

Old Basing and District Royal British Legion (BR1890)

Charity number 219279

Minutes of the Branch Annual General Meeting 9th October 2025 at 7:30pm

Present: George Mars (GM) President
Ian Greenway (IG) Chair
Ian Preston (IP) Vice Chair
Julie Karmazyn (JAK) Treasurer
Avril Mitchell (AM) Secretary
Tim Russell (TR) PAO
Tracey Merritt (TM) Membership Secretary
Joe Karmazyn (JK), Sue Chewter (SC), Diane Matthews (DM) Committee
Andy Dawes (AD) Standard Bearer
18 branch members
Richard Moore (RM) Hampshire RBL County Chair, guest.

1. The Branch Standard was marched on, the Act of Remembrance was carried out by George Mars who asked us to remember the losses of our service personnel annually and to continue to strive to help our veterans.
2. Apologies for Absence: Chris Beadle
3. The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated prior to the meeting and adopted as a true copy. Proposed: Andy Dawes, Seconded: Steve Stork
4. Presidents Address.
 - 4.1. GM commented how good it was to see so many people at the meeting, more even than last year.
 - 4.2. GM thanked the committee for all the work they do to keep things running and made a special thank you to Julie, who steps down as Treasurer this evening. She has done a tremendous job and will be missed. A vacancy exists for a willing volunteer.
5. Chairman's Report
 - 5.1. IG stated how good it has been to have a year of continued growth, community engagement and heartfelt remembrance, thanking everyone for their support and participation.
 - 5.2. We had a number of successful events over the past 12 months, raising funds and branch awareness. These included our D-Day 80, our annual dinner, VE80, VJ80, and OB+L Carnival.
 - 5.3. IG was honoured to be at Westminster Abbey to commemorate VE80 in the presence of the King and Queen.
 - 5.4. IG thanked TR and his PA team for their tireless efforts to make yet another record-breaking total raised.
 - 5.5. IG thanked all committee and volunteers for their time, energy and dedication and for being the backbone of the branch. Special thanks to Julie, we are grateful to her and will miss her.
 - 5.6. The events sub-committee has been active and more events are planned for the future. If you wish to help speak to JK.
 - 5.7. IG asked all to continue our mission to support the Armed Forces community and preserve the honour of those who served.
6. Treasurer's Report: for the period 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025

O/Bal	£2299.44cr
Receipts	£3423.83cr – membership fee £1193, PA £2125, Donations £105, Interest 83p
Payments	£3046.44dr – PA exp £1284.74, To PA £740.26, Equipment £249.60, Other £15.00
C/Bal	£2676.00cr

BFI	
O/Bal	£40.84cr, Interest 83p, C/Bal £41.67cr

BPT
 O/Bal £18453.80
 Receipts £ 4736.71 – interest £414.41, rent £4316.71
 C/Bal £23188.92

The accounts were examined by County Treasurer and signed off as correct on 15th Sept 2025.
 JAK proposed this report for acceptance, seconded Andy Dawes. Accepted by all.

John Davies asked whether we have a replacement Treasurer lined. We do, JK is interim cover and will be appointed at our committee meeting 16th Oct. JAK will offer support during the handover. JD offered training assistance.

7. Poppy Appeal Report

- 7.1.
- 7.2.
- 7.3. Hook PC allows two weeks for collecting, Chineham only one week, which reflects the higher Hook totals. This does cause headaches, to find enough collectors.
- 7.4. Monies received through the year (not the closed period) were £31.51 WS, £10.20 clothing, Dance £17.00
- 7.5. Received from the Black-tie dinner £165 raffle, £740.26 donations, a total of £905.26
- 7.6. AM running Chineham and Chris Beadle running Hook superbly, without CB there would not have been a collection in Hook last year, I want that recognised by all.
- 7.7. Average cash collection in Chineham was £100.91, and in Hook £112.77 and average contactless donation in Chineham £7.10, Hook £6.94
- 7.8. Top collectors; first Trevor Lemar £2853.50, Chris Beadle £2701.62, Avril Mitchell £2009.65 and the top 9 all raised over £1000 each.
- 7.9. Business boxes in Old Basing and Chineham raised £3645.59 + QR Codes £304.50 for Hook the figures are £1686.35 + 167.00. St Mary's School raised £417.47 and Hook Jnr £322.19.
- 7.10. Our Church collection on Remembrance Day raised £649.83 and the raffle at the club £290.50. Thanks go to all who provided raffle prizes, and to Tracey for the buffet. The parade was well marshalled by David Godfrey, Thank You, and sadly, yet again problems with lack of police cover. One PCSO turned up after 11am.
- 7.11. Additional donations received £287.50 Newnham PC, R+P Bourne £195, Diane £160 for Dated Pins, The club Skittles evening £160, George Mars £193 from his Lodge and £596.80 from a funeral collection. The final poppy tin was returned in April containing £13.75 and the Bar Lion contained £23.52. The Band donated £80, George Mars a further £60.18
- 7.12. A new Poppy Appeal manager started in April, Mrs Chris Hayward so we now have better coverage for stock etc.

8. Other Reports

- 8.1. Membership Report
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- 8.4. Club Report
- 8.5. Golf Report

9. Election of Officers

- 9.1. No officers are due for re-election this

10. Discussion of Motion for County AGM

11. Appointment of Delegates to County AGM and National Annual Conference

12. Adoption of Branch Plan

13. Matters for discussion (submitted 7 days prior)

The next meeting will be on at 8pm.

The meeting closed at pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Ian Greenway, Chairman