



# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

*Patron H.M. the Queen*

*Registered Charity Number 219279*

Amesbury Branch (BR2562)

## MINUTES OF AMESBURY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH MEETING

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014

### 1. PRESENT

Chairman	Mr. N de Foubert
Vice Chairman/Membership Secretary	Lt. Col. G Southwell
Treasurer	Mr. I Hurrell
Branch Fundraising Coordinator	Mr. T Pryor-Jones
Assistant Membership Secretary	Mr. R Hughes
Area Poppy Organizer	Ms. P Gamble
Fundraising Coordinator	Mr. T Pryor-Jones
Secretary	Mr. P Smith
Serving RAF	Sgt H Griffiths
Branch Member	Col P Tustin
Branch Member	Maj. N Estlick
Branch Member	Lt Col R Everard
Branch Member	Mr P Lewendon
Branch Member	Mr. N Darg-Forsyth
Branch Member	Mrs. J Darg-Forsyth
Branch Member	Ms. S Foster
Branch Member	Mr. J Noeken
Branch Member	Mr. M Pattenden
Branch Member	Mrs. P Jones
Branch Member	Mr. G Jones

### 2. Apologies

President	Brig AJM Durcan
Welfare Officer	Mr. J Swindlehurst
Assistant Welfare Officer	Mrs P Pryor-Jones
Deputy Area Poppy Organizer	Mrs. J Swindlehurst
Branch Member	Maj Gen R Dickson
Branch Member	Mr. L Harris
Branch Member	Mr. P Lewendon
Branch Member	Mr. C Burden
Branch Member	Mr. R Gamble
Branch Member	Miss G Gamble
Branch Member	Mrs M Hughes

### **3. Exhortation**

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

### **4. Meeting Opened**

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

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

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
<b>Minutes Approved</b> The minutes from the last Branch Meeting were Approved at the AGM	

### **6. Treasurer Report**

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
The Treasurer gave a detailed report on branch finances:	
Current account                      £2462.02 this includes Fighting Fund        £888.49	
BFI    £102,458.63 Trust    £264.00	
Social account                            £40.00 Stock    £82.83	

### **7. Membership Report**

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
The Membership Secretary gave the following report:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Membership stands at 76</li><li>• Thanks to Bob Hughes for collecting cash memberships</li><li>• Chairman to write letter advising serving member about the branch</li></ul>	Chairman

## **8. Welfare Committee Report**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION / REMARKS</b>
<p>Our Welfare committee continue to visit the various 'homes' in Amesbury and continue to support those ex-servicemen/women residing there, TPJ advises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>94 year old resident has a dog that needs to go into care, TPJ to revisit &amp; pass name to Army Benevolent Fund &amp; Dogs Trust.</li></ul>	<p>Tony Pryor-Jones</p>

## **9. Poppy Appeal Report**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION / REMARKS</b>
<p>Pam Gamble confirmed that a total of £7,821.42 has been raised during the 2012/2013 Poppy Appeal; the Chairman praised the success of the team.</p> <p>Pam Gamble confirmed that a total of £8,676.70 has been raised so far the 2013 / 2014 Poppy Appeal, also JARTS have contributions coming via Facebook</p>	

## **10. New Business Case for Storage Facility**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION / REMARKS</b>
<p>The Chairman advised that the President Brig AJM Durcan was working on a revised business case.</p>	<p>Brig AJM Durcan</p>

## **11. Mailing of Minutes**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION / REMARKS</b>
<p>The Chairman thanked Suzanne Foster for her continuing support.</p>	

## **12. Frequency of Meetings**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION / REMARKS</b>
<p>The Chairman confirmed moving forward there would be 4 branch meetings per year.</p>	

## **13. RBL Youth Branch**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION / REMARKS</b>
<p>The Chairman commended the Air Cadets for their enthusiasm &amp; also commented that they were well turned out.</p>	

#### **14. Poppy Day Appeal/Parade-2013**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION / REMARKS</b>
<p>The Chairman advised that the Poppy Appeal had gone exceptionally well &amp; hoped we would not lose the momentum in 2014.</p> <p>Regarding the Parade, the Chairman confirmed there had been no negative feedback &amp; he had written to 32 RA thanking them for their support.</p> <p>Maj. N Estlick confirmed he would continue with the role of Parade Adjutant in 2014</p>	<p>Maj. N Estlick</p>

#### **15. Remembrance Sunday Curry Lunch**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION / REMARKS</b>
<p>Unfortunately Jane Durcan will not be able to provide the Remembrance Sunday Curry Lunch in 2014, but confirmed that table decorations would be made available.</p> <p>It was suggested that "Hannah" Ex RLC/ACC be approached to provide a two course meal (curry &amp; desert)</p> <p>Wyndham hall to be provisionally Booked for the Curry Lunch</p> <p>It was proposed that the Branch continue with an event in the Dunkirk Club in addition to the Curry, the proposal was voted on and carried.</p>	<p>Mrs J Darg- Forsyth</p> <p>Lt. Col. G Southwell</p>

#### **16. RBL Corporate Message**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION / REMARKS</b>
<p>The Chairman advised that a new "Pop-In Centre" had been opened in Liverpool and a further 15 will open, the nearest to us will be in Swindon.</p>	

#### **17. Branch events for 2014**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION / REMARKS</b>
<p>WW1 Talk-Wyndham Hall with Fish &amp; chip supper £10 per head, suggested a Sat in September / October, Gerry to confirm availability of Wyndham Hall</p>	<p>Lt. Col. G Southwell</p>

