



# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

*Patron HM the Queen*

*Registered Charity Number 219279*

Amesbury Branch (BR2562)

## **MINUTES OF AMESBURY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH MEETING**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 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
Area Poppy Organizer	Mr. G Jones
Branch Member	Maj. N Estlick
Branch Member	Mr. M Pattenden
Branch Member	Mr. T Bebbington
Branch Member	Mrs. B Bebbington
Branch Member	Mr. R Prentice
Branch Member	Mrs. J Stiven
Branch Member	Mrs. F Hedge

### **2. Apologies**

Welfare Officer	Mr. J Swindlehurst
Branch Member	Chief Tech. H Griffiths
Branch Member	Mrs. J Swindlehurst
Branch Member	Mr. R Horner
Branch Member	Mr. J Kirkcaldy
Branch Member	Mrs. T Pryor-Jones
Branch Member	Mrs. P Jones
Branch Member	Mrs. P Bishop
Branch Member	Lt. Col. N de Foubert
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
The Chairman opened the meeting at <b>19:30hrs</b> by welcoming all present including our new members.	

### **4. Minutes of the last meeting**

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
<b>Meeting Opened</b> The minutes of the last branch meeting were reviewed & accepted.	

### **5. Treasurer Report**

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
Current Account                    £2,416.42 BFI Account                        £11,000.00 Closing Balance                    £13,416.42  Full report will be provided at the AGM.	

### **6. Membership Report**

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
The Membership Secretary gave the following report:  The Database says we have 96 branch members 3 new members have joined since our last meeting Membership renewals will be out shortly, the cheapest method to the RBL is via Standing Order.	

### **7. Welfare Committee Report**

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
Tony Pryor-Jones (the Branch President) advised that Fr D A'Court & himself keep an eye on the care homes & there has been no requests for assistance.	

**8. Poppy Appeal**

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
Glyn Jones advised that this year’s campaign would finish on 30 <sup>th</sup> September, so far £23k has been raised with cash to still come in from 134 poppy box’s, £460 was raised on the tombola at the Amesbury carnival & an additional £150 donated by the carnival committee, still to come is a donation from Salisbury Crematorium, expect to close this year’s campaign close to £24k.	

**9. Matters Arising**

SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
<p><u>Remembrance Parade</u> Glyn advised the parade would follow the same format as last year, 32 Regiment Royal Artillery are providing a contingent &amp; also the same parade marshal as last year. All organisations have been contacted Sadly, due to Bob Hughes death, we have had to look for assistance in the church yard &amp; ushers, Richard &amp; Paddy Allen have stepped up and agreed to take on these roles. Lastly, Richard Allen will be laying a wreath on behalf of the Amesbury Massachusetts veterans.</p> <p><u>Remembrance Curry Lunch – (Now cancelled.)</u> Location, The George Hotel, adults £15, child £6 Bar open 12:15hrs, lunch served 13:00hrs</p> <p><u>Poppy Appeal – Next Year</u> Glyn advised there will be a will be a poppy display competition in local schools, “lamp post” poppies would be going up again, Town Council have provided permission for a poppy shop in town, all merchandise ready to go, still need volunteers to sell poppies at Aldo &amp; Archers Gate.  This year B&amp;M will be trialling cash free purchases (£2, £5 &amp; £10) via a card reader.  There will be formal ID’s for all leading teams and handling money.  Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Nov will be the day we do the big count, this will take place in “The George Hotel”, volunteers still needed.  Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov is the date of the “thank you” party, which is all arranged and will take place in the “Wyndham Hall”</p>	All

**19. Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the dates for branch meetings in 2019 would be agreed by the new committee at the AGM/

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:- .....