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**Friends of  
Valley Gardens**

# HARROGATE VALLEY GARDENS 1940s DAY

SUNDAY 29TH JUNE 2014



A family friendly day  
celebrating the spirit  
of the 1940s

## Souvenir Programme

[www.harrogate1940s.com](http://www.harrogate1940s.com)



## WELCOME

Thank you for supporting the 1940s Open Day organised by Friends of Valley Gardens through your donation. All the funds raised from today's event will help the charity to preserve and enhance Harrogate's award winning Valley Gardens. We are delighted that so many local people and businesses continue to support us in our fourth year of running this event and we hope that you will enjoy the displays, activities and stalls that have been organised today by our team of volunteers.

Please take some time to find out more about the charity's current focus; the restoration of the Old Magnesia Well Pump Room. This building (shown on the event guide map on the back page) has a unique place in the history of Harrogate and its development as a Spa resort. It had been neglected for decades before the restoration began. This year the rockery which covers the reservoir immediately in front of the building has been restored and a sensory garden created. The funds raised through the 1940s Open Day will contribute towards the conversion of the building into an Education and Information Centre. The Pump Room is open today and our volunteers will be happy to show you inside and answer your questions. If you would like to support the charity by becoming a Friend you will also find membership forms available both in the Pump Room and at our Information Desk in the Sun Pavilion.

In the spirit of the generation who lived through the 1940s, let me encourage people of all ages to come together and celebrate the achievements of that era, to reflect on the sacrifices made and to unite in a common purpose.

*Have an enjoyable day!*

**Jane Blayney**

Chairman

Friends of Valley Gardens Harrogate  
Charity Registration No. 1148369



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## OLD MAGNESIA WELL PUMP ROOM RESTORATION PROJECT

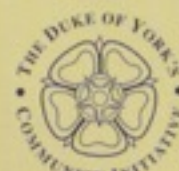


The Old Magnesia Well  
Pump House  
(front aspect)  
Circa mid 19th Century



Taking the waters!  
Circa late 19th Century

With your help we aim to restore this building which helped to put Harrogate on the map more than 150 years ago and contributes enormously to the story of how Harrogate became the town that it is today.



Award Holders 2013

Our fund-raising efforts today will contribute towards the restoration of this important historical building.

Built in 1858, the Old Magnesia Well Pump Room served as a dispensary for the spring water rising from the nearby Magnesia Well. Demand for the water became so great by the 1890s that a larger building was required to cater for the number of fashionable visitors taking the waters. The New Magnesia Well Pump Room came into service around the turn of the century. That building is now a café within the park.

The Old Magnesia Well Pump Room was used as Harrogate Corporation's Museum at the turn of the 20th Century before it was closed to the public and fell into disrepair.



Rockery restoration - ready for re-planting  
(side aspect)



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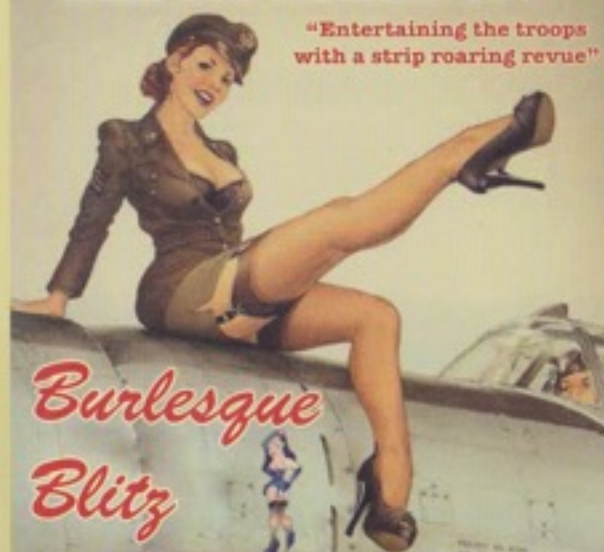
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dancing from 7:30pm till late

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Music by:



**Major Swing**

**Kitty**

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for the late night

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The Royal Air Force Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) operates from RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire.

These aircraft are regularly seen at events commemorating World War II anniversaries, on British State occasions, notably the Trooping the Colour celebrating Queen Elizabeth II's birthday and at air displays throughout the United Kingdom and Europe. They are proud to have HRH Prince William, Duke of Cambridge as the flight's Patron.

The flight commemorates the RAF's historic role of air power & combat.

### Lest We Forget

This afternoon, weather permitting, we will be privileged to see two of these historic aircraft fly over Harrogate's Valley Gardens. So do listen out for announcements from our very own Air Warden Blayney - who will narrate the fly-past.



## Major Swing

### Your Entertainment Host...



Major Swing will be your event host and together with the wonderful Kitty will be providing us with spiffing dance music and jolly banter all day.

**Please note** that "Dancing on the Grass" **is permitted!** In fact, Major Tim & the fablous Kitty may well teach you a few new dance steps so you can jump in and join in all of the fun.

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### Our special thanks to...

Our grateful thanks to Roy Hampson for his ongoing photographic and journalistic support.

