



# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

*Patron HM the Queen*

*Registered Charity Number 219279*

Amesbury Branch (BR2562)

## MINUTES OF AMESBURY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH MEETING

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012

### 1. PRESENT

Chairman	Mr. N de Foubert
Vice Chairman	Mr. R Gamble
Branch Fundraising Coordinator	Mr. T Pryor-Jones
Area Poppy Organizer	Ms. P Gamble
Serving RAF	Cpl. Huw Griffiths
Serving RAF	SAC (T) Liam O'Keefe
Branch Member	Mrs. T Pryor-Jones
Branch Member	Mr. M Pattenden
Branch Member	Mr. R Ellis
Branch Member	Mr. P Lewendon
Branch Member	Mrs. A Lewendon
Branch Member	Mrs. L Harris
Branch Member	Mr. R Bell
Branch Member	Mr. J Jeans
Branch Member	Mr. N Darg-Forsyth

### 2. In Attendance

Mrs. J Durcan

### 3. New Members

Branch Member	Flt Lt B Tennant
Branch Member	Mr. R Skillen
Branch Member	Mr. R Mitchell
Branch Member	Mr. S Clarke
Branch Member	Mr. J Keating
Branch Member	Mr. J Connell
Branch Member	Mr. J Raymond

### 4. Apologies

President	Brig AJM Durcan
Treasurer	Mr. G Southwell
Secretary	Mr. P Smith
Welfare Officer	Mr. J Swindlehurst
Deputy Area Poppy Organizer	Mrs. J Swindlehurst
Assistant Membership Secretary	Mr. R Hughes
Branch Member	Mr. N Estlick
Branch Member	Mrs. G Warren
Branch Member	Mrs. P Tubb
Branch Member	Mrs. M Hughes
Branch Member	Mrs. C Burden
Branch Member	Mrs. D Skinner
Branch Member	Mrs. P Skinner
Branch Member	Lucie Gamble

## 5. Exhortation

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

## 6. Meeting Opened

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

## 7. New Members

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
<b>Minutes Approved</b> The Chairman and Members expressed their pleasure and welcomed all 7 new Members to the Branch and hoped that they would enjoy the social and welfare ambiance of the Branch. Membership Secretary would administer their applications and forward to the Secretary their individual e-mail addresses to be added to our E mailing list	Treasurer/Membership Secretary/Secretary {Mike Pattenden/All – keep up the recruiting drive!}

## 8. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

## 9. Matters Arising

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
a. <b><u>Entertainment Volunteer</u></b> We still need a Member to volunteer for this appointment.	All
b. <b><u>Visit to Tedworth House – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2012</u></b> Those who wish to attend this visit which commences at 1030 at Tedworth House must let the Secretary know well in advance so that further administrative arrangements can be made.	All
c. <b><u>Recruiting Bowman Centre</u></b> The Branch response to this event was commendable particularly the support from JARTS, Funding Offr and the Poppy Appeal subcommittee.	Fundraising Offr/JARTS/Poppy Appeal Ctee
d. <b><u>Parade at Airman's Cross – 5<sup>TH</sup> July 2012.</u></b> Numbers are limited but we have fulfilled our quota; the Colors will be carried at the church service, gathering at 0930-0940, at St Barbara's church Larkhill.	Fundraising Offr/Flag party
e. <b><u>Remembrance – November 2012</u></b> (1) <b><u>Public address System</u></b> Griff [JATRS] has agreed to put in place at St Mary & St Melor a public address system for Remembrance Sunday Church service.	Hew Griffiths/Liam O'Keefe
(2) <b><u>Youth diction competition</u></b> Nigel Estlick has arranged a diction competition for the local youth groups, to be held on 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct; the adjudicators will be The Revd Canon Simon Wilkinson, Nigel Estlick and Nigel de Foubert.	Nigel Esrlick
f. <b><u>Visit to AAC Museum – Middle Wallop</u></b> David Skinner wrote a brief, held by the Chairman outlining this visit details. David suggested the visit takes place in Oct/Nov, costs were discussed which would be finalized at the August meeting with attendance commitments from Members.	David Skinner

<p><b>g. <u>Branch summer BBQ-14<sup>TH</sup> July 2012.</u></b> Our Branch BBQ will take place in Wyndham Hall, tickets are on sale ay £5.00 each [plus Branch subsidy of £5.00] with Gerry Southwell, Paul Smith, Jane Durcan, Tony Pryor-Jones and Nigel de Foubert. Members are encouraged to bring friends/family et al [non Members are most welcome]. <b><u>Raffle</u> Members are asked to contribute a small prize towards the Raffle; which Mrs. Pam Bishop is organizing, these can be handed in on the night.</b></p> <p><b>h. <u>Nile Clumps visit-Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012.</u></b> 8 Members are attending the site tour commencing at 1730 hrs at Countess Farm and afterwards at Antrobus Hotel.</p> <p><b>i. <u>Assistant Secretary</u></b> Volunteer required preferably with sound IT skills!</p> <p><b>j. <u>Olympic Torch – 11 July 2012</u></b> The Branch gazebo will be erected at the Celtic Car Park [near Library] at 1400, we are grateful for those members who volunteered and the JARTS offer of transport.</p> <p><b>k. <u>Storage facility</u></b> Tony Pryor –Jones outlined his proposal for a permanent RBL storage facility to be located behind the church in Church Street beside several other similar facilities. The proposal was to seek Branch support for the preparation of a Business Case to be out to HQ RBL. In meantime several offers were made by Members for alternative storage facilities locally. Tony Pryor-Jones would visit these alternative sites.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All particularly note Raffle prizes!</p> <p>Volunteer?</p> <p>Fund raising Offr and Team!</p> <p>All/Fundraising Offr</p>
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### **10. Treasurer's / Membership Report**

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
<p>In the absence of the Treasurer/Membership Secretary the Chairman read out a financial statement; there were no questions from the floor. 7 x New Members 'joining Performa's were received! (After note : Handed to Membership Sec on 28th Jun)</p>	

### **11. Welfare Committee Report**

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
<p>Robbie Ellis read out a statement from the Welfare Committee, all is well on the ground with these regular and consistent visits being welcomed by all.</p>	

### **12. Poppy Appeal Report**

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
<p>Pam Gamble provided a brief update on poppy, wreath &amp; memorabilia ordering. We are on target for another 'bonanza' year!</p>	

### **13. Presentation to Mrs. Pam Gamble**

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
<p>In recognition of Pam Gambles past, present and future management of the Branch Poppy Day Appeal the Chairman presented Pam with a framed 5 Year RBL Certificate of commitment and read out the HQRBL accompanying letter itemizing her major contribution to this specific element of RBL major fundraising activity. All Members present applauded her generous and energetic commitment.</p>	

**14. Any Other Business**

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
<p>a) 10K Sponsored run JARTS are again this year entering Rolling Ball 2012 10K run on 02 Aug '12 and will be seeking generous sponsoring support from Members (last year they were sponsored for in excess of £350.00 and generously presented this to the RBL). Sponsorship forms should be brought to our Aug meeting for sponsorship!</p> <p>b) Badges for new Members are being ordered at £4.00 each, these should be available at our Aug meeting.</p>	<p>All [bring cash to next meeting!]</p>

**15. Date of Next Meeting**

The next "Branch" meeting will take place on, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at 1900hrs for 1930hrs in The George Hotel.

The next "Executive" Committee Meeting will take place at 1900hrs on Thursday 16<sup>h</sup> at Church Cottage.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at **2040hrs**.

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

Approved / Not Approved

Signature:-.....

Name:-.....

Date:- .....