



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Patron H.M the Queen

Registered Charity Number 219279

Amesbury Branch (BR2562)

MINUTES OF AMESBURY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH MEETING

Wednesday 18th April 2012

1. PRESENT

Chairman	Mr. N de Foubert	(NdF)
Treasurer	Mr. G Southwell	(GS)
Vice Chairman	Mr. R Gamble	(BG)
Welfare Officer	Mr. J Swindlehurst	(JOS)
Area Poppy Organizer	Ms. P Gamble	(PG)
Assistant Membership Secretary	Mr. R Hughes	(RH)
Branch Fundraising Coordinator	Mr. T Pryor-Jones	(TPJ)
Serving RAF	Cpl. Huw Griffiths	(HG)
Serving RAF	SAC (T) Liam O'Keefe	(LO)
Branch Member	Mr. C Burden	(CB)
Branch Member	Mr. I Hurrell	(IH)
Branch Member	Mr. N Estlick	(NE)
Branch Member	Mr. M Browning	(MB)
Branch Member	Mr. M Pattenden	(MP)
Branch Member	Mr. P Lewendon	(PL)

2. In Attendance

Mrs. J Durcan

3. Apologies

President	Brig AJM Durcan	(AD)
Secretary	Mr. P Smith	(PS)
Deputy Area Poppy Organizer	Mrs. J Swindlehurst	(JaS)
Area Poppy treasurer	Mrs. M Hughes	(MH)
Branch Member	Mrs. P Skinner	(PaS)
Branch Member	Mr. D Skinner	(DS)
Branch Member	Mrs. T Pryor-Jones	(TrPJ)
Branch Member	Ms L Gamble	(LG)

4. Exhortation

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

5. Meeting Opened

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

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
Minutes Approved The Minutes of the Branch Meeting held on Wednesday 29 th February were accepted as published, and signed by the Chairman	

7. Matters Arising

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
The following issues were carries forward: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Membership Issues. The Membership Secretary provided a brief update on Membership. b. Entertainment Volunteer This appointment remains unfilled. c. RBL May Circular. Items highlighted from the May Circular were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Parade in Chippenham on Sun 10 June; all welcome especially the Standard Bearing party. • Chairman’s Seminar on 26th May in Tedworth House. Unfortunately neither the Chairman nor Vice Chairman is able to attend. • RBL has commissioned a consultancy firm named SUPPORTERS to contact RBL supporters seeking an annual subscription. Members will not be contacted. • Standard Bearer Training in Wyvern Club Devizes will take place from 1000 to 1200 on 29 Apr, 27 May, 24 Jun, 22 Jul, 19 Aug, 30 Sep. • Visit to Tedworth House [Personnel Recovery and Assessment Center, to be arranged by Chairman for potentially Aug/Sep '12. d. Amesbury 2012 Chris Burden outlined the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Amesbury and for the Olympic Torch movement thru’ the Town on 13th July. RBL would be represented as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday 3rd June, gazebo at Bowman Center organized by Mike Pattenden and manned by Huw Griffiths and Liam O’Keefe. Recruiting information et al secured by Tony Pryor-Jones. • Thursday 5th July ‘parade’ at Airman’s Cross plus service in Larkhill. Overall organization being undertaken by 32 Regiment Royal Artillery [Commanded by Lt Col Craig Palmer]. 	<p>Volunteer Sought.</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>Standard Bearer</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Fund Raising Coordinator / Mike Pattenden, Huw Griffith and Liam O’Keefe</p> <p>All [incl Standard Bearer and party –if available]</p>

8. Treasurer's Report

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
The Treasurer provided an overall view of our financial state including the additional amount he recently secured from RBL London.	

9. Poppy Appeal Report

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
All in hand with Pam Gamble, further update at next meeting	

10. Fund Raising Report

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
Tony Pryor-Jones briefed that RBL boxes continue to collect and will do so up 'till Oct '12. Collections are being made regularly and contents banked. We are on line to potentially make £6,500 towards the Poppy Appeal this year. This figure will include the donation made from the sponsored run by Boscombe Down personnel under the leadership of Huw Griffiths.	

11. Remembrance Parade Report

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
Remembrance Parade Nigel Estlick has produced a parade/church service draft SOP that is currently being circulated for comment. Two points for action: 1. Public address system would be available from Boscombe Down for the Remembrance Church Service. 2. It was agreed that the youth should take an active part in the Remembrance service. A competition in September would be held to identify the best diction and voice projection speaker.	All on distribution list Hew Griffiths Nigel Estlick

12. Welfare Committee Report

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
John Swindlehurst outlined the various visits he and his team had made to local Homes; all residents welcome these visits.	

13. VISIT TO ARMY AIR CORPS [AAC] MUSEUM

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
David Skinner will brief on the potential for a guided tour of the AAC Museum and 'dinner' afterwards at the June meeting.	David Skinner

14. AMESBURY BRANCH RBL –PRESIDENT

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
All Members wished to extend their very best wishes to Brigadier Andrew Durcan for a full and speedy recovery and 'return to work'.	All

15. NILE CLUMPS-SPONSORSHIP

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
The Treasurer will send our Sponsorship cheque to the Rotary Club of Amesbury and the President will discuss a possible tour of the Nile Clump sites later in the year.	Chairman
[After note. The Rotary Club of Amesbury has acknowledged our sponsorship of 6 trees in the Nile Clump site and will arrange for a Branch visit to the entire site later in the year, hopefully by tractor/trailer possibly in August.]	All

16. STORAGE WYNDHAM HALL (WH)

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
WH Committee had agreed to make available storage space in the Hall garage at an annual cost of £250. However the garage structure is not sound and a new build is being considered. More later.	Chairman

17. BBQ 14th JULY –WYNDHAM HALL

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
a) Mrs. Jane Durcan outlined the catering arrangements.	
b) Secretary will produce tickets [ensuring 'vegetarian option' thereon].	Secretary
c) This 'recruiting' event will require the full support of Members both prior to and post the event to ensure we give a good account of our Branch.	All

18. Any Other Business

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
a) All property purchased by the Branch must be entered into the Property book.	Property Member
b) Malcolm Browning felt that the Branch was in a healthy state making progress.	

19. Addendum

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
Margaret Hughes has tendered her resignation of the Poppy Appeal Treasurers appointment. The Chairman has written expressing his disappointment but thanking Margaret for her stalwart efforts in the past.	

20. Date of Next Meeting

The next "Branch" meeting will take place on, Wednesday 27th June 2012 at 1900hrs for 1930hrs in The George Hotel.

The next "Executive" Committee Meeting will take place at 1900hrs on Wednesday^h at Church Cottage.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at **2050hrs**.

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

Approved / Not Approved

Signature:-.....

Name:-.....

Date:-