

Please support the raffle most generously – lots of prizes!  
Ablly organised by my cousin Ann, with the special help of my niece Rachel.

Phyllis Smith, Violette's Lady Artist is very kindly giving a special donation from the sale of a painting to add to the total of the raffle.

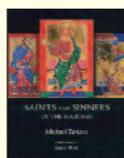
Also present Mrs Angie Johnson, husband Mike and special grandson Zach, with their Tombola Stall, do hope you may all be lucky winners!!



## On Sale Here Today



Squadron Leader Beryl E. Escott's book *The Heroines of SOE F-Section – Britain's Secret Women in France*.



A new book *Saints and Sinners of the Marches* by Michael Tavinor, Dean of Hereford Cathedral.



A lovely greeting card of *Arisaig House, Invernesshire* – where Violette trained.



A beautiful card of *Wood Cottage, Wormelow, Herefordshire* printed specially to recognise that had Violette lived, she would have been 90 on 26th June 2011.

**Special Limited Edition Bookmarks** courtesy of ~  
Mr Chas Long

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**The Violette Szabó GC unique Cloth Badge**  
and

**Violette's new pin on brooch carrying her image.**

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Virginia McKenna's special book *The Life in My Years*

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**Violets at Valency, France**  
cards courtesy of Jan and Stephen Whitmore



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Bernard O'Connor's new book *Agent Rose, The True Spy Story of Eileen Nearne, Britain's Forgotten Wartime Heroine*.

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A great book by Peter Davies – *World War 2 and Me*

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**Violette Szabó T-Shirts**

I would like to welcome a local gentleman – John Bryant – who has just been presented with the British Empire Medal, many congratulations.

Grateful thanks to Mr Phillip Powell for so very generously donating the pretty flowers you see around you, and also to Michael Wardle for kindly planting the same!!

Please sign the Visitors Book in the Music tent, next to the Museum.

To the wonderful ladies organising the refreshment marquee, most special thanks!!

Many thanks to Mr Mel Williams, Master of the South Hereford Hunt, for kindly allowing Violette's guests to park in his lovely big field!!

“Violette's 2014 Memorial Gathering” will D.V. be on Saturday 28th June at 2pm. I hope this will be another super Party for Violette.  
Please make sure you all come!

Please note: The Sun Room and Annette's Memorial Way at The Grove, The National Memorial Arboretum will be opened on Saturday 17th August at noon.

Many special thanks to Mr Ray Hill for his wonderful P.A. System.  
To Mark Marendaz for all his special help in the garden and caring for Violette's Museum Door, Window, Seat etc.

And to my many wonderful friends for all the great help with the marquees!

I would especially like to thank Barbara Philpott for the many beautiful Birthday Cakes she has made over the years for Violette.

We have Mark Edwards of the Herefordshire Council with us and he will be delighted to explain a new project Violette is starring in – *The Green Way Portait Bench*.

Thank you for attending – a happy and safe journey home.

*Rosemary E. Rigby MBE*

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

PS. Geoff Pattison sends his best wishes and apologies for not being with us this afternoon, but he is very poorly and awaiting an operation.  
May he soon be fine again!



From an original painting by Doug Cresswell

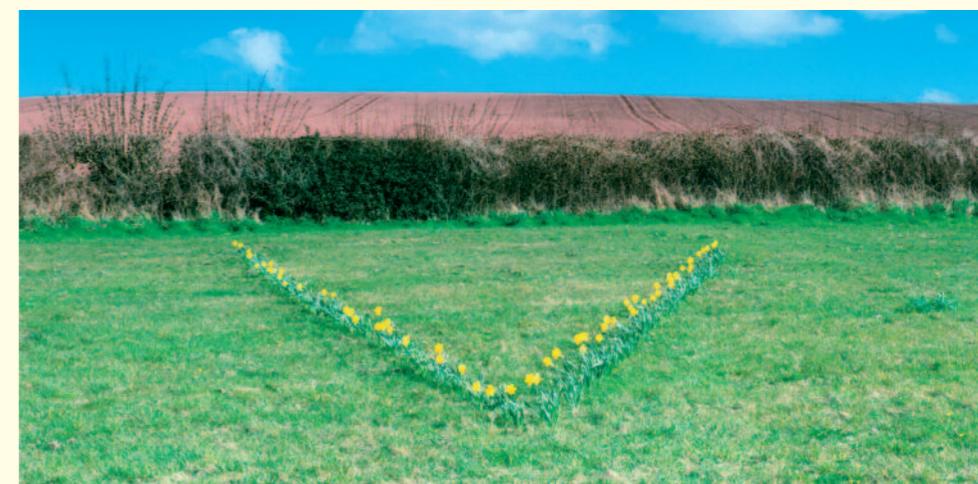
## Violette Szabó GC

Violette lost her precious young life at 23 years old at Ravensbrück in January 1945, trying to defend and ensure freedom for our country.  
Such a great sacrifice. R.I.P.

*A very sincere welcome to everyone to celebrate Violette's Thirteenth Annual Memorial Gathering with Happy Birthday Memories to Violette.*

*May the afternoon be blest with Friendship, Happiness and Sunshine on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 2.30pm*

The wonderful spring tribute that you unfortunately missed!  
The work of our special postman – Dave Harris!!



Daffodil initial V on the Rosemary Rigby Millennium Green 2013. Photo courtesy Tony Le Brocq

## Order of Service

Directed by the Revd. Mark Johnson

Music – Christopher Powell

Parade Marshall – Mr Mick Manton

The Parade to leave Park Hall, Wormelow at 1.45pm

One minute's silence —

— for past friends now with Violette, R.I.P., and also for friends too frail to make the journey, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mr Frederick Pearson, The Drum Major, to introduce  
The Epping Forest Pipe Band, and to present a wreath of poppies for Violette.

Hymn – Amazing Grace

Music by The Epping Forest Pipe Band

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease;  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine;  
But God, Who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

Happy Birthday To You

For Violette and those with birthdays among us.

Welcome

*Rosemary E. Rigby MBE*

President of the Hereford Soroptimist Club

It is also lovely today to welcome the grand daughter  
of **Yvonne Rudellat** (Codename: Jacqueline) into our midst!  
I'm sure Violette would be delighted!!

1,000 of Violette's leaflets have been received at **Ravensbrück Memorial Museum** by Dr Insa Eschebach, the Curator, where they will be available next to photos of the three friends – Violette, Lilian Rolfe and Denise Bloch.

Today we have the three daughters of Mrs Estelle Carter of Market Harborough with us. She sadly died on the 14th May RIP. In lieu of flowers, she arranged for donations to be given to Violette's Museum! Jane to present a cheque for £200!! How wonderful!

Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

The Mayor of Hereford, Councillor Phil Edwards,  
speaking on behalf of the guests.

*Lt Jean-Baptiste Marchadier of the French Navy*,  
representing the French Embassy, will kindly say a few words.  
He will be introduced by Stephen Whitmore.

An Address

by *The Revd. Mark Johnson*

The Poem

*“The Life That I Have” – Virginia McKenna OBE*

Our Guest, **Malcolm Rolfe**, sharing with us a few special memories  
of the wonderful Lilian Rolfe

People – The Lord's Prayer

Last Post – *Pipe Major Simon Briden*

Exhortations – *Mr Peter Davies*

Silence

Reveille – *Pipe Major Simon Briden*

The Blessing

The National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen;  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store  
On her be pleased to pour;  
Long may she reign;  
May she defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the Queen.