



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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Registered Charity Number 219279

Amesbury Branch (BR2562)

MINUTES OF AMESBURY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH MEETING

Thursday 19th April 2018

1. PRESENT

President	Mr. T Pryor-Jones
Chairman	Mr. R Hughes
Vice Chairman/Treasurer/ M Secretary	Lt. Col. G Southwell
Secretary	Mr. P Smith
Welfare Officer	Mr. J Swindlehurst
Area Poppy Organizer	Mr. G Jones
Branch Member	Maj. N Estlick
Branch Member	Mr. R Horner
Branch Member	Mr. M Pattenden
Branch Member	Mr. R Hughes
Branch Member	Mrs. P Bishop
Branch Member	Mrs. J Stiven
Branch Member	Mrs. P Jones
Branch Member	Mrs. F Hedge
Branch Member	Mr. T Bebbington
Branch Member	Mrs. B Bebbington
Branch Member	Mr. L Chandler
Branch Member	Mr. R Farman
Branch Member	Mr. R Allen
Branch Member	Mrs. P Allen
Branch Member	Mr. R Prentice
M/ship Support Officer, Wiltshire	Mrs. F Hedges

2. Apologies

Branch Member	Lt. Col. N de Foubert
Branch Member	Chief Tech. H Griffiths
Branch Member	Mrs. T Pryor-Jones
Branch Member	Mrs. J Swindlehurst
Branch Member	Father D A'Court
Branch Member	Mr. C Burden

3. Exhortation

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

4. Meeting Opened

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

5. Treasurer Report

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
Current Account £2,462.00 BFI Account £11,612.00 Closing Balance £14,074.00	
No income to branch, however cost for this meeting £84, Fi Hedges advised treasurer can complete a RBL form & submit to request a drawdown from the BFI.	
Our auditor has broken his back, the expectation is that this year our treasurer & Griff (future treasurer) will travel to the auditors.	

6. Membership Report

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
The Membership Secretary gave the following report: The Database says we have 88 branch members, five of these have not paid this year's subscriptions.	

7. Welfare Committee Report

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
Tony Pryor-Jones (the Branch President) advised that "Accreditation" was now being sought from the care homes in Amesbury, Fi Hedges asked that contact details for one (Camalot) be provided to her so she could discuss & then correctly advise.	Tony Pryor-Jones Fi Hedges
John Swindlehurst advised no visits had been made during this period, Fi Hedges agreed to meet with Tony & John on 3 rd May to review issues & agree solutions.	Tony, Fi & John
John advised after 10 years in the role, he would be retiring from the role of Welfare Officer at the next AGM.	

8. Poppy Appeal

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
<p>Glyn Jones advised that funds were still coming in & Mike Pattenden was still actively collecting, the current total for this fundraising year so far is £20,663 . With 5 months still to go & the Amesbury Carnival, he is anticipating the total for this fundraising year may get to £22k.</p> <p>Glyn advised there would be a “Start-Up” meeting for next year’s campaign at 19:00hrs on 15th August, hosted in the George Hotel.</p> <p>Glyn is looking for a volunteer to take on the role of “Team Leader” for the Co-op in Solstice park to enable us to fundraise there for a 5 day period this year (previous years we have only been there on the Saturday)</p> <p>Glyn advised he had been re-cycling wreaths from previous years & was looking to approach the Mayor to initiate an initiative with the local schools, to make “something” from the silk flowers.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Glyn</p>

9. Matters Arising

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
<p><u>Amesbury Carnival</u> Glyn advised that the same pitch as last year has been requested & paid for, all year-round merchandise would be on sale & we will be hoping to recruit new members. There will be a Tombola, sponsors include B&M, Aldi & Tesco, Glyn asked that if Branch Members have prizes to donate, please let him know. Griff (Chief Tech. H Griffiths) / JARTS have offered to provide transport.</p> <p><u>Silent Soldier Campaign</u> Glyn advised the Royal British Legion is inviting organisations, community groups & individuals to support the campaign by donating for and displaying a silent soldier to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the first world war from now to the end of December 2018, the silent soldier silhouette is supplied with both ground and wall fittings to make sure it stays put. It was proposed by Glyn & seconded by John Swindlehurst that the branch purchased one, the vote “for” was unanimous. The location is still to be agreed, Glyn will co-ordinate with local entities.</p> <p><u>Heavy Side Cup</u> The Amesbury Branch increased membership by the third largest % in Wiltshire last year.</p> <p><u>Colonel Tempest Cup</u> The Amesbury Branch increased poppy appeal fundraising by the second largest % in Wiltshire last year.</p> <p><u>Chairman’s Activities</u> During the last period our Chairman Reg attended the RAF parade on Amesbury & the dedication of the new County Standard in Shrewton.</p> <p><u>County Membership Support Officer</u> Fi Hedges (County Membership Support Officer) was invited to join our branch meeting & talked on the following subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reg (Chairman) will represent branch on 09/05 in Salisbury • Please circulate County News Letter • Details to Fi of what Amesbury RBL are doing 	<p>All</p> <p>Glyn</p> <p>Reg Hughes - X Paul Smith Paul Smith</p>

<p><u>Loan of RBL Property</u> As Property Custodian, Tony Pryor-Jones advised he had been approached by two organisations to borrow our Gazebo, a discussion took place, and this was agreed by all in attendance.</p> <p><u>Amesbury, Massachusetts</u> Richard Allen & his wife Paddy will be laying a Wreath at the War Memorial in Amesbury, Massachusetts on 27th May on behalf of the RBL, Reg Hughes is also drafting an accompanying letter from the branch</p>	<p>Reg Hughes</p>
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19. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting (AGM) will take place on, Thursday 20th September at 1900hrs for 1930hrs in The George Hotel.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at ...20:51hrs.....

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

Approved / Not Approved

Signature:-.....

Name:-.....

Date:-