



# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

*Patron H.M. the Queen*

*Registered Charity Number 219279*

Amesbury Branch (BR2562)

## MINUTES OF AMESBURY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH MEETING

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013

### 1. PRESENT

|                                |                       |
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| Chairman                       | Lt. Col. N de Foubert |
| Secretary                      | Mr. P Smith           |
| Area Poppy Organizer           | Ms. P Gamble          |
| Branch Fundraising Coordinator | Mr. T Pryor-Jones     |
| Branch Member                  | Col P Tustin          |
| Branch Member                  | Lt. Col Dick Everard  |
| Branch Member                  | Capt. W Perkins       |
| Branch Member                  | Mrs. P Pryor-Jones    |
| Branch Member                  | Ms. G Gamble          |
| Branch Member                  | Mr. P Lewendon        |
| Branch Member                  | Maj. N Estlick        |
| Branch Member                  | Mr. M Pattenden       |

### 2. Apologies

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| President                   | Brig AJM Durcan                |
| Vice Chairman               | Mr. R Gamble                   |
| Treasurer                   | Lt. Col. G Southwell           |
| Welfare Officer             | Mr. J Swindlehurst             |
| Deputy Area Poppy Organizer | Mrs. J Swindlehurst            |
| Serving RAF                 | Cpl. Huw Griffiths             |
| Downton Branch Member       | Major General (Retd) Roy Dixon |
| Branch Member               | Mr. C Burden                   |
| Branch Member               | Maj. D Skinner                 |
| Branch Member               | Mrs. A Lewendon                |
| Branch Member               | Mrs. L Harris                  |
| Branch Member               | Mrs. P Jones                   |
| Branch Member               | Mr. G Jones                    |
| Branch Member               | Ms. Suzanne Foster             |
| Branch Member               | Mr. R Bell                     |

### 3. Exhortation

The Exhortation was said by the Chairman and a respectful silence was observed.

### 4. Meeting Opened

| SUBJECT  | ACTION / REMARKS |
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| <b>Meeting Opened</b><br>The Chairman opened the meeting at <b>19:30hrs.</b> by welcoming all present. |                  |

## **5. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

| <b>SUBJECT</b>   | <b>ACTION / REMARKS</b>   |
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| <b>Minutes Approved</b><br>There being no comments on the minutes of the last meeting the Chairman signed them as being a true record. | <b>Chairman/Secretary</b> |
| <b>Matters Arising</b><br><br>Nil  |                           |

## **6. Treasurer's / Membership Report**

| <b>SUBJECT</b>   | <b>ACTION / REMARKS</b> |
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| In the absence of the Treasurer, the report was read by the Chairman:<br><br>Current Acct                    £1,512.00<br>Deposit Account                £99,174.00<br>Trust Fund                        £240.00<br>Fighting Fund                    £564.00<br><br>Note – The Branch is still to be notified on the interest on the Deposit Acct. |                         |

## **7. Welfare Committee Report**

| <b>SUBJECT</b>  | <b>ACTION / REMARKS</b> |
|---|-------------------------|
| <u>Welfare visit to Countess &amp; Camelot nursing Homes 12 March 2013</u><br><br>Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John Swindlehurst</li><li>• Trish Pryor-Jones</li></ul><br>Colin Chadderton, Camelot Room 29: We met up with Colin and chatted about numerous subjects. He is very contented and loves to be visited so that he can reminisce about old times.<br><br>Arthur Lacey, Camelot Room 1: We met with Arthur who told us that he had joined the RAF in 1939, age 18. In 1958 he served on Christmas Island and so far appears to have suffered no ill-effects. He has been retired for 64 years and will be 92 on his next birthday. He is also very contented and likes to be visited so that he can talk about old times.<br><br>Ronald Hillier, Countess Room 1: Ronald, who is an ex member of the RBL, served in the Army (Wiltshire Regiment) for his 2 years national Service before returning to civilian life as a Welder.<br><br>Margaret Crouch, Countess Room 19: Margaret was a QARANC Sister who served in numerous places including Rhodesia and Malaya before being medically discharged. She then joined the Red Cross.<br>Both she and her late husband were members of the Salisbury Branch of the RBL, but she is now a member of our branch.<br><br>Post Meeting Note:<br>Margaret has now been visited by a RBL Welfare Officer, who has assessed her needs, and her case is now with the 'Officer's Association' who will help with the provision of a special chair. |                         |

## 8. Poppy Appeal Report

| SUBJECT  | ACTION / REMARKS |
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| Ticking over, money is still coming in as the Branch still has collection box's around the town. |                  |

