

Veterans Visit to National Memorial Arboretum 7th September 2021



The Rotary clubs of Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead jointly organized a trip for veterans to visit the NMA (National Memorial Arboretum). After several postponement due to covid this went ahead in September.

37 veterans signed up for the trip including a 98 years-old RAF aircraft crew, a 97 years-old Royal Marine a 91 years-old Paratrooper and several WRAC ladies whose ages shall not be revealed.

The event was strongly supported by Dacorum District council, Waitrose gave a very generous donation which enabled us to provide each veteran with a goody bag. Tesco provided bottles of water and Sainsburys supplied sanitizer and masks. Barnett's Coaches had laid on a larger coach, with a wheel chair lift to allow for some distancing at a very discounted rate.

The coach departed from Gadebridge Park in Hemel Hempstead, attended by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire (Commodore Tom Hennessey RN).

The day was a gloriously sunny warm one, in the middle of a generally poor summer. One of the Rotarians accompanied the trip with his bagpipes and entertained the group playing his pipes. A trip on the land train had been organized around the 150acre site.



