



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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MINUTES OF THE AMESBURY BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HELD ON THURSDAY 27th APRIL 2017 AT THE GEORGE HOTEL COMMENCING AT 1930 HOURS

Present Gerry Southwell, Freda Hedge, Pauline Jones, Glyn Jones, Tony Pryor-Jones, Tricia Pryor-Jones, Bob Hughes, John Swindlehurst, Jan Swindlehurst, Pam Bishop, Joan Stiven, Ester Parker, Henry Parker, Neil Darg-Forsyth, John Noekin, Huw Griffiths, Mick Pattenden, and Nigel de Foubert.

Apologies Peter Tustin, The Revd Darren A' Cord, Janet Darg-Forsyth, John Jeans, Chris Burden, Paul Smith.

ITEM	SUBJECT	REMARKS/ACTION
1	<u>EXHORTATION</u> The meeting commenced with the Exhortation	
2	<u>OPENING STATEMENT</u> The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and thanked all for their most welcome and valuable support.	All
3	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and formally signed by the Chairman.	Secretary
4	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> The only outstanding item to be brought forward was the Amesbury Carnival. The PAO, Glyn Jones outlined the organization that he has set in motion and continued seeking support from the Membership. The main drive of the RBL/PAO stand was to recruit and advertise the Branch. Pauline Jones will, again, hold a Tombola event and sought items for this stall.	PAO and ALL Branch Members
5	<u>REPORTS</u> a. Treasurer Branch funds currently are £2258-39p; a healthy situation, but not one for complacency. The Treasurer suggested a need for transferring £250-00 into the Social Fund. (1) <u>Proposed</u> : Glyn Jones (2) <u>Seconded</u> : Neil Darg-Forsyth. (3) <u>Nem Con</u> b. Membership Our current Membership stands at a total of 81.	Treasurer

	<p>c. Welfare In spite of recent changes to Branch external Welfare, the Welfare Ctee continues to visit ex Servicemen and women residing in homes within our bailiwick.</p> <p>d. Poppy Appeal Our current financial year runs from 01 Nov '16 to 31st Oct '17; we have collected £17,639-78 to date. The Chairman outlines the separate nature of the Poppy Appeal from the Branch; but congratulated all, particularly the PAO (Glyn Jones and Pauline) for the magnificent amount achieved to date. The PAO thanked Mick Pattenden for his continual town Poppy Box collection and distribution.</p> <p>e. Poppy Appeal Co-Ord meeting The PAO is considering calling a Poppy Appeal Co-Ord meeting on 16th Aug '17, please stand-by for the calling notice.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Welfare</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All to note</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>a. Wyndham Hall Bookings It was confirmed that Wyndham Hall was booked for the Branch Remembrance Sunday Curry Lunch on 12th Nov '17 and also the thank you party the following Friday week 17th Nov '17.</p> <p>b. Thank You Party Mrs. Jane Durcan has volunteered to provide the finger food for this event. She, very kindly also suggested that to reduce Curry Lunch costings she would provide the puddy at this event. This is a most generous gesture and very much welcomed and appreciated,</p> <p>c. Gaz Hanna Sponsorship Gaz is cycling approx 100 miles in aid of the RBL, the Branch agreed to provide £20 sponsorship towards this event. Members were also individually requested to provide support.</p> <p>d. First World War Presentation The Chairman outlined an offer made by a friend to provide an evening's presentation on a particular battle of the 1st World War in Europe, possibly the Somme. After a short discussion it was agreed to take this forward, the event to be held in, possibly in October.</p> <p>e. Poppy Appeal Awards The PAO presented awards for outstanding and constant support towards the annual Poppy Appeal to: (1) Mick Pattenden (2) Bob Hughes There followed a round of applause and congratulations.</p> <p>f. Branch Presidents Awards The Branch President, Tony Pryor-Jones made three awards to Branch Members for their support and diligence conducting their portfolio responsibilities, they were: (1) Mick Pattenden (2) Gerry Southwell</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chairman</p>

	<p>(3) Nigel de Foubert Again there followed a round of applause and congratulations.</p> <p>g. <u>Boscombe Down 100 years celebration</u> Huw Griffiths mentioned the Boscombe Down 100 years celebration scheduled for 9th Sep '17, and that their maybe some Branch inclusion.</p> <p>h. <u>Promotion and posting</u> Huw Griffiths is on the promotion list for this year, which is excellent news but it will mean a new posting in the offing; we can only hope that Upavon calls! Huw has been a great supporter in many ways to the Branch; we shall miss him and his family.</p>	<p>Huw Griffiths</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>Two future meetings are forecast:</p> <p>a. Executive Meeting at Church Cottage at 1900 hrs on 7th Sep.</p> <p>b. Branch Meeting [AGM] The George Hotel at 1930 hrs on 21st Sep '17.</p>	<p>Exec Ctee</p> <p>All</p>

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2055 hrs.

Chairman: "Is it the wish that these minutes are recorded as being correct?"

Approved/not approved.

Signature.....

Name.....

Date.....2017.