.E.Day, May 8th 1945, the end of the six year war in Europe, they telephoned the District Officer at his private address to find out why his office was closed, and learned to their surprise that they actually had three days holiday! The Post's records are now deposited on permanent loan with the Southwark Local Studies Library.

This article was written by the late Mary Boast and first published in the Dulwich Society Newsletter in October 1982

*With acknowledgements to the Dulwich Society*

## BOOK REVIEW



themselves and their machines to the limit and beyond. Crafted using personal recollections - the book reveals the truly extraordinary wartime commitment and camaraderie that fuelled extraordinary endeavour and achievement.

Title: 'Top Secret Worcestershire'  
Authors: Stephen Burrows & Michael Layton  
Publisher: Brewin Books  
ISBN: 9781858585819  
Pages: 216 Paperback  
£14.95

*On 16 March 2019, one of the authors, Stephen Burrows, attended a book signing event at the Tower Barn, Broadway Tower.*

*Broadway Tower is an historic structure which is open to the public. The site is also home to a restored ROC Monitoring Post which is open at weekends and Bank Holiday Mondays, April until October.*

Deep in the beautiful Worcestershire countryside lie a number of secret places that played a special part in protecting a generation from the onslaught of a world war. Travellers passing through leafy Worcestershire lanes may catch a glimpse of a structure that seems out of place against the backdrop of fields and hills - the dish of a gigantic radio telescope.

How did such an incongruous structure arrive in the middle of nowhere, and what does it do? This book answers the question, and recounts the dramatic history of two 'Top Secret' wartime airfields, and how their activities were inextricably linked to the 'boffins' of the Malvern Telecommunications Research Establishment.

It tells the story of brilliant inventions, wartime courage and sacrifice, tragic air crashes, and ordinary and extraordinary people, pushing



For further information see <http://broadwaytower.co.uk> Editor.

**‘Voices of The Second World War  
A Child’s Perspective’ -  
Additional Reviewers Remarks**

‘I thought at first how can children remember those things, then realised I can get a picture even now of my family coming out of the air raid shelter and my Mother finding a hedgehog with his head stuck in a tin can. She sat on the grass trying to release it .but I cannot remember if she managed to or not. I was about 4 at the time - so yes we can. remember

I found the book most interesting, It was nice to read about children in other countries as well. I would recommend any one to read with an open mind.

Barbara Leather

## EXERCISE “BALLAST”

Exercise “Ballast” was a demonstration and exercise by the Cheshunt Sub-Division of the C D Corps to show the public how Civil Defence can be used in peacetime. Using a gravel and ballast yard near Waltham Cross railway station, it was assumed that a works explosion had caused 50 casualties. Two passing coachloads of sightseers to Waltham Abbey also had their quota of shocked and injured casualties.

An emergency hospital was set up in the open in the main street and weekend shoppers were able to see casualties unloaded and attended to by a team from the local British Red Cross Society.

Immediately behind the hospital, a Rest Centre was opened by the Welfare Section and details of all casualties were passed by field cable telephone to an Information Office manned by the Headquarters Section.

The exercise was controlled by Wardens operating from a recce vehicle from which messages were radioed to the Control vehicle and Information Office. Little time was lost in briefing once the services had arrived as both the Rescue and Ambulance Sections and the Casualty Collecting Point were directed by their own officers.

The area chosen for the exercise contained a variety of hazards including a 50ft high washing plant, narrow gauge railway, old trucks and lorries, scrap iron and piles of timber, all of which were used for “trapped” or “hidden” casualties.

200 volunteers took part in this exercise.

*This report was taken from the January 1960 issue of ‘Civil Defence—The Fourth Arm’.* Editor.



# CAN YOU HELP ?

The Crystal Palace Foundation



is presently undertaking research for a book on  
**Crystal Palace Park in World War 2.**

There was a lot happening in the  
park during the war such as:

Refugee camp – Allotments – Anti-aircraft guns  
French sailors holding centre – and much more

**If you have you any memories, photographs or  
archives of the park of the between 1939 – 1948  
we should like to hear from you.**

Please contact Melvyn Harrison, Chairman  
07889 338812 or [crystalpalacefoundation@hotmail.com](mailto:crystalpalacefoundation@hotmail.com)



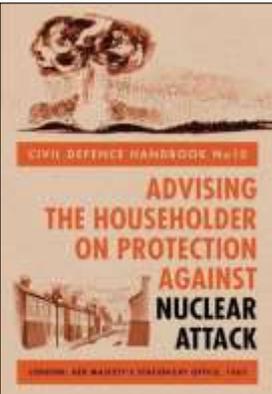
"Rolling out the rubber" at the Crystal Palace depot, where 25,000 vehicles will yield 100,000 tyres for re-use, and 125 tons of rubber for reclamation.

