



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Patron H.M. the Queen

Registered Charity Number 219279

Amesbury Branch (BR2562)

MINUTES OF AMESBURY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH MEETING

Wednesday 23rd September 2015

1. PRESENT

Vice Chairman/Membership Secretary	Lt. Col. G Southwell
Secretary	Mr. P Smith
Welfare Officer	Mr. J Swindlehurst
Branch Member	Mr. M Pattenden
Branch Member	Col P Tustin
Branch Member	Lt Col R Everard
Branch Member	Mr. R Bell
Branch Member	Mr. T Pryor-Jones
Branch Member	Mr. R Hughes
Branch Member	Mr. M Browning

2. Apologies

President	Brig AJM Durcan
Chairman	Lt. Col. N de Foubert
Treasurer	Mr. I Hurrell
Area Poppy Organizer	Mr. G Jones
Parade Coordinator	Maj. N Estlick
Serving RAF	Sgt H Griffiths
Branch Member	Mrs. J Swindlehurst
Branch Member	Mr. N Darg-Forsyth
Branch Member	Mrs. J Darg-Forsyth
Branch Member	Maj Gen R Dickson
Branch Member	Mrs M Hughes
Branch Member	Mrs P Pryor-Jones
Branch Member	Mr. D Skinner
Branch Member	Mr. J Jeans

3. Exhortation

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

4. Meeting Opened

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

5. Treasurer Report

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
Balances at 31 st August 2015: Current account £225.80 BFI £102,675.66 Social account £2456.96 Stock £0.00	

6. Membership Report

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
The Membership Secretary gave the following report: We have maintained membership at 79 members. RBL have advised it is no longer possible to pay membership in cash, however this year Bob Hughes will continue to collect cash & pay in to bank (paypoint) with Vice Chairman/Membership Secretary. It is understood that from 2016 there will be no option to pay for membership in Cash	Bob Hughes

7. Welfare Committee Report

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
John Swindlehurst & Tony Pryor-Jones regularly visit Camelot House in Amesbury and continue to support those ex-servicemen/women residing there, it was confirmed that all residents visited were well. Col P Tustin keeps an eye on ex-servicemen/women residing at Amesbury Abbey.	

8. Poppy Appeal

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
Pam Gamble has been replaced in her role as Area Poppy Organizer by Glynn Jones, the Vice Chairman thanked Pam (in her absence) for providing 10 years of service in that post, branch members applauded. Glynn has submitted this year's order for Poppy merchandise & will provide an update at the AGM.	

9. Storage Facility

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
<p>Tony Pryor-Jones advised the Branch now have a storage facility located in the Parish Church grounds, keys are held by: Tony Pryor-Jones, Nigel de Foubert, Glynn Jones & Paul Smith.</p> <p>The Vice Chairman thanked Tony Pryor-Jones for delivering a successful project, branch members applauded.</p>	

10. Remembrance Parade-2015

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
<p>Parade to follow last year's format, planning in progress, no known issues, Nigel Estlick will provide an update at the AGM.</p>	

11. Meeting dates for 2016

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
<p>A discussion took place regarding the number of meetings held each year, the following was tabled & voted on with a unanimous "Yes" decision, each meeting will take place on the 3rd Wednesday of the month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20th Jan 2016 – De-brief from Poppy Appeal / Remembrance Parade• 20th April 2016 –Amesbury Carnival & guest speaker• 21st September 2016 – Initiate Poppy Appeal• 19th October 2016 - AGM <p>Paul to update website</p>	<p>Paul Smith</p>

12. AGM

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
<p>The AGM will take place in the "The George Hotel" on Wednesday 21st October at 19:30hrs, please arrive early.</p> <p>At the AGM we will be looking for volunteers to take on the posts of both officers of the branch & committee members, in advance of the AGM our Chairman & Treasurer have both advised they will not be looking to undertake a further term in post.</p>	

13. Any Other Business

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
<p><u>Remembrance Curry Lunch</u></p> <p>It was confirmed that the Master Chef (WO2 Bass) from Larkhill would be cooking the Curry again this year, tickets will cost £10 per head</p> <p>Tickets will be available from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gerry Southwell• Nigel de Foubert• Community Shop• AGM in October <p>Paul to print tickets</p>	<p>Paul Smith</p>

<p><u>Drinks & Nibbles – Sat 14th Nov 18:30 -20:00hrs – Wyndham Hall</u> The branch will be hosting some of the local businesses who assisted with this year’s Poppy appeal, the aim being to provide recognition & thank them for their assistance, Jane Durcan will be providing the catering.</p> <p><u>Canadian 1st World War Memorial Services</u> The services went well, Glynn Jones was the standard bearer with Richard Bell & Mike Pattenden as escorts, Tony Prior-Jones was the standard bearer for the RAF Association, with an ATC SNCO carrying the Air Training Corps Standard.</p> <p><u>Branch Standard</u> John Swindlehurst queried why the branch was not invited to parade it’s standard at the Fovent Badges, it was identified that the invites are in the county e-mail issues to the secretary on a monthly basis, it was agreed that in future the County minutes would be forwarded to all branch members on e-mail to allow members to attend (with the Standard)</p>	<p>Paul Smith</p>
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19. Date of Next Meeting

The next “Branch” meeting will take place on, Wednesday 20th January 2016 at 1900hrs for 1930hrs in The George Hotel.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at ...20:35hrs.....

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

Approved / Not Approved

Signature:-.....

Name:-.....

Date:-