

Old Basing and District Royal British Legion (BR1890)

Charity number 219279

Minutes of the Branch Meeting 2nd July 2026 at 7:30pm

Present: Ian Greenway (IG) Chairman, Joe Karmazyn (JK) Treasurer, Avril Mitchell (AM) Secretary, Tim Russell (TR), Diane Matthews (DM) + 3 branch members

Apologies: George Mars, Ian Preston, Julie Karmazyn, Rick Bourne, Andy Dawes, Brian Dawes, Sue Chewter

The Act of Remembrance was carried out by our Chairman

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated prior to the meeting and adopted as a true copy. Proposed: TR, Seconded: MB

2. Matters Arising:

Re 9.4. We are awaiting confirmation from HO whether we can continue with Youth Group affiliations.

3. Treasurer's Report: for the period ending 2nd July 2026

O/Bal	£3605.80cr
Receipts	£ 1.00
Payments	£ 0.00
C/Bal	£3606.80cr

£172.00 Branch Subs received which were not reported in May. Opening Bal should have been £3605.80, not as reported £3433.80cr

4. Poppy Appeal Report:

Recent events supported were the OB WS bag sale and OB Carnival. The bag sale raised £25 and the Carnival £134.55 but importantly we signed up a new member from our QR code poster. We did not have a good pitch and it highlights that we need to be more involved with the Carnival committee to try and improve this next year. Thanks to Ian G, Ian P and Steve Brough for helping on the day.

I will be at Hook Village Show on 5th July, please come and help if you can or at least attend – it is a good show with a variety of interesting stalls.

Current totals: Old Basing £15,515.58 cash + £11,213.08 C-less + £326 QR = £27054.66 and Hook £9,070.35 cash, £15,229.35 C-less + £229 QR = £24528.70, a total of £51,583.36

5. Membership Report:

455 members currently

6. Club Report:

The next Quiz is 4th July 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Sunday Lunch was a success and well attended.

There is a BBQ meat Raffle + a Beer Keg raffle, both to be drawn 31st July.

England World Cup match being shown on Sunday with opening until 5am (TENS licence in place)

7. Band Report:

The band AGM was held in April.

The band have secured a second bi-monthly practice venue, in Chineham.

The Band's season commenced with an event in Sherfield, then the Basingstoke Festival, playing outside the Willis Museum, then the OB Carnival. All successful events.

The AFD event in Basingstoke was cancelled and we chose not to attend Farnham Carnival, both due to health and safety concerns.

Social Media platforms are doing well but we have some negative comments from one of the Branch members. We monitor and remove any inappropriate comments.

Upcoming events: 11th July Whitchurch Fete, 19th July Rowan Lodge Car Fest and two TBC- 25th July Chineham Village Hall fete and 1st Aug 41 Club Summer BBQ

8. Correspondence:

July Link newsletter

RBL Membership Newsletter

A Branch Management Course training session online 14th + 15th July 6.30 to 8.30 pm.

A request from the County Parade Marshal to ensure our Standard Bearer is wearing the correct uniform at all events.

The National Festival of Remembrance, the ballot is now closed. Successful entrants will be notified after 9th July.

A request from the CYO to arrange an Affiliation Service between 3-Platoon H+IoW ACF.

9. Events and fund raising:

Black-Tie dinner order forms available now for all who wish to attend.

Please can we look for Raffle prize donations.

10. A.O.B:

Tim asked for volunteers to help at the Hook show on Sunday, IG, JK and Chris Beadle will attend.

The next meeting will be on 6th August at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.47pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Ian Greenway, Chairman