## 9. Storage Facility

| SUBJECT  | ACTION / REMARKS               |
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| <p>A very disappointing and negative reply had been received from HQ RBL refusing to fund our proposed Storage Facility (we cannot use funds from the deposit account &amp; a wooden frame to the structure was frowned upon)</p> <p>A revised Business Case is to be submitted with a Metal framed structure &amp; also detailing we expect to use interest only from the deposit account.</p> <p>An interim measure is to use the Wyndham Hall for poppy supplies &amp; counting donations, this will cost the Branch £210 PA.</p> | Branch Fundraising Coordinator |

## 10. Parade Format

| SUBJECT   | ACTION / REMARKS                             |
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| <p>A detailed SOP for the Amesbury Parade has been produced by Nigel Estlick (OIC Remembrance Parade) which will improve upon last year's performance. Paul to issue e-mail addressed to Nigel, Nigel Estlick to issue to branch members for review.</p> <p>Review comments back to Nigel by 1<sup>st</sup> June.</p> | <p>Secretary / Nigel Estlick</p> <p>All.</p> |

## 11. Branch Events

| SUBJECT   | ACTION / REMARKS   |
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| <p>a) <u>Return Visit to Tedworth House:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Tuesday 7th May @1000 hours</b> -Places still available, Gerry Southwell is point of contact.</li> <li><b>Wednesday 5th June @ 1000 hours.</b> – No places available Nigel de Foubert is point of contact.</li> </ol> <p>b) <u>Visit to AAC Museum</u> – The Chairman advised this was looking to be too expensive &amp; should be removed from the Branch Events this year.</p> <p>c) <u>A visit to the JARTS facility at Boscombe Down</u> - Huw Griffiths to provide dates for Branch visit.</p> <p>d) <u>Boscombe Down Aviation Collection (Old Sarum)</u> – 9<sup>th</sup> July, names to Tony Pryor-Jones.</p> <p>e) <u>Branch Summer Garden Party Sat 15th June:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteers wanted to setup Sat AM, names to Chairman.</li> <li>Volunteers wanted to clear-up Sat PM, names to Chairman.</li> <li>Premise License to be obtained – Action Gerry.</li> <li>Please donate Raffle Prizes.</li> <li>Max 60 can attend.</li> <li>Tickets on sale with Chairman for Branch members only until 17<sup>th</sup> May.</li> <li>From 19<sup>th</sup> May tickets will be on sale with Tony Pryor-Jones in the town Shop &amp; be available to non-Branch members.</li> </ol> <p>f) <u>Remembrance Parade Curry Lunch:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hall Booked,</li> <li>Mrs Jane Durcan's will provide curry lunch</li> <li>Premise License to be obtained – Action Gerry.</li> </ol> | <p>Cpl. Huw Griffiths</p> <p>All</p> <p>Treasurer<br/>All</p> <p>Treasurer</p> |

**12. Distribution of Minutes**

| SUBJECT  | ACTION / REMARKS |
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| <p>From Feb's meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently our postal costs are approximately £30.00 to distribute minutes to members who do not have e-mail (per branch meeting).</li> <li>• The Chairman proposed ceasing this as from the 2013 AGM.</li> <li>• Members voiced concern and suggested instead that we should again look at a geographical manual distribution within the local area.</li> <li>• Suzanne Foster advised that she would be prepared to cover the postal costs.</li> </ul> <p>Chairman to approach Suzanne to see if offer still stands</p> | <p>Chairman</p>  |

**13. Any Other Business**

| SUBJECT   | ACTION / REMARKS |
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| <p>Amesbury Carnival:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Huw (Griff) and Tony Pryor-Jones will be running a RBL stand at the carnival.</li> <li>• Volunteers required names to Tony Pryor-Jones.</li> <li>• Pam Gamble will run the Raffle, Mike Pattenden (&amp; Richard Bell by proxy) offered to assist Pam with the raffle.</li> <li>• All RBL staff working on the stand should bring their Branch Membership cards with them for free entry.</li> </ul> |                  |

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

The next "Branch" meeting will take place on, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 1900hrs for 1930hrs in The George Hotel.

The next "Executive" Committee Meeting will take place at 1900hrs on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at Church Cottage.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at **20:40hrs.**

**CHAIRMAN:-** "Is it your wish that these Minutes are recorded as being correct?"

Approved / Not Approved

Signature:-.....

Name:-.....

Date:- .....