



AYLSHAM & DISTRICT WOMEN'S  
SECTION, ROYAL BRITISH LEGION &  
SPIRIT OF COLTISHALL ASSOCIATION



Visit to RAF Cosford Museum & the National Memorial Arboretum  
by Hazel Kingswood

I am a member of both these worthwhile organisations. When joining the Women's Section, a service connection was required and I joined through my father's service record as I was not serving myself. Things have changed now and NO service connection is required just the wish to help raise funds for service and ex-service personnel and their families. Equally I joined Spirit of Coltishall Association because I feel strongly that the memories need to be kept alive because of the importance of the station, and the closure was a mistake in my opinion. My daughters learnt to bowl and swim there and we enjoyed many of the pantomimes at Theatre 101, so I have happy recollections of days gone by.

Coming up to date, we have just returned from a weekend away, taking in RAF Cosford on Saturday afternoon, and spending Sunday at the National Memorial Arboretum. Cost wise with numbers falling from many organisations, these two groups now have a very good relationship and work together to fill the coaches which obviously keeps down the cost. We had WSRBL, RBL, SoCA, RAFA and ROC totalling 43 in all. We had a great hotel and a good time was had by all.

I am recruiting for both, so ladies, contact me for a branch near you. I hope we continue to work together and expect some of our events will be on the SoCA website. We are working on our next big fundraiser in the County, a 2p mile on the runway at Coltishall. A mile of 2p pieces is over £1,000 so we want to see how close to that figure we can get. The Douglas Bader School is starting us off at 1.30pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, with other schools joining in, along with the Guides, Brownies, Scouts etc who will be joining us after school. SoCA members who would like to help marshal will be most welcome (with 2p's in hand please). Further details from

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Cheers Hazel K