## BRITAIN'S COLD WAR REVEALED

April 2019 saw the launch by the National Archives at Kew of a Cold War season, including a new exhibition *Protect and Survive: Britain's Cold War Revealed*, offering a fascinating look into life in Britain during the turbulent Cold War era. The events season will include a series of talks and panel discussions, film screenings, creative workshops and family activities exploring the reality of life in Britain under the persistent threat of nuclear attack.

For further information see: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/coldwar>

*I'm sure there will be readers who recall receiving a copy of Handbook 10 in 1963.*



*In the 1980s, it was superseded by 'Protect and Survive'.*

*Editor.*

## EVENTS

2019

**Sunday 5 May**  
**Firefighters Memorial Trust**  
**Annual Service of**  
**Remembrance &**  
**Wreath Laying Ceremony**  
'Holy Sepulchre London',  
Holborne Viaduct, London

**Saturday 11 May**  
**ROCA Annual**  
**Commemoration**  
The NMA

**Sunday 19 May**  
**Royal Corps of Signals**  
**Reunion Day**  
Eden Camp, Yorks

**Sunday 2 June**  
**Broadway Tower**  
**Memorial Service**  
Broadway, Worcs (ROCA)

**Saturday 15 June**  
**CDA Annual Commemoration**  
The NMA

**Sat/Sun 15-16 June**  
**Fire Service Preservation**  
**Group Rally Weekend**  
Eden Camp, Yorks

**Sat/Sun 22-23 June**  
**Weston Air Festival**  
Weston Super Mare  
(ROCA Heritage Display)

**Saturday 29 June**  
**Armed Forces Natl Parade**  
Salisbury  
(ROCA Heritage Display)

**Sat/Sun 6-7 July**  
**Wales Air Show**  
Swansea Bay  
(ROCA Heritage Display)

**Sunday 7 July**  
**Battle of Britain Memorial Day**  
Capel le Ferne, Kent  
(CDA & ROCA participation)

**Saturday 13 July**  
**Airborne Forces North**  
**Remembrance Day**  
Eden Camp, Yorks

**Fri/Sun 19—21 July**  
**Royal International Air Tattoo**  
Fairford  
(ROCA Heritage Display)

**Sat/Sun 24—25 August**  
**WW2 Living History August**  
**Bank Holiday Weekend**  
Eden Camp, Yorks

**Sunday 8 September**  
**All Services Parade**  
Eden Camp, Yorks

**Sunday 15 September**  
**Battle of Britain Day**

**4—11 November**  
**Remembrance Week**  
Eden Camp, Yorks

**Saturday 2 November**  
**Wreath Laying**  
1130am, CD Memorial, The NMA

**Thursday 7 November**  
**Field of Remembrance**  
Westminster Abbey

**Sunday 10 November**  
**Remembrance Sunday**

### **CENOTAPH**

If you wish to attend please let The Secretary know before the END OF MAY so that a ticket can be applied for from the RBL

### **CDA East Midlands Branch**

The East Midlands Branch hold meetings in and around Lincoln. All CDA members and supporters are cordially invited to attend.

For more information contact:  
Patrick Stanton, Co-ordinator  
Tel: 01205 280144  
E-mail: pstanton280@btinternet.com

### **Birmingham Air Raids** **Remembrance Association**

Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at 12 noon. Updates on Association projects, tea and a chat. Venue: Cophthorne Hotel, Queensway, Birmingham. All welcome.

Contact:  
Barbara Johnson 0121-749-2009

It may be of some comfort and reassurance for next of kin of deceased CDA members to know that arrangements can be made for a Civil Defence coffin flag to be despatched, often at quite short notice, to be used at the funeral. Please be assured that such a request will be handled with sensitivity and discretion.

In such instances, the Secretary should be contacted on:  
01629 55738.

Members and Families may also like to know that Deceased Members of the CDA have been added to the roll of the Perpetual Mass Association at the Benedictine Monastery of the Holy Cross in Chicago. Thus they will share in the spiritual benefits of the monthly mass and the daily office of the monks.

## CIVIL DEFENCE RECRUITMENT POSTER—1950s



**CIVIL DEFENCE** — knowing what to do to help your neighbours in an emergency. That's Civil Defence in a nutshell. Knowing what to do saves lives and eases distress in peace as well as in war. In war it reduces the destructive effects of enemy attack — particularly atomic attack. In peace it is what you need to master the ordinary emergencies. But it means training. It is the men and women trained in Civil Defence who are assets to their neighbours, and to their own families, when a disaster, big or small, occurs. The great thing is to train now and be prepared.