Friends of Valley Gardens Cake Stall is organised and staffed by Yorkshire Building Society, located at The Sun Pavillion

Friends of Valley Gardens Tombola Stall organised and staffed by Harrogate Mumblers, located at The Sun Pavillion

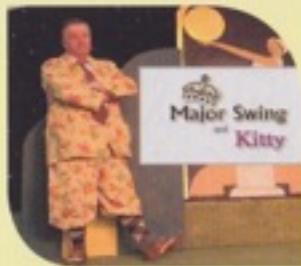
...and of course, thanks to our many volunteers & supporters.



## VINTAGE ENTERTAINMENT & DANCING

11.00

Major Swing and Kitty Entertain!



11:30

Marching Band from main entrance  
for the "March of the Evacuees"

(Do feel free to join the parade!)

12.00

*Official Opening of Event*  
by the Mayor of Harrogate  
& Chairman Jane Blayney



12.30

*Harrogate Phoenix Players*

13:00 (also at 14:30hrs)

*Hornbeam Molly Dancers*  
(at the Old Magnesia Well Pump Room)



**Battle Of Britain Memorial Flight  
Spitfire & Hurricane Flypast - early afternoon**

(Weather Conditions Permitting)

Listen out for ARP Warden Blayney's Updates!

  
**Major Swing**  
and  
**Kitty**



## Come to the Bandstand & Sun Pavilion Area

13.30

*Cherie Lawrence* - Yorkshire's Fabulous  
Vintage Singer

14:15

*The Echo 42 Big Band*  
Swing Music for dancing



15:00

*Cherie Lawrence* - Singing for you again!

15.30

*The Echo 42 Big Band* - one more time!



16:20

Major Swing and Kitty Entertain!  
Spiffing dance music & cheeky banter





## ECHO Four Two Big Band

Playing for you...

We are delighted to welcome back the Echo Four Two Big Band for their third year with us. Echo have a classic 18-piece band line up with feature vocalists.

Based in Harrogate, they celebrate 30 years of great music making, playing for a wide range of events such as dances, charity jazz concerts, private functions, 1940's & vintage themed weekends.

They have recently taken part in a major film production, appearing as a British Army dance band in "Girls Night Out", a new movie due for release in early 2015 about the Young Princesses Elizabeth & Margaret on VE day night. It's definitely one not to be missed!

Today they become a 1940's RAF Wing Dance Band in full dress uniform to complement their musical tribute to the period. So be In the Mood, and get dancing!

[www.echo42.co.uk](http://www.echo42.co.uk)



## Cherie Lawrence

Singing just for you...

An old-fashioned girl who loves nothing more than to entertain, Cherie Lawrence is one of the country's finest and most talented vintage tribute singers.

Cherie loves nothing more than singing torch songs from World War II. Given the beauty of the tunes and Cherie's emotive delivery of them, she can bring a tear to the eye of audiences of all ages. However, she loves seeing a crowd dancing and cheering to World War II vintage classics such as Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy. So please support Cherie as she takes us back to the sounds of 1940s Britain!

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## Harrogate Phoenix Players

Entertaining you...

The Players are a fun loving and enthusiastic amateur dramatics society based in Harrogate.

We love nothing better than to entertain the crowds at Harrogate Theatre and other venues in the area by putting on shows from West End Musicals to our own compilation of songs and dances! Our current production is "SING AS WE GO" An excellent sing-along from Old Time to War Time.

[www.harrogatephoenixplayers.co.uk](http://www.harrogatephoenixplayers.co.uk)



## Special Entertainment at the Old Magnesia Well Pump Room HORNBEAM MOLLY DANCE TEAM



**SEE THEM DANCE:**  
**13:00 HRS**  
**&**  
**14:30 HRS**

[www.hornbeammolly.org.uk](http://www.hornbeammolly.org.uk)

*Hornbeam Molly* are a Knaresborough based mixed Molly dance team, established in 2010.

The eye-catching colour scheme of the dancers' outfits is based upon the colours displayed by the Hornbeam tree during the various seasons of the year; greens and browns of all beautiful shades. The team wear either masks or painted faces depending on their individual taste. New dancers are always welcome to the group.

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We are a small charity comprised entirely of volunteers. The group is committed to preserving, restoring and developing facilities in the park. We operate a volunteer gardening group which meets every alternate Wednesday morning to undertake specific tasks working alongside the Council's Head Gardener.

Friends also help out with many fund-raising events such as the 1940s Open Day and other activities throughout the year. If you are interested in becoming a Friend, please visit our Membership Stand at the Sun Pavilion today and pick up some further information and a voucher for a FREE ice-cream! *We can't be friendlier than that!*

Membership Contact : Jon Collins – 01423 506 935  
[membership@friendsofvalleygardens.co.uk](mailto:membership@friendsofvalleygardens.co.uk)



a date for your diary...

**The next  
“Friends 1940’s day”  
will be held on:  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

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|  |  | Landing Areas (your way in!) |  | The Bandstand      |
|  |  | Old Magnesia Well Pump Room  |  | Points of Interest |
|  |  | The Sun Pavilion             |  | Public Toilets     |
| Military Displays  |  | RAF Team Marquee             |  | Hot Food & Drinks  |